SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: J. M. Clarke
Second Prefect: D. J. Cooper
Prefects:

Mr. G. W. Cooksey left the Staff at the end of the Spring Term to take up an appointment as Senior English Master at the Grammar School, Chester. We extend to him and to Mrs. Cooksey our very best wishes for their success and happiness in the future.

Mr. A. A. Jackson has joined the Staff this term, in place of Mr. Cooksey, to teach English, but he leaves us in July to take up an appointment at Mitcham Grammar School. To him, also, we offer good wishes for the future.

Congratulations are offered to Dr. A. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson upon the birth of a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sparrow, also upon the birth of a son.

The gift is gratefully acknowledged of a handsome silver cup for the Junior Hundred Yards from Mr. and Mrs. H. England, 2 Broad Green, Wellingborough.

Gratitude is expressed to Mr. A. W. Painter for his generous gift of Spanish books to the School Library.

G. C. Willey and J. P. Dickenson, of the Lower VIth, have passed the entrance examination for full membership of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

A. E. Bean and R. R. Attley played for the Northamptonshire Grammar Schools' Rugby XV during the Spring Term, and D. Millwood and M. D. Kitson have this term represented the Northamptonshire Schools' Under-15 Cricket XI.

Our Commemoration Service was held on June 7th, the address being given by the Rev. I. E. Douglas-Jones, Rector of Rushden.

School parties have this year visited the Old Vic, to see "Antony and Cleopatra"; Stratford, for a performance of "Julius Cæsar", and Northampton Repertory Theatre ("Merchant of Venice").

The School heard with regret of the resignation of Mr. T. D. E. Pendered, M.C., who has been Chairman of the Governors since 1952.
During these years many important developments have taken place, particularly as regards building, and the School is very conscious of its debt to Mr. Pendered’s wise and sympathetic guidance.

We also bid a regretful good-bye to Mrs. D. Perkins, of Irthlingborough, who has been a Governor since 1949, and who has taken a keen interest in School activities.

We welcome in their place Mr. H. C. L. Warwick, Mrs. A. Perkins, and Mrs. Bridgland, and we hope that they will enjoy their connection with the School.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of numerous Magazines from other schools.

ENTRANTS

G. E. BERMINGHAM
P. R. BERMINGHAM
D. H. COX
D. J. PERRITT

A. C. BUCKBY
J. M. CREASEY
D. SIMS

LEAVERS—1957

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GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, DECEMBER, 1956

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J. P. DICKENSON
J. GARLEY
R. TOMLIN
M. J. WALKER
J. WILSON
P. R. R. ATTLEY
N. J. BUTLER
J. COLES
G. A. DICKENS

French, Spanish, Mathematics.
Mathematics, Physics.
Mathematics, Biology.
English Language, English Lit., French, Geography, Maths.
History, Mathematics.
English Language.
English Language, History, Mathematics.
History.
English Literature, Spanish, Geography.
Mathematics
History.
Music.
Geography.
English Language, English Literature.
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English Language.
J. O. GREENHALF
T. F. JONES
R. KING-UNDERWOOD
R. ORTON
D. J. PAYNE
M. A. SPRIGGS
G. C. WILLEY
R. COOK
J. D. WOODALL
J. G. BARBER
B. E. GAGE
J. J. L. KNIGHTON
J. W. PENDERED
J. T. SHARMAN

Biology.
Physics.
Physics.
English Language, Physics.
English Language.
English Language.
Mathematics, Physics.
Latin.
Latin.
Chemistry.
French.
Latin.
Latin.

AWARDS

G. ROSE Open Major Scholarship in Maths. at Wadham College, Oxford.
T. PAINTER Open Exhibition in Mod. Languages at Gonville & Caius Coll., Camb.
D. BROWN Open Exhibition in Nat. Science at St. Catherine’s Society, Oxford.
J. W. PENDERED Goldsmid Engineering Scholarship at University College, London.

CRICKET

1ST. XI.

Most of last season’s XI. were again available this term and have proved themselves to be a strong combination, no match having been lost so far. The higher scores of the side as a whole and greater individual consistency have been encouraging and indicate an improvement in technique. The steadiness of the bowling even on very hot days has been very evident. This is all the more praiseworthy in so far that the team possesses only one regular slow bowler.

Frost had the distinction of carrying his bat against Bedford Modern, though he has tended to play too safely. Too slow a start to an innings means that later batsmen have to take greater risks than they would normally like. Sharman has played aggressively and his off-side drives have been well executed. Unlike most left-handers, there appears to be some weakness on and just outside the leg stump. The improvement of Attley’s batting has been most noticeable. He has adapted his technique to the game very well, though there has been initial uncertainty. His long match-saving innings of 5 not out at Northampton was as useful as, though in direct contrast to, his score against Bedford School. Clayton has batted purposefully, but lack of self-confidence has seemed to make him reluctant to use his bat at all at the outset of an innings. Wilson has shown a praiseworthy willingness to put bat to ball but should hold himself in restraint somewhat more. Powell, though technically a sound and flowing bat, has so far disappointed. Horne played a most attractive innings against the Parents’ XI., though it is a costly error to think that defensive back shots can be played on the leg stump by stepping back towards square leg.

Bean has captained the side really well, the field placing being particularly good, and the bowling changes sensible. He has bowled with zest and success, no matter how hot the day. The other opening
bowler after the first match, James, has bowled very well indeed considering the gap between Under-15 and 1st XI. cricket. Tear has proved a competent change bowler and Hodson has shown commendable accuracy, especially against Northampton Grammar School when he bowled 16 overs for 30 runs and 2 wickets and against Bedford Modern when he clean bowled two obstinate tail-enders. One hopes, that Sharman, seemingly able to bowl a prodigious leg-break, will persevere with this skill.

The fielding, catching, and throwing-in have been good, though fielders, when told to field on the boundary, should not come closer to the wicket as the overs proceed. The wicket keeping of Wilson has been competent, though there have been some unnecessary byes on the leg side.

There has been so far some interesting and well-contested cricket—perhaps some of the credit should be given to the glorious sunny weather!

RESULTS
18th May v. Wellingborough Priory. Drawn.
   Wellingborough Priory 43 for 8 (Smith 6 for 15).
21st May v. Oundle School 2nd XI. Drawn.
   W.G.S. 101 for 7 (Sharman 50).
   Oundle 115 for 2 dec.
30th May v. Parents' XI. Won by 7 wickets.
   W.G.S. 134 for 3 (Horne 60 not out, Attley 39 not out).
   Parents' XI. 132 (Bean 3 for 28).
1st June v. Northampton G.S. Drawn.
   W.G.S. 44 for 9 (Sharman 18).
   Northampton G.S. 133 (James 4 for 42, Bean 3 for 32).
5th June v. Bedford Modern 2nd XI. Won by 50 runs.
   W.G.S. 123 (Frost 40 not out, Sharman 32).
   Bedford Modern 73 (James 5 for 25).
8th June v. Old Cytringanians. Match Abandoned.
   W.G.S. 47 for 1.
18th June v. Bedford School 2nd XI. Won by 5 wickets.
   W.G.S. 106 for 5 (Clayton 36, Attley 32 not out).
   Bedford School 105 (Tear 5 for 26, Bean 4 for 41).

2ND XI.

Against quite strong opposition in the five games played before Whitsun, the 2nd XI., a workmanlike team on paper, has won only once and lost twice. The batting has proved to be more brittle than was expected, especially when trying to score runs quickly; most batsmen have been guilty of not moving their feet to hit hard at the balls off the line of the wicket, with the result that they have been forced to score off balls on the wicket with unfortunate consequences. The bowlers have not quite achieved the accuracy desirable, although admittedly luck has often deserted them. The field placing has sometimes been rather ragged and the fielding itself has too often been sluggish and lacking in concentration. However, the 2nd XI. is developing into a competent team and it is hoped that its potentialities will be realised in the games after Whitsun.
RESULTS

Tuesday, May 21st v. Oundle School 3rd XI. Away. Lost by 5 wkts.
W.G.S. 77 (Tomlin 19).
Oundle 78 for 5 wkts.

Thursday, May 23rd v. Laxton G.S. 1st XI. Away. Won by 5 wkts.
Laxton 104 (Jones 3 for 15).
W.G.S. 105 for 5 wkts. (Roberts 25, Jones 20, Green 20,
Young 16 not out).

Daventry 76 for 8 dec. (Tomlin 4 for 18).
W.G.S. 63 for 7.

Saturday, June 1st v. Northampton G.S. 1st XI. Home. Lost by 75 runs.
Northampton 164 for 7 dec.
W.G.S. 89 (Roberts 29, Tomlin 23).

Wednesday, June 5th v. Bedford Modern Colts XI. Away. Drawn.
Bedford 131 for 7 dec. (Smith, R.E., 4 for 15).
W.G.S. 91 for 9 (Palmer 30, Green 15).

UNDER-15 XI.

After a very disappointing start to the season, when, owing to
poor batting, we were defeated by Kettering and Oundle, the side has
recovered well and has gained some creditable victories. The batsmen
have gained confidence, shown much greater determination, and have
begun to hit the ball hard. The running between wickets has also
improved considerably in recent matches, most players having now
grasped the fact that the score can be kept moving steadily by intelli-
gent running of quick singles, even when boundaries are few.

The bowling has been very steady, though rather limited in
variety, and very little has been given away in the field.

RESULTS

10th May v. Kettering G.S. Lost.
Kettering 22 (Partridge 4 for 10, Millwood 4 for 5).
W.G.S. 16.

21st May v. Oundle Colts. Lost.
W.G.S. 43.
Oundle 44 for 0 wkt.

Daventry 31 (Partridge 3 for 9).
W.G.S. 35 for 4 wkts.

Northampton 73 (Partridge 5 for 12, Dunkley 4 for 23).
W.G.S. 74 for 5 wkts. (Nunley 23, Millwood 24).

W.G.S. 109 (Nunley 21, Kitson 30, Goosey 17).
Bedford Modern 54 for 7 (Dunkley 3 for 8).

W.G.S. 102 for 5 dec. (Nunley 51).
Northampton 43 for 8 (Dunkley 3 for 9, Millwood 3 for 6).
THE TEAM IS ENJOYING A MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON, BEING STRONG BOTH IN BOWLING AND BATTLING. FIELDING HAS ALWAYS BEEN KEEN.

ON THE OCCASION WHEN THE BATTING FAILED AGAINST DAVENTRY, THE BOWLERS PROVED EQUAL TO THE TASK, DISMISSING OUR OPPONENTS FOR AN EVEN SMALLER SCORE.

THE MOST SATISFYING FEATURE OF THE TEAM HAS BEEN THE WAY IN WHICH SO MANY MEMBERS HAVE EACH GIVEN GOOD PERFORMANCES IN ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE MATCHES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE REMAINING GAMES WITH CONFIDENCE.


THE FOLLOWING HAVE ALSO PLAYED: — P. J. STEVENSON, B. A. TALL, C. A. BARBER.

PLAYED 6  WON 5  DRAWN 1  LOST 0

RESULTS

THURSDAY, 23RD MAY V. LAXTON G.S. AT OUNDLE. WON BY 81 RUNS.

W.G.S. 122 FOR 7 DEC. (LEESON 20).

LAXTON G.S. 41 (BURRELL 4 FOR 6).

SATURDAY, 25TH MAY V. DAVENTRY G.S. AT DAVENTRY. WON BY 7 RUNS.

W.G.S. 21.

DAVENTRY G.S. 14 (BILLING 5 FOR 4, BURRELL 3 FOR 8).

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE V. NORTHAMPTON G.S. AT HOME. DRAWN.

W.G.S. 103 FOR 3 DEC. (BILLING 36, LEESON 30 NOT OUT).

NORTHAMPTON G.S. 85 FOR 4.

THURSDAY, 6TH JUNE V. BEDFORD SCHOOL. AT HOME. WON BY 9 Wickets.

BEDFORD SCHOOL 21 (BILLING 5 FOR 6, P. A. TOMPKINS 4 FOR 7).

W.G.S. 22 FOR 1.

TUESDAY, 18TH JUNE V. KETTERING G.S. AT KETTERING. WON BY 9 Wickets.

W.G.S. 29 FOR 1.

KETTERING G.S. 27 (BILLING 7 FOR 7).

THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE V. BEDFORD HARPUR. AT BEDFORD. WON BY 6 Wickets.

W.G.S. 95 FOR 4 (LEESON 38, MUNNS 27 NOT OUT).

BEDFORD HARPUR 89.

ATHLETICS

CAPTAIN: R. MILES.

SEVERAL BOYS, PARTICULARLY COOK, SHARMAN, J. T., PETTIFER, BRITTON AND ALLEN, K. F., RAN REGULAR CROSS COUNTRY WITH WELLINGBOROUGH ATHLETIC CLUB DURING THE WINTER SEASON AND COOK SECURED 8TH PLACE IN THE NORTHANTS. COUNTY JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

JOSE ALSO COMPETED REGULARLY FOR FINEDON STAR BOYS’ CLUB AND BY FINISHING THIRD IN THE NORTHANTS. BOYS’ CLUB CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP, GAINED A PLACE IN THE NORTHANTS. TEAM WHICH COMPETED IN THE ALL ENGLAND BOYS’ CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AT MANCHESTER.

THE SEASON BEGAN WITH STANDARDS AND AGAIN WE MANAGED TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAMME BEFORE THE END OF TERM. TRAINING HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC AND THE EASTER HOLIDAY SESSIONS WERE AGAIN WELL SUPPORTED.
Sports Day performances were good and special mention must be made of the Dragons' Middle Relay team and the Gryphons' Junior Relay team for establishing new School records.

The Triangular Athletics Match with King's and Deacons' Schools proved to be the usual keen struggle in spite of the poor weather conditions and we ultimately managed to secure and maintain a good points lead. This year a trophy was provided by King's School for the competition and will be held by the winning school until the next match. All our boys performed well but particular mention must be made of: Miles, who won both the Senior 440 yards and 220 yards; Sharman for winning the Middle 220 yards and 100 yards; and Dean who won the Junior 220 yards and 100 yards.

In the Northants. County A.A.A. Championship, held at Northampton on June 1st, the following successes were gained: 100 yards (Junior), 1st Miles; 220 yards (Junior), 2nd Miles; High Jump (Youths), 2nd Wilson, W. J., 3rd Tye.

In the Northants. Schools' Athletic Association Championships, held at Northampton on June 22nd, the following positions were gained: Under-15: 220 yards, 1st Sharman, M.J.; 880 yards, 3rd Mason. Relay (4 x 110 yards): 2nd: Sharman, Richardson, Day and Busby. This Relay performance was excellent as the team was entirely composed of our boys and they were competing against district teams.

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

RESULTS

ATHLETIC MATCH

May 24th v. King's School and Deacons' School, Peterborough (Away).

School 102 pts. King's 56½ pts. Deacon's 30½ pts.

SCHOOL SPORTS—MAY 16TH

Mile, Senior (Record: 4 mins. 29.8 secs., Barber, D. W., 1954).
Time: 4 mins. 59.8 secs.

Half-Mile, Senior (Record: 2 mins. 6.6 secs., Barber, D.W., 1954).
Time: 2 mins. 10.2 secs.

Half-Mile, Middle (Record: 2 mins. 17.2 secs., King-Underwood, R.,
Time: 2 mins. 20 secs.

Half-Mile, Junior (Record: 2 mins 30.4 secs., Tomkins, P.G., 1956).
Time: 2 mins. 35.9 secs.

Quarter-Mile, Senior (Record: 53.7 secs., Miles, R., 1956).
Time: 54 secs.

Quarter-Mile, Middle (Record: 56.4 secs., Walker, M. J., 1955).
Time: 58.2 secs.
220 Yards, Senior (Record: 22.7 secs., Hyde, J. P., 1949).
Time: 23.5 secs.

220 Yards, Middle (Record: 24.8 secs., Oakley, R. T. W., 1946).
Time: 25 secs.

220 Yards, Junior (Record: 27.5 secs., Sharman, M. J., 1955).
Time: 28.2 secs.

100 Yards, Senior (Record: 10.1 secs., Hyde, J. P., 1949).
Time: 10.9 secs.

100 Yards, Middle (Record: 11 secs., Oakley, R. T. W., 1946).
Time: 11.8 secs.

100 Yards, Junior (Record: 12 secs., Wiggins, G. J. 1946; Sharman, M. J., 1955; Busby, R. E., 1956).
Time: 12.9 secs.

High Jump, Senior (Record: 5 ft. 5 ins., Rigby, B. K., 1956).
Height: 5 ft. 2 ins.

High Jump, Middle (Record: 5 ft. 1½ ins., Davis, P. M., 1954).
Height: 4 ft. 9 ins.

High Jump, Junior (Record: 4 ft. 6½ ins., Tall, B. A., 1956).
Height: 4 ft. 5 ins.

Distance: 17 ft. 5½ ins.

Long Jump, Middle (Record: 18 ft. 4½ ins., Nevett, R., 1953).
Distance: 16 ft. 8½ ins.

Distance: 14 ft. 0½ ins.

House Relay, Senior (Record: 1 min. 12.2 secs., Dragons, 1949).
1. Stags  2. Gryphons  3. Dragons
Time: 1 min. 15 secs.

House Relay, Middle.
1. Dragons  2. Gryphons  3. Stags
Time: 1 min. 19.2 secs. (Record)

House Relay, Junior.
1. Gryphons  2. Stags  3. Lions
Time: 1 min. 27.4 secs. (Record)
Martin Athletic Cup:
1. Gryphons 160 points 3. Dragons 134 points
2. Stags 154 points 4. Lions 97 points

Henson Relay Cup:
1. Gryphons 32 points 3. Dragons 20 points
2. Stags 28 points 4. Lions 4 points

RUGBY FOOTBALL

RESULTS

1956

Dec. 1 2nd XV. v. Daventry G.S. 1st XV. (H) Won 15—3
U-15 XV. v. Northampton G.S.  (H) Lost 8—3
U-14 XV. v. Daventry G.S.  (H) Won 44—0
U-13 XV. v. Northampton T.H.S.  (A) Won 17—0

Dec. 8 1st XV. v. Old Boys (H) Lost 8—3
2nd XV. v. Old Boys‘ A’ XV. (H) Lost 20—3

Dec. 12 U-15 XV. v. Bedford Harpur (H) Drawn 8—8

U-14 XV. v. Blackfriars (H) Won 31—0

1957

Jan. 12 U-15 XV. v. Northampton G.S.  (A) Lost 42—0
Jan. 19 ‘A’ XV. v. Rushden & Higham (H) Won 8—3
U-15 XV. v. Corby G.S. (A) Lost 14—3
U-14 XV. v. Corby G.S. (A) Won 23—3

Jan. 23 1st XV. v. Kettering G.S. (A) Drawn 0—0
2nd XV. v. Kettering G.S. (A) Lost 19—9
U-15 XV. v. Kettering G.S. (H) Lost 5—3
U-14 XV. v. Kettering G.S. (H) Drawn 11—11

Jan. 31 1st XV. v. Wellingborough Town (A) Lost 3—0
Feb. 2 U-14 XV. v. Northampton G.S. (A) Lost 18—0
U-13 XV. v. Northampton G.S. (A) Lost 6—0

Feb. 9 U-15 XV. v. Blackfriars (A) Lost 8—6
U-14 XV. v. Northampton T.H.S. (A) Won 6—0

Feb. 21 1st XV. v. Towcester G.S. (H) Won 12—0
U-14 XV. v. Towcester G.S. (H) Won 32—5

Feb. 23 U-14 XV. v. Rushden Tennyson Rd. (A) Lost 11—9
Feb. 28 1st XV. v. Wellingborough School (A) Won 12—3
2nd XV. v. Wellingborough School (H) Won 31—5

Mar. 2 1st XV. v. Old Northamptonians Extra (A) Drawn 3—3
2nd XV. v. Old Northampt‘ns ‘B’ XV. (H) Lost 13—6

Mar. 7 1st XV. v. Northants. Police (H) Won 26—0

COLOURS

1st XV. Full Colours were renewed for: A. E. Bean, R. R. Attley, B. Tunney, B. H. Whitney.
Full Colours were awarded to: S. C. Norsworthy, R. Orton, J. M. Clarke.
Half Colours were awarded to: B. R. Clayton, J. O. Greenhalf, R. King-Underwood, J. T. Sharman, P. A. Tear.
Under-15 XV. Colours were awarded to: R. L. Gotch, M. W. J. Green, M. Hirons, M. Y. Palmer, R. F. Denton.
Under-14 XV. Colours were awarded to: R. E. Busby, J. G. Galloway, M. D. Kitson, B. M. Maher, R. J. Partidge, J. B. Sauntson, J. Tye.

HOUSE MATCHES

First Round: October 8th, 1956:
Seniors: Dragons 6, Lions 10  Gryphons 6, Stags 9
Juniors: Dragons 8, Lions 12  Gryphons 3, Stags 14

Second Round: November 26th, 1956:
Seniors: Lions 0, Gryphons 13  Dragons 9, Stags 12
Juniors: Lions 6, Gryphons 0  Dragons 3, Stags 5

Third Round: March 4th, 1957:
Seniors: Lions 9, Stags 19  Dragons 13, Gryphons 11
Juniors: Lions 6, Stags 3  Dragons 9, Gryphons 0

HOUSE POINTS
1. Stags .... 26
2. Lions .... 18
3. Dragons .... 10
4. Gryphons .... 6

HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

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

Head of House: B. R. Clayton.

School Prefects:
B. R. Clayton, D. J. Cooper, J. Murdin, D. N. Hall.


House Secretary: J. Murdin.

In spite of the fact that the Dragons have not been very successful in Inter-House Competitions this year, considerable promise has been shown in many fields. There is a prevalent hope that in not-too-distant years, much of our pristine glory will be regained.

On the Rugby field the solid efforts of the players were rewarded with but third place—but in the Music Competition, the House was led by Murdin to a well-earned victory. This was certainly no mean achievement, for in the two previous Competitions we were placed third, then, in 1956, fourth!
In the Drama Competition, in spite of Betts' praiseworthy efforts, we were placed third. The Athletic Sports saw us occupying this same lowly position, and but for the performances of the Middles we should have been yet lower. Sharman won all his events, except the Half-Mile, and the Middles Relay team established a new School record, in none too favourable conditions.

So far this season, the House Cricketers have shown few laudable signs, but we trust that again we shall recapture the Swimming Cup, as we have done for the last seven years!

In conclusion, may all Dragons taking exams, be rewarded with favourable results—and may the House look forward to increasingly prosperous times.

**GRYPHONS**

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

*Head of House:* B. H. Whitney.

*School Prefects:*

*House Prefects:* The above, and J. T. Sharman.

*House Secretary:* G. G. Martin.

We started the School Year badly by losing both the Rugger and Drama Cups. Sharman and his actors enjoyed themselves and did well—but not well enough to win the Cup.

Nevertheless, we must be consoled by our victories in both the Athletics and Relay Cups. Norsworthy (Captain of Athletics), Sharman, Cook, Mason and Dean all put up excellent performances in their respective events. Our praise should also go to the Relay team who worked well together—especially the Juniors, who were very good.

We were also pleased to find that we had regained the Ferguson Trophy, a prize which we had almost considered to be permanently ours.

R. I. S. White worked hard at the Music Competition but owing to lack of attendance at rehearsals we were not nearly as good as the other Houses. Wilkinson deserves special praise for his fine performance of Beethoven's "Für Elise".

At Cricket the Seniors are doing quite well, having won one match and drawn the other. Bean, Young, and James are to be congratulated upon their creditable performances. The Juniors drew their only match.

As the year has progressed we seem to have been on the up-grade. We hope this is an omen for the Swimming and P.T. Cups.
LIONS

House Masters:
Mr. R. V. S. Ward, M. J. H. Butler, Mr. J. P. Hyde.

Head of House: D. Roberts.

School Prefect: T. Painter.

House Prefects: B. Tunney, G. C. Willey (Secretary).

Appointments made for this year were:

Captain of Cricket: B. Tunney.

Captain of Swimming: G. C. Willey.

The Spring Term saw the finals for the Rugby Cup; we had two strong teams and after some exciting matches we were placed second. We were rather disappointed in the result of the Music Competition, being placed third, especially as we have held the Cup for the last few years.

After difficulty with examinations, and hindered considerably by illness, we came second in the Drama Competition—a great improvement on past years, and we can only hope to win the Cup next year.

Sports Day saw us sadly behind in points for Standards and this position was irretrievable although M. Tye did bring home the Williams High Jump Cup.

The Cricket Competition has not yet been completed but hopes are high as we have won one match and drawn another.

If every boy takes an active interest in the Swimming and P.T. Competitions we shall no doubt improve our status in these contests.

Finally we send our best wishes to all past Lions and we hope that those who are leaving us will do well in all their future ventures.

STAGS

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

Head of House: J. M. Clarke.

School Prefects:
J. M. Clarke, D. P. Frost (Secretary), P. A. Tear, R. Miles.
D. M. Wilson, S. H. Fox.


The Rugby Cup has come home again! We were able to rescue it from unfamiliar keeping by virtue of three Senior victories, and two by the Juniors. Miles led the side to victory, and he, Attley and Tear played leading rôles in the eventual triumph by their skill and opportunism.

The year continued well when Clarke was able to guide our musicians into second place in the Music Competition, Garley, Makeham, and the Sextet all gaining the adjudicator’s approbation. It was an extremely “cool” performance.
Mr. Lionel Hamilton honoured the Stags by placing us first in the House Drama for the second consecutive year. The producer was again D. P. Frost, who played the part of “Dignon”, Tear being the Curé, and Bailey the gaoler.

The Athletics Cup eluded us this year—second place being the best we could do. Our six-point defeat was due mainly to a deficit in Standards-points, since on Sports Day itself we were top. Miles, our Captain, was as fast as ever, winning the 100, 220 and 440 yards.

A stiff struggle is in progress to retain the Cricket Cup, since the position is an extremely fluid one. We drew both fixtures against the Dragons—Wilson, D.M., taking seven wickets for the Seniors. Frost captains the Seniors and Barden the Juniors.

The Swimming and P.T. Cups remain to be contested—our respective leaders being Wilson, C. W. T., and Miles. Rose was awarded House Colours prior to his departure for Igranic, Bedford, and Wadham, Oxford. K. Bailey has been elected to fill the resultant House Prefect vacancy.

We wish all boys taking the G.C.E. examinations the best of luck.

PARENTS’ DAY AND PRIZE-GIVING
MAY 30TH, 1957.

The weather was again favourable, and we were able to hold the Prize-Giving ceremony in the Quadrangle, where a large number of parents and friends assembled.

The School was honoured this year to welcome His Grace the Duke of Bedford, who distributed the prizes and gave his name to the new Art Room. In his address, His Grace stressed the importance of academic qualifications, but reminded us that it was equally important to learn the art of getting on with people. Referring to his own keen interest in art and architecture, The Duke confessed that he found “modern” art difficult to understand, and he could not help suspecting that some artists worked “with their commercial tongues in their cheeks”. Much modern architecture was ugly and uninspiring, and he sincerely hoped that we should recover a taste for line and grace in our buildings. His Grace ended by pointing out to the boys that boundless opportunities awaited them, especially in the Colonies, where there was a great shortage of qualified men.

In presenting his annual Report, the Headmaster referred appreciatively to the co-operation and interest shown by the parents. More and more of them, he said, were permitting their sons to stay on for 6th Form courses. Consequently, the present 6th Form, numbering 115, was presenting serious problems of accommodation, which, he hoped, would be overcome when the new building extensions were completed.

Mrs. G. H. Cox (Acting Chairman of the Governors) who presided, stressed the fact that the School was not only sending a large number of boys to Universities to train for the professions, but was also turning out future technologists. She hoped that full advantage would be taken of the wide range of courses now available.
A vote of thanks to His Grace the Duke of Bedford was proposed by Mr. G. E. Churchill (Chief Education Officer for the County) and seconded by J. M. Clarke (School Captain).

After the Prize-Giving, the following exhibitions were presented: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Photography, geography and Stamps, Foreign Travel, and Railway. The School 1st XI. also played a cricket match against a Parents’ XI.

Tea was again provided for all visitors by the Parents’ Committee, to whom our sincere thanks are extended for their help in making the day so successful and enjoyable.

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**HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION**

The House Drama Competition took place on Friday, April 15th. It was a very keen contest, and only 4 marks separated the winners, Stags, from Gryphons, who were placed fourth. The adjudicator was Mr. Lionel Hamilton, of Northampton Repertory Theatre. He congratulated the four Houses on giving their audience such an entertaining and varied programme, and advised the actors to attempt, occasionally, a really difficult play, even if they felt it was rather beyond them. It was by making such attempts that young actors developed and improved their abilities.

Mr. Hamilton awarded marks as follows: Stags 74; Lions 72; Dragons 71; Gryphons 70.
Stags presented “Understudy for the Duke”, a play set in the time of the French Revolution. The producer was D. P. Frost, who also played the part of Dignon, an imprisoned aristocrat. P. A. Tear gave a nicely restrained performance as a priest, and K. Bailey was excellent as a callous gaoler.

Lions chose a comedy entitled “There’s Money Coming to You”, and entered with zest into the spirit of this frothy piece of nonsense. B. J. Holser produced, and there were several excellent caricatures, especially by R. Oberman, as a detective, and by T. Painter, as a fortune-teller.

Dragons also presented a comedy, “Any Body?” the action of which takes place in the bar of a village inn. The set was most realistic and, under the able direction of J. Betts, a very lively pace was sustained, and some clever comedy characterisations were given by the cast of nine. The team-work was very good, and this was a well-balanced production, the only fault being an occasional tendency to “over-play”.

Gryphons staged a thriller, “When the Picture Falls”. The mounting tension of the playing was not built up as effectively as it might have been, mainly because of some rather tedious dialogue, which caused the action to drag. J. Sharman produced, and also took the part of John Whiteman, head of a smuggling ring, and G. Martin, as a wealthy young landowner, also gave a competent performance. Some weaknesses in make-up were apparent, but the climax was effectively realised.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Music Notes

The House Music Competition was very ably judged by Mr. D. T. Jones, A.R.C.O., Organist and Choirmaster of High Street Congregational Church, Wellingborough. The adjudicator’s remarks were much appreciated by competitors and audience alike. There was a pleasing improvement in the quality of the House Choirs, who sang the hymn “Come down, O, love divine”. The general standard of instrumental and vocal items was quite fair, Williams’ performance of Beethoven’s “Für Elise”, was, perhaps, musically the most accomplished.

Music-making during the past two terms has been largely choral. The Junior Choir this year has taken a long time to learn to sing together, but the Senior Choir is at present quite strong. Our trebles have unusual reading ability and the altos (although few, alas!) are strong. The tenors and basses are firm and satisfying in numbers and tone.

K. Bailey sang the baritone solo part in Henry Coleman’s anthem “When I survey the wondrous Cross” which the Senior Choir performed at the Easter Service. The Senior Choir also sang in the Commemoration Service, the anthem performed being the third of George Dyson’s ‘Hymns of Praise’—“A Poet’s Hymn”, to words by Robert Herrick. These two works, each distinctive in its own way, have given the Choir experience of an unusually varied nature.
At the present time we are preparing to celebrate the centenary of Elgar's birth with a performance of several movements of the choral suite "From the Bavarian Highlands" at the Music Recital on July 24th. The Junior Choir is rehearsing songs by various composers for the same concert.

As the High School girls are busy celebrating their Jubilee, the combined orchestra will not be performing this year. We hope to continue the old tradition next year.

An instrumental group is preparing music by Mozart and several soloists are also practising for the concert. The brass ensemble has been re-formed and although rehearsals have been held up by examinations it is hoped that they too will contribute to the concert. Mr. Butler is now in charge of a small, but very enthusiastic, recorder group.

6th WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUTS

The Summer Term marks the beginning of regular scouting for us. We have sampled the delights of dampers and scones—mixed in equal quantities with smoke and dough; rope bridges—the surest and quickest way of disabling the braver members who dare to test the structure; and tracking and 'wide games', giving plenty of scope for dash and initiative.

On Parents' Day we proudly showed off our new "Icelandic" tent; a very generous gift from the Parents' Association.

Our patrol for the 'Silverwood' Cup battled hard against poor conditions, and although we were placed rather lower than we had anticipated, the week-end was enjoyed by all and we had the satisfaction of lending our equipment to the troops who were placed higher in the marking.

'Bob-a-Job' Week was a great success. £14-4-0 was paid to scouts for their services—a troop record. Darvill and Warr each earned over £2-10-0.

Work on badges has gone well, Taylor, O'Key, Walton and Kitto gaining 'First Aid' badges, and Taylor and OKey also passing their 'Guide' badge.

The Senior Scouts have been out for badge work during most of the last two terms. Willey and Wignell have both gained the 'Venturer' badge; Willey, Drage and R. M. Smith the 'Fireman' badge, and after hard training from Mr. Hopkins and Dr. Bermingham, Willey and Wignell have taken the 'Public Health' badge, and now qualify as Queen's Scouts.

Our sincere thanks are due to all those who have assisted the Seniors in their work for these badges, often giving up a considerable amount of their time.

Stop Press: Our Patrol, led by J. R. Taylor, won the Gilbey Cup 1st Class Camping Competition.
RAILWAY CLUB

During recent weekly meetings the layout has been put up in large sections and a high standard of running obtained over each. Point lever-frames are being connected and a full signalling system is being designed. A new main line board with a through-station of interesting design has now been completed ready for the addition of scenery.

In the absence of Mr. Cheale the arrangements for the exhibition on Parents’ Day were handled most satisfactorily by R. M. Warwick, D. R. Hill, D. R. Jones, D. Craddick, G. Titmuss, J. Spavins, M. Dickens, R. Nobes, T. A. Wood and R. Dunkley. The layout, necessarily reduced by the accommodation available, was attractively arranged and a high standard of running was achieved.

On July 16th the most ambitious excursion so far arranged will take place when a party of 54 will leave overnight for Glasgow to visit three Engine Sheds.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

At the end of the Spring Term and beginning of the Summer Term a match was played against the Masters which was decisively won by the boys.

During the Spring Term attendance after School was good and on Friday evenings two tables were continually in use, but during the Summer Term, attendance has dropped off.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining a new table, very kindly presented by the Parents’ Committee and we thank them very much for this generous gift.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term we welcomed several Senior boys to the Society, thus swelling our numbers, which previously were comprised mainly of Juniors.

We were, unfortunately, unable to do much printing and enlarging this term as we have no permanent dark-room.

On Sports Day many members brought their cameras and all the events were photographed.

The Society gave a good display on Parents’ Day with an unusual demonstration of printing in broad daylight by R. Adkins. Adkins leaves us at the end of the term after several years’ membership. We shall miss his able and willingly-given assistance.

Finally we invite all boys interested in photography to join us on Wednesday evenings.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We are pleased to report that the Natural History Society has re-commenced its activity this term with a membership of about thirty. There was a very large attendance at the first meeting, but the number has dwindled slightly, although the remainder who have attended the
walks regularly seem to be keen. Visits after School on convenient
days and on Saturday afternoons have been made to Ditchford lakes,
several parts of the River Nene, and to Irchester woods. Many inter-
esting specimens have been observed, *e.g.* a family of small stoats.
New members are warmly welcomed.

TOC-H.

Meetings have been held on Tuesdays this term owing to Cricket.
Next term, however, we revert to Thursday meetings and as some of
the mainstays of the group are leaving, any members of the 5th and
6th Forms willing to give voluntary service and interested in Toc-H.
will be welcome at our meetings.

On May 7th this year, "Tubby" Clayton, the founder padre of
TOC-H. visited Wellingborough, and two members of our group were
introduced to him. It was a great occasion for all branches in this
district. We were extremely pleased since it was then stated that our
group is unique, being the only regularly meeting School group in the
country.

Several people have asked how Toc-H. received its name. During
the First World War “Tubby” Clayton was a chaplain in the Army
and was very friendly with Gilbert Talbot, who was a fine Christian.
Talbot was killed during the War, and “Tubby”, when establishing a
room in Poperinge where soldiers could have their spiritual needs
attended to, called it Talbot House. The initials T.H. were pronounced
in the Army Signallers’ language “Toc-H.”

After the war the soldiers who had been impressed by the fellow-
ship at Talbot House gathered together and formed Toc-H. in Britain
where people have given voluntary service to help others and have
tried to see the other person’s point of view.

Remember—“Service is the rent we pay for our room on earth”—
this is what Toc-H. believes.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

*President*: The Headmaster.

*Chairman*: J. W. Pendered.  
*Vice-Chairman*: B. E. Gage.

*Secretary*: P. R. Smeathers.

*Committee*: Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huddart, Mr. Leftwich, J. W. Pendered,
B. E. Gage, P. R. Smeathers.

Eleven meetings were held during the Spring Term, attendance in
most cases being good, though sometimes not strictly voluntary. The
lectures given were all of a sober nature, concerning themselves with
recent scientific developments.

Lectures delivered were:

1. ‘Motor Car Engines’, by J. G. Barber. This lecture drew a large
   attentive audience, and proved to be of considerable interest.
2. Automatic Telephone Exchanges', by J. J. L. Knighton. The mysteries of the telephone were revealed, and a selection of components was demonstrated in this lecture.

3. 'Plastics', by J. R. Wykes. The structures, properties and commercial manufacture of several members of this family were explained.

4. 'The Refining of Oil', by J. A. Pettifer. The whole process, from crude oil to petrol, was investigated and explained, although at the time, there was a shortage of raw material.

5. 'Smoking and Lung Cancer', by R. Klegeris. Medical evidence then available painted a rather horrifying picture of the heavy smokers' lungs and throat.

6. 'Coal Tar Products', by J. T. Sharman. The lecturer described the extraction of many important chemicals and convinced the audience that road surfacing is merely a sideline.

7. 'Evolution', by D. A. Sparkes. The case-history of present-day species was presented in this very interesting paper.

8. 'Pasteur's Work against Disease', by M. F. Simmons. Pasteur's observations, trials, and ultimate triumphs over the hitherto incurable hydrophobia and anthrax were expounded.

9. 'Psychology', by A. C. Ainge. An absorbing talk which enlightened us on the actions of the conscious and subconscious mind.

10. 'The Testing of Road Vehicles', by D. G. Powell. A full account was given of the methods by which metal strengths, resistance to wear, and other vital factors are proved to be of the standard required.

11. 'Atomic Energy', by E. Sanders. The mechanism of radio-active decomposition was explained, and the design and operation of atomic piles was lucidly described.

The D. R. Morton Scientific Society prize was awarded to J. J. L. Knighton, for his lecture on Automatic Telephone Exchanges.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The second year of the Debating Society's chequered existence has been one of mixed success. Intentions and theory have been praiseworthy, but the practical application of our policy has been less distinguished.

The new Constitution, written in the sweat and tears of our previous Secretary, B. J. Holser, is detailed, and covers every conceivable situation. Unfortunately, its success depends upon the willingness of members to give more than just passive support at General Meetings. Co-operation in a Society of this sort is essential—no matter how zealous the Secretary, or (in the realm of pure fantasy) how efficient the Committee, nothing can be done unless the bulk of the members—the back-bone of any Society—are prepared to do more
than just sit in bovine contentment, whilst a few stalwarts bear the weight of every debate. Next term, it should be remembered, these stalwarts will have left.

Next year, Mr. Gray and Wyman will be running the Society, and they hope to hold meetings on Friday evenings, with a possibility of tea being provided. We wish them every success in unearthing and developing the talent (hitherto latent) which, we feel sure, exists in the present Sixth Form and in next year's Lower Sixth.

THE CHESS CLUB

The pent-up desire among members of the School to renew the Chess Club finally broke loose during the Winter Term in the form of a constant barrage on the Common-room door for an audience. A supporter was finally found in Mr. Knight. At the re-opening of the Club a membership of 41 was recorded but now, due to the added attraction of Cricket, it has somewhat diminished, only temporarily we hope, to about 12 who attend regularly.

The winners of competitions held last term were R. Klegeris for the Seniors, and I. Griffiths for the Juniors.

Any boys interested in playing Chess or in learning are welcome to attend on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE

A very successful Parents' Evening was held on 8th April. The Hall was full for the production of two House Plays and afterwards the Bazaar was well patronised with a result of £50 profit. The Committee would like to thank all parents who helped in any way to make the evening such a success.

Three Whist Drives have been held during the year and the Committee again served tea and biscuits to visitors on Speech Day.

We were pleased to be able to give a tent to the School Scout Troop as well as a grant to the Dramatic Society. We have also purchased more cups and saucers to replace breakages.

"I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER"

What was it like in those early days? What were they like—the pupils, the Staff and the buildings some 25 years ago, when Wellingborough Grammar School was barely three years old? No VIth Form, and the School Certificate yet to enforce a silence alongside the Hall, and Higher Certificate was a terror unknown. The paint was hardly dry, the desks as yet bore no marks of those wishing to record their initials for posterity, and text books were actually in one piece.

We were a small family in those days; some 200 boys, the Headmaster and eight members of Staff. In those days, I believe, there was an easy chair for each member of the Staff and there was no danger of continually running into strangers in the Staff Room. Small though it was, this Staff could still produce a satisfactory blue 'fug' to greet
nervous juniors who had tapped on that old Staff Room door, which has now given way to Room 7 and the new staircase. Two of that 1933 Staff are still there to answer the door. More grey hairs have been added to the few which my generation implanted, but I do not doubt that their strong right arms are still functioning with their former vigour.

What of the buildings and the field and grounds? There were, of course, no H.O.R.S.A. huts. The hall windows gave a view of a spacious vegetable garden ruled over by a Mr. Knight, who, when not engaged in food production, was cutting the playing field, seated on a very fine 'Atco' motor mower, or was occupied in his hut in the bottom corner of the field, a favourite rendezvous for some during the dinner hour. The rooms of the main building were not even numbered, and the front of the building was the only part that boasted two floors. The present Music Room and the VIth Form room were one. It was not until the monastic seclusion of the School was shattered by the advent of female teachers during the War that this modification took place to make a Ladies' Common Room. The present Staff Room was, believe it or not, the woodwork room, or to use correct educational jargon, the manual training room. Many were the watch stands and pipe racks that were fashioned there, and legion were the mortices, tenons and dove-tails that never fitted. The other rooms were much as they are now; except for Room 5 and the various stores under the staircases and at the ends of the upper corridor. Room 5 was the Music Room; it boasted no desks, just wooden folding chairs. Indeed, it made an ideal room for debates. Yes, numbers were such that there were actually spare rooms. Those store rooms intrigued me. They were something of a mystery, possibly because they were seldom unlocked. The ones at each end of the upper corridor contained what must have been props and scenery for the first plays ever staged by the School. The room opposite Room 14 served as a dark-room. What of the fourth room on the top corridor? Yes, juniors, it was, as now, a place to be shunned—the Prefects’ den. I might add that it was more comfortably furnished in the mid-thirties—I wonder what did become of those easy chairs? The organisation and types of transport used in getting them to School was fantastic in the extreme. I do hope the room used as the Tuck Shop was well scrubbed. The caretaker's store was here—soap powders and 'Vim' abounding.

Dinner? There was one sitting. The mid-day meal was heralded by a furious striking of a gong by the School's first caretaker, Mr. Tropman. This magnificent gong was to be found hanging at the top of the dining hall staircase. At its signal, dinner boys lined up in 'Houses' around the quad, and filed down to the dining hall. Here were five tables, apart from the cold dinner table—one table for each House and the centre table rejoicing under the name of the 'overflow'. House trophies graced the tables and I seem to remember that the Stags' table claimed most of them. The dinners were cooked by Mrs. Tropman, wife of the caretaker. For those whose tummies were somewhat queasy a poached egg was to be had. Any who did not take to the sweet of the day could always have rice pudding.
There was a happy-go-lucky spirit in those early days which it would be difficult and undesirable to recapture. We were small enough for everyone to know everyone: to meet all members of the Staff in the Form Room several times each week. Those were the days of an ‘Under 7 stone’ Rugby team, the Junior Cricket team known as the Scorpions, and the introduction of straw hats; sausage and mash teas after School Rugger matches, the beginning of country dancing in the Hall with girls from the High School, and film shows in the winter. These days saw the foundations of the thousand and one things that make a good School. Stupid pranks were played, as I suppose they are now; punishments were handed out and received none too graciously, but as thoughts fly back it is with justifiable pride and gratitude I say, “I went to that School”.

H. W. CATLIN.

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT—JUNE, 1957

Since my last report, much important business has been transacted, notably, the purchase of 6½ acres of land in Wellingborough for development into a sports field.

This new field, upon which cultivation has already started, is in such good heart as to allow an estimate to be made, that Rugby will be played thereon during the 1958/59 season.

Furthermore, we now consider ourselves strong enough financially to envisage that a pavilion and sundry other amenities will be available for Old Boys in the quite near future.

I believe this is the most important and encouraging news that any Association committee has been privileged to divulge, and the Committee and I hope that you, our future members will, in reading this decide, when the time comes, to give your full support to your Old Boys’ Association.

The field is officially known as “The Memorial Sports Field”, and for what better cause can you and we, the Old Boys of the present, strive to provide for many future generations of Old Boys, a place of beauty and healthful activity?

There is also good news of our current activities. The Rugby Club enjoyed a record season and after a lapse of several years, the Cricket Club is functioning again.

Generally speaking, the outlook of the Association is brighter than ever before, and for this much praise is due to the Headmaster, his staff and you, our future members.

It gave us great pleasure to be represented at your Speech Day ceremony and we hope to attend many more of your activities.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all boys success in the forthcoming examinations and I wish you all, Masters and boys, happy times on your various holiday activities.

M. C. C. KNOWLES,
Chairman, W.G.S.O.B.A.
RUGBY CLUB REPORT

A quick glance at the season’s results will show that this has been a very successful season. A lengthy reflection proves that this is without doubt the best season in the Club’s history.

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Never has the Club scored so many points in a season and achieved so many victories. Both teams have excelled themselves. Perhaps the strenuous training each Wednesday in the School Hall is partly the reason but mention must be made of the two Captains, Alan “Sam” Partridge in the 1st XV., and Jim “Shorty” Shortland in the ‘A’ XV. The standard of the fixtures has been maintained, whilst the quality of the play greatly improved.

No less than 61 Old Boys have played for the Club in both teams during the season and a larger number than usual have scored.

Although this is essentially a team game, one cannot pass on without a special mention of two of our players who were the first in the Club’s history to score over a hundred points in a season. Both Bob Bridgeford (117) and Bernard Sturgess (121) achieved this praiseworthy figure.

Now that the Association has purchased its new playing field the Rugby Club has high hopes of playing on it during the 1958/59 season. Should this be so there is little doubt that the Club will prosper still further, and increase both its membership and its already high standard of play.

CRICKET CLUB REPORT

The Club is enjoying a successful season if at times being a trifle unlucky. Several matches have proved very close—and luck has been mainly with our opponents. However, a number of handsome wins stand to our credit.

Three Old Boys, members of the Cricket Club, played this year for the Parents against the School. Messrs. Partridge, Newnham and Alderson report a most enjoyable match.

CAMBRIDGE

Examinations affect everyone in one way or another, so this term has seen us all rather subdued.

B. J. TYLER (Christ’s), found time from studying to enter the Devizes—Westminster canoe race in April. He hopes to do research at Cambridge as a result of his obtaining a “first” in Part II Finals. We congratulate him on the announcement of his engagement to Miss Anne Downing, and wish him every success in the future.
P. J. FROGLEY (Caius), has been giving due attention to “finals”. Lately he has combined an interest in opera with a thorough knowledge of Wellingborough shoe factories. He leaves Cambridge to take up a teaching appointment at Dunstable G.S. as Assistant Geography Master.

P. W. FURNELL (St. Catharine’s), tells me he is imbibing all that Cambridge has to offer in the way of culture, etc.

P. F. JONES (Trinity Hall) has remained singularly unobtrusive, and it has been rumoured that he was “working” for “finals”, though this is unofficial speculation.

J. P. EDWARDS (Caius), was probably annoyed to find that “final” meant not only a great deal of work but also that he had to be in Cambridge to take the exams. He is to become a trainee-manager with a shoe firm on the South Coast.

LEONARD CLIPSTONE (Queens’), cycled to Cornwall after the exams.—by way of relaxation! He seems to collect post-cards, inner-tubes, Paul Jennings, coloured cardboard on thread and wireless equipment. He leaves Cambridge for Oxford (!) to take a Diploma in Education.

M. WELLS (Queens’), continues steadily with his research: but no amount of research on my part can provide any further information!

G. T. RIDGE and D. R. MORETON (Caius), have ‘proved’ the fable of the hare and the tortoise in a private race round Jesus Common . . . They both mingle work with debating: it is to be hoped that they get farther in the former than they do in the latter! Graham is still engaged on the self-imposed and seemingly impossible task of “sorting-out” David, who is equally convinced that it is not he, but Graham, who needs help . . .

M. HORNSEY (St. Catharine’s), has managed to evade me for two terms. Apparently, the interest in the Girton direction has now altered course . . . I gather, too, that he still works hard and often.

J. M. WARWICK (Fitzwilliam House), had the biggest “mobile” in Cambridge for at least half an hour: had the landlady seen him constructing it, she might have suspected an attempt at suicide. He still eats bananas and cakes from M-rks and Sp-nc-rs . . . Next year he is to change from the English to the Theological Tripos.

LEEDS

T. A. FIELD, has not played any Rugby since his second operation, but intends to start again next season. We wish him more luck than he has had in the past. He is a member of this year’s very successful Engineers’ Ball Committee.

M. F. WAKELIN’S very lurid scarf of the Hall of the Resurrection has occasionally been seen around the Parkinson Building. His reply after being asked as to his welfare is usually—“Doing very nicely, thank you.”
B. BARCLAY is a member of the University Air Squadron and flies solo.

W. PRIEST has been chosen as Rag Representative for his Hall of Residence. He has been playing plenty of Squash and is starting Cricket.

LONDON

The University of London with its 25,000 students is made up of Colleges scattered throughout Greater London, but out of the four million inhabitants of the City it was still possible for our reporter to track down some, if not all, of the Old Boys at present in the great metropolis.

At Charing Cross Hospital R. D. BOYD is well on the way to becoming a qualified doctor, and in between his studies has found time to enter the state of matrimony (this seems to prove that there is some truth in the rumour that marriage leads to a 50% increase in one's grant). His fellow medic, J. HYDE, has not been seen about town, but our reporter has been told that he is not letting his studies interfere with his pleasures.

A. MASON (King's College) tried unsuccessfully to run Rushden Post Office at Christmas, but by his examination results has proved that he knows something about engineering.

At University College, M. I. BEEBY and D. PRIESTLEY are both just recovering from Engineering Finals. Beeby, better known in London as B², has been very active as Athletics Secretary of the Engineering Society, and was responsible for the Staff v. Students tug-of-war. (Is it too much to hope that the School Sixth Form might care to challenge the Masters at such an activity?). Priestley still maintains his interest in campanology, and recently he has also been seen giving Country Dancing demonstrations. The production of electricity is providing both him and Beeby with jobs when they leave College; Priestley is hoping to work on atomic power stations whilst Beeby is going to Canada to use his civil engineering knowledge on a hydroelectric scheme.

The third engineer at U.C., B. K. RIGBY, has discovered a guaranteed way of getting good marks for Saturday reports, and besides playing Rugby, complains that he is having too many late nights, although we would hasten to add that this is not due to overwork.

Although not strictly within London University, Borough Road College, Isleworth, is attended by six Old Boys training to be teachers. Apart from K. BUSBY, they are all in their first year, and each has just had a class of thirty children let loose on him for teaching practice. Busby is hoping to start to educate the older boys of Rushden in September, and his spare time has been devoted mainly to the Christian Union, although he has also supported the Geographical Society on visits around London.
J. T. BOYCE has often been seen in search of a café and juke-box, and at week-ends his portly figure secluded itself in some remote part of Hampshire where he prepares his speech for the next debate. Although he spends a lot of time at a neighbouring women’s college, T. GOODMAN manages to find time to play in the Country Dance Band and attend the Music Society’s activities. He has also been seen browsing over a maths. book and drawing graphs of Cricket statistics.

P. A. D. MAYES has planned his own course and is seen either on the Tennis court or asleep in the Common Room. B. WHITWORTH still recounts stories of his travels in the Far East, and by becoming Secretary of the College Geographical Society hopes he may find out more about other primitive tribes in the neighbourhood. His latent political beliefs have at last shown up by his appointment also as Secretary of his College Conservative Society.

P. H. R. (“Nozz”) NORMAN recently spent two months growing a beard and two weeks scraping it off. His social life is ruled by Rag-busking, acting, organising a skiffle group and reading the more sensational works of local authors. Classroom coup de grâce remains “Discipuli picturam spectate”.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

Oxford University:
M. G. Horne (St. Peter’s Hall) Chemistry. Class III.
D. S. Law (Merton) B.Sc.
P. J. Richardson (Wadham) Physics. Class II.

Cambridge University:
L. Clipstone (Queens’) Mod. Lang. Tripos Part II. Class II. Division ii.
J. P. Edwards (Caius) Geography Tripos Part II. Class II. Division ii.
P. J. Frogley (Caius) Geography Tripos Part II. Class II. Division ii.
P. W. Furnell (Caius) Geography Tripos Part II. Awarded B.A. Degree.
M. Hornsey (St. Catharine’s) Nat. Science Tripos Part I. Class II. Div. i.
R. Moreton (Caius) Nat. Science Tripos Part I. Class III.
B. J. Tyler (Christ’s) Chemistry Tripos Part II. Class I.

Sheffield University:
M. A. Crawley, Bachelor of Medicine.
R. E. Goosey, II. (ii) Honours Metallurgy.

Nottingham University:
M. Thorncroft, Mechanical Engineering. Class II. Div. i.
P. Wix, Ph.D. (Agriculture).
London:

Manchester University:
B. Bazeley, Bachelor of Medicine.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

K. B. JONES qualified as a Pharmaceutical Chemist at the Christmas examination of the Pharmaceutical Society, having completed his course at the Sunderland College of Technology.

D. W. BARBER (Oxford University) has been awarded his Half Blue for Cross-Country Running.

A. TOWERS (London University) has been awarded his Half Purple for Rugby Football.

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL LIST, 1957

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