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SCHOOL NOTES

Head of School: N. I. Palmer.

Prefects:

R. Ball
A. C. Bond
P. Lindsell
M. L. Abrahams
I. S. Lauder
R. W. Mason
C. R. Dobbs
M. R. Parker

For next term the following are appointed Prefects: Pack, S. H. Allen, Randall, Rawlins, N. S. F. Wills, Pitcher, Coleman, Pine, P. A. Hale.

Palmer, who has been a first class Head of the School and shown efficiency and organisation which have never been bettered, wishes to allow someone else the honour of being Head of the School, and so Lindsell will take over the post next term. We congratulate both Palmer and Lindsell.

We say farewell this term to Messrs. W. Holmes (Head of Science), J. K. Halliwell (Modern Languages), G. T. Ridge (Modern Languages) and S. W. Brown (English). The ill-health against which he struggled daily has, at last, forced Mr. Holmes to retire prematurely, after nineteen years on our Staff, during which he has gained the respect and admiration of all who know him, Staff and boys alike, both for his dedicated teaching and quiet courage. We offer him our best wishes for happiness in his retirement. (A tribute by the Headmaster appears on page 4.) Both Mr. Halliwell and Mr. Ridge are leaving us to become Heads of Modern Languages Departments, of Daventry Grammar School and Wellingborough Technical School respectively. Mr. Halliwell coached and cajoled school cricket sides (with his characteristic mixture of bluntness and good humour), and, like Mr. Ridge, served the Headmasters' XI as a medium-pace bowler (and, in an opening spell, a formidable one). Mr. Ridge coached successful cricket and rugby teams and acted as a remorseless liaison officer for the Old Grammarians. Mr. Brown, another Old Grammarian, has been appointed to the post of Assistant Lecturer in English and Social Studies at the College of Further Education, Stevenage. He, too, gave much help with outside activities, particularly with Drama and the
Arts Club, of which he was one of the founders—we shall not forget his own debating skills! We thank them for their help and wish them success and happiness in their new posts.

We offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor on the birth of a daughter.

We congratulate Mr. A. W. Leftwich, our Senior Biology Master, on the recent publication of his book, "A Student's Dictionary of Zoology".

Dr. P. A. J. Pettit, Senior History Master at this school, will contest the Wellingborough Constituency at the General Election on behalf of the Liberal Party.

R. Leslie, an Old Grammarian and member of Northampton R.F.C., played in a Scottish trial last season. We offer him our congratulations and our best wishes for a full international honour in the near future.

S. H. Allen is one of the Northamptonshire representatives selected for the Scouts' Jamboree, 1963, in Athens.

P. G. Upton won the "Daily Mail" Autumn Literary Competition and a £50 prize for his contribution to our last number.

Mason, Dobbs, Parker and Bellamy were selected again for the County Schools' Senior XV, and Hillier, Toseland, Pine, P. Hale, B. Barron, J. M. Brown and P. M. Layton were members of the County Under 15 XV which defeated Aberavon and District, at Aberavon, by the only try of the game. N. I. Palmer came first in the Northants. A.A.A. Junior Championships in the 440 and 220 and the Midland Counties Junior 440, and G. Walden won the Youths' 880. In the County Schools' Championships, Pine (High Jump), Lindsell (880), and N. I. Palmer (440) won events in their age groups. We congratulate them on their successes.

Palmer was second in the All England Final of the Quarter Mile at Chelmsford, on Saturday, 20th July, with the excellent time of 49.8 seconds, a new School record. The winner broke the English record with the time of 48.4 seconds. Pine and Lindsell also competed. Palmer will be second string for England in the Quarter Mile against Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, next Saturday, 27th July, at Edinburgh.

The Commemoration Service took place on May 31st when the address was given by the Vicar of Earls Barton, the Rev. E. Newman-Walters.

Parties from the school have visited The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre for the first night of the current production, "The Tempest", and, at the invitation of Sir Lawrence Bragg, the Royal Institution, while on August 9th a party from the school, led by Mr. M. S. Cheale and the Headmaster, will set out for Tarragona, Spain.
On Monday, April 1st, about 300 parents watched House Plays and then attended a Bazaar held by the Parents' Association. Proceeds went to the School Amenities Fund. On Thursday, March 12th, between 300 and 400 parents attended a Parents' Association meeting at which the Headmaster outlined future building developments. Afterwards, parents spent over an hour in various rooms discussing their sons' prospects individually with Subject and Form Masters.

Work on the new School buildings is now well under way.

We wish gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of Contemporaries.

ENTRANTS

P. R. BETTS
P. J. DIXON

LEAVERS

E. MARTIN
P. MARTIN
A. G. TOMLIN
B. REYNOLDS
D. F. SCULTHORPE
A. G. WALKER
B. L. GREENWOOD
W. PARKIN
J. D. BIRD
G. J. NEVILLE
R. F. BLUNT
R. A. KNIGHT
B. J. LEGG
P. J. STEVENSON
A. G. MAWSON
B. P. MOODY
D. A. MEDLIN
R. J. CRESSWELL
I. C. CHARLES
N. G. KENNEDY

P. R. MOORE
N. C. OZIER
D. STURGESS

C. SADLER

AWARDS

B. J. LEGG
Brackenbury Scholarship in Natural Science at Balliol College, Oxford.

A. C. HAMMOND
Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa Mining Scholarship to Leeds University.

J. D. BIRD
Air Ministry Flying Scholarship.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The following were successful in adding subjects to their certificates:

L. ABBOTT
M. ALLEN
R. H. ATTEWELL
P. F. BAXTER
B. BELLAMY
J. D. BIRD
R. L. COLEY
M. J. DOFORT
R. DUNKLEY
M. N. EAKINS
B. A. EXLEY
R. G. FISH
J. R. FORSTER
D. W. GIBBARD
I. O. GILLET
T. L. GREENWOOD
M. R. HALES

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Mr. W. Holmes

Mr. W. Holmes, M.Sc., Manchester University, joined the Staff as Senior Chemistry Master in April 1944, and later became Head of the Science Department.

This period in the School’s history covered the very rapid growth of the Sixth Form on the Science side, and the provision in 1954 of the Fleming Chemistry Laboratory. It was accompanied by an ever-growing stream of scientists proceeding from the Sixth Form to the Universities, many of whom distinguished themselves by winning Open Awards or State Scholarships.

Mr. Holmes had a large part in these successes and as Form Master of the Upper Sixth Science did everything possible to further the careers of his students. He also founded the Scientific Society and was responsible for the organisation of the School Tuck Shop.

During this time Mr. Holmes fought bravely and uncomplainingly against a painful and crippling illness, and his outstanding determination and enthusiasm aroused the respect of both Masters and boys.

It is with great regret that the School learned this term that Mr. Holmes will now have to retire. We thank him for his unique contribution to the School and for the wonderful example of fortitude that he has shown us all, and we wish him and Mrs. Holmes happiness in their retirement.

H. A. Wrenn.
CRICKET

1st XI

Despite the loss of the cream of last year's First Eleven this year's side has by no means disgraced itself. As yet we have not been heavily beaten and indeed, on several occasions, the team has performed well above itself. Good wins have been achieved against Bedford School 2nd XI, Corby Grammar School and Bedford Modern 2nd XI, and only two matches have been lost. Three matches have been drawn. (Against Oundle we failed to score 117 in two hours on a perfect wicket and fast outfield, while against the Old Boys we were always struggling, and Kettering came uncomfortably close to our score.)

The batting this season has been extremely sketchy and there has been little stroke play. This appears to stem from lack of confidence and a firm refusal to move the feet. Henson has played several fine innings; one remembers in particular his free-scoring efforts against Lawrence Sheriff and Bedford. He has a full range of scoring shots on the leg side but is somewhat restricted in front of the wicket on the off side. He is both the best and the worst judge of a quick single in the side. Robinson has played the sleeping partner in several opening stands. His defensive technique is sound but he must develop some scoring shots. Cox always looks a capable bat, but has never really timed the ball this season. However, once he gets in the groove he will score a lot of runs and much will depend upon him next season if he is still at school. Mason's appearances at the wicket have been all too brief though circumstances have usually been against him. He hits the ball hard but requires greater application before he makes large scores. Gibson has held the innings together on several occasions, his defence is solid although the way he flashes at balls outside the off-stump always gives plenty of encouragement to the bowlers. Metcalfe, Southward and Parker have yet to show their true form with the bat. Gillett has played several useful innings and could develop into a very useful batsman.

On the bowling side we are well equipped with the usual battery of medium-pace bowlers who would have plenty of success on Essex wickets. Gillett and Cox have bowled very steadily indeed. Gillett has a very good action and could be yards faster though he prefers to bowl well within himself. Cox has proved to be a model of consistency though the captain would do well to remember his name is Cox and not Shackleton. Cox produces a well disguised slower ball and one remembers his success with it against Lawrence Sheriff. Unfortunately all the other bowlers proceeded to copy it in the next few games, usually with very little disguise, much to the delight of the opposing batsmen. Tilley has also bowled steadily and picked up several cheap wickets. Metcalfe, too, has had his better moments with the ball and will probably remember a certain over against the Old Boys for some time to come. Perkins has again shown that a better than average slow
bowler can be devastating in school cricket and one hopes that Shoe-mark will continue where Perkins left off.

The fielding this year has been very patchy and has fallen well below the high standard set in recent years. However, Southward in the deep, and Cox in the slips have set an excellent example which others have been slow to follow. The throwing in particular has caused Henson a lot of trouble although the basic trouble has been lethargic movement to the ball. The close fielding has at times been brilliant but people who field in the gulley and at short leg, must field in the gulley and at short leg, and not at short third man and short fine leg, as has so often been the case. They will then discover that far more chances go to hand even though they are very difficult to take. Henson has kept soundly and added a touch of Technicolor to the scene with his red gloves and green pads.

On several occasions this year the side has been faced with the problem of scoring fifteen to twenty runs to win in the last quarter of an hour and failed. The field has usually been spread with only two or three players near the wicket. Our batsmen have attempted to hit every ball for four and consequently the wicket-keeper has been taking at least six balls an over! Obviously in a situation such as this quick singles should be taken forcing the opposing captain to change his field and in so doing to make a fatal mistake.

Tilley was literally thrown into the captaincy at the deep end and has emerged with no little credit. He has stuck nobly to the task and if one were to criticise him it would be for lack of imagination rather than making mistakes. Seal again has performed most creditably with the pencil. The 1st XI would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. K. Halliwell for all the help and vocal encouragement he has given school cricket.

The following played for the First Eleven: Tilley (Capt.), Cox, Henson, Mason, Metcalfe, Gillett, Gibson, Perkins, Southward, Shoemark, Robinson, Parker, Squance, Drew, Hilson, Bellamy, Hoddle.

**Results**

11th May v. Northampton G.S. Lost by 3 wickets.  
W.G.S. 76 (Henson 19, Gibson 19).  
Northampton G.S. 79 for 7 (Perkins 4 for 34).  

15th May v. Corby G.S. Won by 9 wickets.  
Corby G.S. 61 (Cox 6 for 8).  
W.G.S. 64 for 1 (Henson 30 n.o., Robinson 20).  

18th May v. Lawrence Sheriff G.S. Lost by 1 run.  
Lawrence Sheriff G.S. 93 for 9 dec. (Tilley 4 for 19).  
W.G.S. 92 (Henson 57).  

21st May v. Oundle School 2nd XI Match Drawn.  
Oundle School 2nd XI 116 (Perkins 4 for 49).  
W.G.S. 110 for 8 (Gibson 34).  

Away.

Home.

Away.
Old Grammarians 112.
W.G.S. 85 for 6 (Gibson 30 n.o., Gillett 24 n.o.).

Bedford Modern School 2nd XI 75 (Perkins 4 for 25).
W.G.S. 77 for 6.

15th June v. Kettering G.S. Match Drawn.
W.G.S. 136 for 7 dec. (Cox 48, Gillett 28 n.o.).
Kettering G.S. 133 for 6.

22nd June v. Bedford School 2nd XI. Won by 5 wickets.
W.G.S. 138 for 5 dec. (Henson 67, Cox 45).
Bedford School 2nd XI 75 (Gillett 4 for 18).

2nd XI


With the changing of the age-limits for junior teams, the 2nd XI had to produce its talent from hitherto untapped sources, some of its members not even having played for a junior team. The team has, however, had quite a successful season, and the only defeat came when fielding (against Kettering) a side depleted because of exams. The 1st XI have on several occasions borrowed players and their replacements have nearly always filled the gap adequately.

The batting has been a mixture of slow but steady scoring from Ottewell and Loasby, who, although new to school cricket, have proved reliable openers, and of swashbuckling innings by batsmen lower down in the order who have willingly sacrificed their wickets in the quest for runs. In this category, Freestone and Bellamy deserve special mention; the former for his knock against Bedford, and Bellamy for his splendid innings against Daventry. Dobbs, originally included for his bowling, has been reliable in several positions as a mainly defensive batsman holding the side together.

Shortland and Williams have made useful contributions as batsmen. Williams has also proved to be a worthy deputy wicket-keeper to Freestone, although his orthodox style contrasts vividly with the ebullient, cat-like leaps of the latter.

Newman and Bellamy have proved themselves to be a worthy opening pair—fast, accurate, hostile, and, most important, penetrative, and it has not often been necessary to use the other bowlers. Buckby, too, as first-change has been both hostile and penetrative notably against Northampton, while against Bedford he was able to contain the batsmen for long periods.

The team has suffered from the absence of a regular spin bowler, because of the demands of the 1st XI. When he has played, Shoemark has bowled well, but a deputy is badly needed.

Buckby's captaincy has occasionally puzzled but generally his handling has been sound.
One's main criticism must be directed at the fielding. Although good catches have been taken, notably by Bellamy, some of the team have downed good chances and preferred to use their feet for fielding purposes. This was especially noticeable at Bedford when the opposition ran up a large score.

The team has, however, been a success for the most part of the season.

The following have played:
Buckby (Capt.), Bellamy, Newman, Ottewell, Loasby, Shortland, R. T. S. Williams, A. O. Dobbs, Freestone, Squance, Tomkins, Hoddle, Parker, Shoemark, Dangerfield, Barron, Grant. Smart and Gomm have scored, and we thank Messrs. Templar and Shaw for umpiring.

Results

Northampton G.S. 43 (Buckby 5 for 6, Bellamy 3 for 17).
W.G.S. 46 for 3 (Squance 15 n.o.).

18th May v. Lawrence Sheriff 2nd XI. Won by 127 runs. Away.
W.G.S. 166 for 7 dec. (Parker 60, Ottewell 33).
Lawrence Sheriff 39 (Bellamy 6 for 14, Newman 4 for 15).

Oundle 99 (Bellamy 6 for 18).
W.G.S. 98 for 9 (Loasby 38 n.o.).

Bedford Modern Colts 121 for 8 dec. (Shoemark 3 for 23, Buckby 7 for 29).
W.G.S. 124 for 6 (Freestone 51, Ottewell 20).

29th May v. Daventry G.S. 1st XI. Won by 55 runs. Home.
W.G.S. 95 for 8 dec. (Bellamy 29, Freestone 26).
Daventry 40 (Newman 7 for 10, Bellamy 3 for 25).

W.G.S. 55 (Ottewell 21).
Kettering G.S. 56 for 5 (Barron 4 for 14).

22nd June v. Towcester G.S. 1st XI. Match Drawn. Home.
W.G.S. 107 (Williams 27, Shortland 21).
Towcester G.S. 74 for 6 (Shortland 2 for 2).

W.G.S. 106 for 5 (Loasby 58, Ottewell 22).
King's School did not bat.

UNDER 15 XI

The Under 15 XI began the season indifferently. The bowling was inaccurate, the picking up and throwing untidy, the fields set too inflexible. In the first two games the batting collapsed badly. No one showed enough composure or a sufficient range of strokes to score runs.

It is pleasing to report the vast improvement which has come about. Recently, the side has looked efficient and hostile in the field. J. A. Barron and Moore, particularly the former, have bowled well, ably
supported by Stevenson who has turned the ball and bowled an increasingly good length. It is a pity his action is not better.

With the gaining of confidence all round, runs have come, many in rather uneven games not recorded here. Hillier, Hilson and Grant have made big scores and hard hitting innings have come from Moore and Toseland. At the same time, every member has made his contribution and the best quality of the team is its all round ability coupled with its new-found sense of its own worth.

The following played: Grant (Capt.), B. P. Barron, J. A. Barron, J. M. Brown, Drew, Hillier, Leeson, Moore, Stevenson, Toseland, Jack, Cleaver, Ransom.

Results

W.G.S. 49 (Hillier 16).
Northampton G.S. 50 for 3.

15th May v. Corby G.S. Lost by 14 runs. Home.
Corby G.S. 82 for 4 dec.
W.G.S. 68.

18th May v. Lawrence Sheriff G.S. Won by 3 wickets. Away.
Lawrence Sheriff 47 (J. A. Barron 5 for 15, W. Moore 4 for 6).
W.G.S. 48 for 7 ((W. Moore 20 n.o.).

W.G.S. 152 for 2 dec. (Hilson 76 n.o., Grant 50 n.o.).
Kettering G.S. 93 (Stevenson 5 for 38).

UNDER 14 XI

After a narrow defeat in the opening game the team has been enjoying a successful season only marred by two rain-spoiled matches.

Batting has been consistent and, what is even better, we have maintained a good rate of scoring. Good scores have been made, not because of weak bowling but rather by good attacking strokes. One fault to be overcome is the uncertainty in calling and running between the wickets; too many wickets have been lost in this way.

The batsmen have been well supported by the bowlers, several of whom have returned very good figures. In the early matches fielding looked slipshod but latterly there has been a great improvement and it has been a pleasure to see their keen, competent performance; even in the rain at Peterborough they never flagged. We look forward to our remaining games with confidence.

The following have represented the Under 14 XI:

Scorer: P. R. Betts.
In meetings since Sports Day, N. I. Palmer and G. G. Walden have won events and D. Harris, R. Ball and P. Lindsell gained places, at the Northamptonshire A.A.A. Championships, the last-named breaking R. Ball’s school Half-Mile record at the meeting.

Our annual triangular match with the King’s and Deacon’s Schools, Peterborough, had to be postponed, but on Peterborough Town track we lost the match to King’s. This was the first time for many years we have not retained the cup.

At the end of this term we look forward to a match with Kettering G.S. and a junior triangular match with Wellingborough Junior School and Kimbolton School.

**MARTIN ATHLETIC CUP**

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High Jump—Over 15.
Height: 5 ft. 0 ins.

High Jump—Under 15.
Height: 5 ft. 2½ ins. New Record.

1. Blagburn, M. (D)  2. Laughton, P. (S)  3. Farrow, C. (S)
Height: 4 ft. 2½ ins.

Long Jump—Over 15.
Distance: 18 ft. 3½ ins.

Long Jump—Under 15.
Distance: 16 ft. 11 ins.

1. Weekley, R. (S)  2. Povey, R. (S)  3. Jones, B. (G)
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HENSON RELAY CUP

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HOUSE NOTES

DRAGONS

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

Head of House: B. Bellamy.

School Prefects: B. Bellamy, W. R. Orton (Secretary).

House Prefects:
'Laurel victory' has indeed reigned over Dragons' activities during the last two terms. The esteemed position of first was achieved in Rugby, Drama and Athletics.

Under the able leadership of R. J. Newman and R. J. Gayton, our teams won the House Rugby Competition despite stiff opposition and the senior team's lack of experience.

With Bellamy as Captain, an excellent team of athletes led us to win the Athletics Competition. A special mention must be made of R. J. Pine who insisted on winning ALL the junior events.

P. F. Baxter assures us that despite his persistent twitching he has recovered from his part as a homicidal psychopath in the House Play. The play, a dramatisation of E. A. Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart", was expertly produced by Baxter with 'full supporting cast' consisting of D. C. Edwards, W. R. Orton and M. N. Eakins.

This same P. F. Baxter repeated his last year's success in the House Music Competition by gaining maximum marks in the instrumental section with his most celebrated flute. D. F. Olney and R. Joyce also impressed the adjudicator with their combined voices. Although the all-round position for music was third, this was due to no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the choir and musicians.

Finally, our congratulations are extended to A. J. Robinson, M. N. Eakins, W. R. Orton and D. C. Edwards on being awarded House Colours.

**LIONS**


*Head of House/House Secretary:* R. F. Gardiner.

As a whole the year 1962-3 has not been a notable one for the House since our Rugby teams ended last, our play came fourth, as did our musical offering. This term our athletes came in last but special praise must go to our Captain, Lindsell, who got into every final and was 'placed' in each in which he competed. In Cricket, our senior team has drawn one match and lost the other.

Let us hope that 1964 holds a better fate for Lions' House than its predecessor.

**GRYPHONS**

*House Masters:*


*Head of House:* N. I. Palmer.

*School Prefects:*

N. I. Palmer, A. C. Bond, B. J. Ingyon, R. J. Sewell, D. R. Ball.


*House Secretary:* P. Neville.
The highlight of the competitions decided since the last edition of the magazine was the return at long last of the Ferguson Trophy for school work.

In the other competitions our musicians gained second place to the Stags, but we could only achieve third position in Rugby, Drama and Athletics. In Athletics our deficit of points awarded before Sports Day again proved insuperable despite the success on the day of the team under Palmer who himself won three races.

Of the two senior and one junior Cricket matches which have so far been played all have been lost.

Finally, we congratulate Norman and Liddington on winning the Senior and Junior Reading Competitions; Coleman, Ingyon and Tite who have been awarded Colours, and D. R. Ball who was appointed School Prefect.

STAGS

House Masters: Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. S. W. Brown.
Head of House: R. Ball. Secretary: M. L. Abrahams.

School Prefects:

Stags' sole success thus far has been to retrieve from Gryphons the Appleby Music Cup, and for this notable victory we applaud R. Williams, B. K. Tanner, and the House choir.

With an intelligent production of John Mortimer's "The Dock Brief"—an 'epic' by House drama standards, with a performance time of nearly forty minutes—N. S. F. Wills was indeed unfortunate to lose first place in the Drama Competition to Dragons House; but the success of this first try augurs well for Stags next year.

We were also placed second in the Rugby competition, owing to a lack of aggression in the Junior side, which fault must be eliminated by next season if the Saxby Cup is to return 'home'.

Although we could not win the Athletics Cup, the Hurdles Bowl and the Relay Cup are ours, and, as is now the custom, Ball, our tireless Athletics Captain, beat all-comers in the Senior Mile.

At the Summer House Meeting, R. W. Mason was elected Captain of Cricket and P.T. He and Dobbs (minor), the junior cricket captain, are leading their teams with no little success, both defeating Lions' and Gryphons' sides, once again to bring the Cricket Cup within easy reach.

We congratulate I. J. Tilley on his appointment as Captain of School Cricket, Tilley again and R. L. Coley on being made School prefects, and N. S. F. Wills and D. J. Smith on being awarded House Colours.
PARENTS' DAY AND PRIZE-GIVING

May 23rd, 1963.

The name of this year's Guest of Honour, Sir Compton Mackenzie, belongs to one of the most honoured, respected and popular novelists of the last fifty years. It also belongs to one of the most uncompromisingly 'unorthodox'. Sir Compton is an O.B.E., a 'household word', a 'pillar of society'. He is also a shrewd and penetrating critic of his times, a man who has lived his long life in no one's pocket and more often a member (sometimes the only one) of a minority than a majority. Those who read New Year's Honours Lists rather than novels (or autobiographies), who know the reputation rather than the rebel, may well, therefore, have been taken aback by such pieces of advice to the boys as "Do whatever you want to do, not what others think you ought to do. Otherwise, you may be unhappy all your life," instead of Speech Day pieties. Yet even those who came to be impressed and stayed to be surprised went away delighted and charmed by the anecdotal fluency and easy wit of the iconoclast. For Sir Compton managed to inject into an official occasion among strangers on a dismally wet afternoon the intimacy and geniality of fireside reminiscence among friends.

Characteristically, the eighty year old writer returned to the hall at the end of the official proceedings to speak to those boys and members of Staff who, because of the disappointing weather, had spent the earlier part of the afternoon in classrooms. (As the present School Hall cannot accommodate both parents and school, we had intended holding the Prize-Giving in the Quad.) Characteristically, too, he soon caught the attention of what might otherwise have been an unresponsive audience, without once repeating so much as a phrase of that earlier speech. (May his example, through the School Library, to which he has given his name, inspire all who use it!)

Thanks were expressed by Mr. J. W. Penn, Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council Education Committee, who also congratulated pupils on the smartness of their turn-out and bearing, and N. I. Palmer, Head of School.

In his report the Headmaster charted the School's progress in the past year. At 'A' and 'S' levels sixty-four out of sixty-eight candidates had been successful (twenty-three per cent. higher than that of the average for maintained grammar schools and six per cent. higher than the average of the leading group of schools, the Direct Grant). B. J. Legg headed the list of Open Scholarships in Natural Science at Balliol College, Oxford, "probably the greatest achievement open to a schoolboy anywhere in the world." He also spoke of the praise given to the School by a local firm which had used our sixth formers as computer-operator 'guinea-pigs'. They had provided, by any standards, an abnormally high proportion of passes.
At 'O' level ninety-seven out of one hundred and one candidates had passed in five or more subjects, and one third of these were a year under age. The School would also be welcoming to the sixth form in September half-a-dozen boys from local secondary modern schools with passes at 'O' level.

The Headmaster concluded with a reference to the School's contribution to "TWTW", the inimitable but unfortunately, in his old school much imitated, David Frost.

The Chairman of the Governors, Alderman E. A. Steele, presided. (A surprise last item in the Prize-giving was the presentation to him by Sir Compton, on behalf of the School, of a volume of Sir Compton's autobiography as a "good behaviour prize"!) Among those present was the County's Chief Education Officer, Mr. G. E. Churchill.

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It is becoming a commonplace to praise a production for overcoming our limited facilities but as the new stage is now being built it will not be possible much longer. In this case it is necessary. There can be few who were not for a little while transported from the drabness of their surroundings by the magic of Shakespeare’s island.

Many producers have lessened their task by ignoring the shipwreck scene at the beginning, especially as there is no further scene on the ship, but Mr. Shaw’s direct production and assured control enabled this, as all other scenes, to be played confidently by the cast. The violent motion of the ship was represented by the swaying bodies of the sailors. All else was provided by sound and lighting effect which can melt so much more easily into the contrasting tranquility of the island.

The greatest responsibility in the play rests on Prospero. He has much more to say than anyone else and through his magic absolute control over the other characters. Norman’s interpretation was a sure and powerful one. Since Prospero’s actions highlight his mercy and love, more flexibility and stronger traces of humanity to temper his sternness would have improved the character.
Abrahams was impressive as Ariel in speech, dance and song. (In the latter surprisingly so to one who had heard him in rehearsal!) He conveyed lightness and agility with well restrained gesture and managed neatly several difficult entrances.

Stranger deserves mention for a good Miranda. In addition to obvious difficulties he had to be on stage a lot with little to say. He lacked feeling but reacted intelligently.

Everyone enjoyed the buffoonery of Caliban, Stephano and Trinculo. It was broad comedy, wisely played in local dialect.

The rest of the large cast supported well, including the spirits, "shapes", and hounds.

The most lasting impression of this production was its careful attention to detail, and this applied as much to back stage activities as to acting. Costumes and make-up blended happily to produce some impressive effects; one especially remembers Ariel, brilliant in reflected ultra-violet, and Caliban muttering rebelliously from beneath shaggy coat and extravagant beastly ears.

The set provided one of those challenges that the back-stage people relish. The island view had to have a cave big enough to contain two people and allow entrances and exits, and this was accomplished with pleasing effect and without undue demands on the limited space. W. Parkin led his team with infectious enthusiasm and energy, and quick changes in black-outs were expertly done.

The original music by Mr. A. R. Chesters, under the direction of Mr. C. F. Taylor, earned many favourable comments. The author demanded that the isle be

"full of noises,

Sounds and sweet airs, that give delight and hurt not,"

and one can give no higher praise than to say that the music did just that. Often when amateur actors sing the most sympathetic audience is glad for them to stop but such was Mr. Taylor's instruction and the actors' skill that we enjoyed the singing as a natural and harmonious contribution to the play's subtle enchantment.

**HOUSE PLAYS**

This year again provided a range of contrasting plays which recent competitions have lead us to expect. It is pleasing that the interest in modern drama continues and that producers are willing to experiment with new forms and methods. Let us hope that each year there will be at least one House willing to attempt something unconventional so that we may in part keep pace with the many developments in the theatre as well as continuing to enjoy established favourites.

The winning play was a new stage version by Norman Holland of Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Tell-tale Heart". P. F. Baxter produced
this for Dragons and himself gave a memorable performance as a demented writer who shoots the old man next door. The power of Poe's short story is that the tale is told by the madman himself and the reader must penetrate his psychosis to get an objective picture. This approach is preserved in the stage version in that much of the dialogue is addressed to the audience, as though we were visitors invited into the apartment. Our involvement is retained throughout. The murderer knows we witness the killing and begs us not to betray him. Finally it is from the auditorium that the law officers come to arrest him. D. C. Edwards played the old man and W. R. Orton and M. N. Eakins were the policemen. The whole performance was intelligent, controlled and efficient, even to the difficult business of pushing the body into a small cupboard.

Stags were second with "The Dock Brief", by John Mortimer. This is a brilliant play and in its emotional complexity perhaps too difficult for school production. It concerns the pitiful illusions with which abject failure often clothes itself and how such failure may evoke in others the deepest human sympathy and self denial. N. S. F. Wills and M. L. Abrahams made a good attempt but never really came to grips with the play. K. Lewis supported as a warder.

Gryphons were perhaps unlucky to be placed third with "Out of the Frying Pan", by David Compton. This sought to demonstrate the idiocy of Cold War diplomacy if humanity is to survive. It further investigates the contrast between the statesman's public and private images, showing, by substituting gibberish for language, that the familiar diplomatic round of proposal, suspicion, deception, outrage and denunciation is just as recognisable when normal communications have failed. This was a difficult piece to sustain and C. J. Norman and B. P. Coleman deserve praise for a very successful attempt.

Lions, perhaps unwittingly, demonstrated in "The Old Bull", by Bernard Gilbert, just how difficult comedy can be even when you have a good script and several stock comic characters. Much more accuracy is needed with interpretation, timing, movement and reactions if a comedy is ever to get off the ground. Comedy needs to be specially well rehearsed and controlled for the House Play Competition because the audience is determined to have its laugh and will not always wait for something funny on the stage. This play lacked cohesion; most individual performances were adequate. Gardiner produced.

We were once again lucky enough to have as adjudicator Mr. A. Gordon, the County Drama Organiser. We are grateful to him for his criticism and advice.

READING COMPETITION

Results of this year's Reading Competition, held on April 3rd, were:

Juniors:
1. B. Liddington (2a); 2. D. M. Allen (3b); 3. A. A. Freeman (2a).

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Seniors:

One of the judges of the Senior Competition was Old Grammarian Mr. C. J. Rockingham, former Mayor of Higham Ferrers, who was himself a prizewinner in 1951.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC RECITAL

There was again a large audience for the Christmas Music Recital, held on Tuesday, 18th December, 1962. The main choral item this year was “A Ceremony of Carols”, by Benjamin Britten, arranged for four-part chorus by Julius Harrison. The Junior Choir presented a selection of carols both traditional and modern, and, in “The Nurse’s Lullaby” (Hugo Cole) and “In excelsis gloria” (A. R. Chesters), they were accompanied by members of the Recorder Club, who also played “A Christmas Suite”, by William Appleby.

In the orchestral item this term the strings were omitted, and an ensemble of brass, woodwind and percussion played an arrangement of Holst’s “Second Suite in F” for Military Band, and accompanied the choirs and audience in the singing of a number of traditional carols.

Mr. C. F. Taylor accompanied the choral items, and we thank him again for his generous help and support throughout the year.

Programme

National Anthem.
1. Carol: “Hark, the herald angels sing”.
2. Junior choir: Two carols—
   “See amid the winter’s snow” and “Myn lyking”.
3. Wind ensemble: “Second Suite in F” Holst
   (i) March
   (ii) Song without words
   (iii) Fantasia on the “Dargason”.
4. Carol: “Angels from the realms of glory”.
5. Junior choir: (with Recorder obbligato)
   “The Nurse’s Lullaby” Hugo Cole
   “In excelsis gloria” A. R. Chesters
6. Carol: “Good King Wenceslas”.
   (Soloists—D. Olney and T. Jones).

Interval

8. Junior choir: Two folk carols—
   “Pipe and drum carol” and “The children’s lullaby”.
   (Percussion played by T. Hughes and J. Billett).
9. Carol: “Unto us a boy is born”.
10. Senior choir: “A Ceremony of Carols” Benjamin Britten
11. Carol: “O come, all ye faithful”.

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THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The House Music Competition was held on 22nd February, 1963. We were privileged to have the services of Mr. John Bertalot as adjudicator this year. He is a well-known figure in Northampton musical circles: organist of St. Matthew's Church, Northampton, and conductor of the Northampton Bach Choir and Symphony Orchestra.

He commented favourably on the musical standard reached by all Houses: this was noticeably higher than in recent years.

The set piece for House Choirs was “In these delightful pleasant groves”, by Purcell, for S.A.T.B. House conductors did well to find so many singers for their choirs, especially tenors, who are always in short supply. The best performance came from Stags, conducted by R. Williams, and they were clear winners from Gryphons by 10 points. The adjudicator credited them with a “thrilling interpretation; really enjoyable to listen to.”

The competition was notable this year for some very good instrumental items. From Stags’ House—1st movement of Mozart’s Piano Sonata No. 5 in G: B. Tanner; and “Premiere Rhapsodie” for Clarinet and Piano, by Debussy: R. Williams and B. Tanner. From Gryphons—“Allegro barbaro”, by Bartok: piano solo by R. Wilkinson; and 3rd movement of Haydn’s Trumpet Concerto, by R. Sewell accompanied by R. Wilkinson. From Dragons—“Syrinx”, by Debussy: P. Baxter (flute). From Lions—“La Cathedrale engloutie”, by Debussy: piano solo by M. Lambert.

The solo piano class was won by R. Wilkinson, and the instrumental solo by P. Baxter. (We congratulate both these boys on obtaining university places to study music. Wilkinson goes to Manchester University and Baxter to Royal College of Music, London.)

In the Ensemble class Dragons were outstanding, with a performance of “Lo, here the gentle lark”, by J. Joyce and D. Olney (trebles), P. Baxter (flute obbligato), G. Bishop (piano). Runners-up were Gryphons, with two madrigals sung by M. Hughes, R. Bing, R. Sewell and J. Forster. These were: “I have ere this time” (Whythorne), and “Adieu, sweet Amaryllis” (Wilbye). The Composition class was won by Stags.

Results

1. Stags 124 points
2. Gryphons 114 points
3. Dragons 102 points
4. Lions 85 points

A programme of music, drawn mainly from the House Music Competition, was presented by a group of boys at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Northampton, on Thursday, 28th March. Those taking part were M. Hughes, F. Joyce, D. Olney, R. Bing, P. Gilbert, M. Lambert, G. Bishop, B. Tanner, P. Baxter, R. Wilkinson, R. Sewell, J. Forster, R. Williams.
The Senior Choir sang an anthem at the Commemoration Service, held in the School Hall on Friday, 31st May. This was, “Turn back, O man”, by Gustav Holst.

“TWTWTW”
(Artis Club and Modern Jazz Club Concerts)
(December 1962, March 1963)

Twice in recent months, while the greater part of the school has been dismissing after another completed term, various other factions have employed themselves on projects of dubious origin. The result, both in the winter and the spring, was the provision of a new and just climax to V.c’s age-old Holiday Celebrations: an end of term concert.

Here any producer’s task is an easy one, as, not only does he have a ready knowledge of both the style and ability of his performers, but he also ‘knows’ his audience. Thus it was possible to produce two compact, high-quality shows quite acceptable to an increasingly discriminating audience: “Worth a bob easy,” as one junior remarked.

Many of the cast terrorised both shows, among them Chris. (Call me Dave) Norman, ‘Sinatra’ Manton, and the enigmatic Abe Avalanche, now known to offer no serious challenge to the sustained popularity of Billy Storm. The Emeralds played on both occasions, as did the Modern Jazz group, now dubbed the W.G.b Jazz group by Mr. Colin Rockingham.

In the spring show were featured Miss Dawn Towle—a ‘good friend’ of Sewell’s—who rejoiced “That was the term that was”, welcome guests The FireFlies, and the mysteriously named Fred Nite 4, which turned out to be the well-known Fred Nite 3.

The two shows raised over £28 for Famine Relief. We must especially thank the Headmaster, Mr. Brown and Mr. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. Cheale and the Railway Club, Mr. Pine, and Mr. Huddart and the electricians for their help.

M. L. Abrahams (Upper VI Arts).

YOUNG WRITERS

SONGS OF INNOCENCE AND EXPERIENCE

INNOCENCE

THE TOAD

The toad, so slimy looking,
And with so rough a skin
Looked horrible to handle.
Although it is quite harmless,
I did not want to pick it up
I had to pick it up.

So when I gripped it
I felt a dry skin,
But it was bumpy.

**DAVID R. HARROD (1b).**

**WILD TABBY CAT**

A wild tabby cat with a long, whisky tail
Walks by moonlight in the forest vale
Through the bushes it slinks by the water's brink
It is only the wild tabby cat.

Two bright green eyes that glow like fire,
I start and turn but am caught in a briar
The cat sneaks past and I see at last
It is only the wild tabby cat.

**C. J. LEGG (1b).**

**THE COMBAT**

As I faced this animal, this stoat, I tried
To coax him from his hole:
He seemed quite tame and yet, it was I
Who was made afraid by this spectacle.
How could he, ten inches long, hurt me
I thought? And I nearly five feet tall!
Yet I admired his passiveness,
And feared.

**F. E. CHAMBERS (1b).**

**THE WILDCAT**

I turned around, and there upon the ground
Was such a thing but rarely seen,
Its jaws agape with teeth chalk white,
Its eyes ablaze and full of hate.

And as I looked upon my foe,
I saw a thing of beauty.
A thing that would not bow down low,
To do the grandest's duty.

**C. R. HODSON & J. T. JOYCE (1b).**
EXPERIENCE

I WANT KICKS, MAN....

i loathe convention
therefore
i seek to be
original
in every possible way
like cultivating my
hair long
enough to
curl over the
upturned collar of my
imitation leather jacket
which i have baited with
imitation metal studs and a tiger
and i wear with my
clinging concertina wescotts
that display my buttocks
and stained with grease from
my bike and my hair
and so that they can be original too
my mates all do the same

M. L. ABRAHAMS (Upper VI Arts).

A.6 ESTHETIQUE

The wind purrs softly
As the pedals are made to revolve
In silence.
The pale blue infinity envelops
Everything with its sensuous, misty fragrance;
Yet each tree stands pure, green,
Distinct and undefiled.
Rich shades of green, sapphire blue,
The road, mottled yellow-orange,
Skims beneath the wheel.

‘Road works ahead’
At first gives aesthetic pleasure; clear white capitals
Against a simple red background.
‘Temporary road surface’
Is it possible in this
Wilderness of green and blue?
‘Single-line traffic’
Coincides with a black, monstrous vision
Straddling half of the road
Proudly guarding its lustful handiwork.
One side yet untouched,
Sickly stench of tarmac unavoidable.
Ten yards ahead efficient row of beacons
Obstructs my path; open-necked and smirking
He leans upon a green sign.
"On the other side, mate." "You what?"
"On the new bit." "Oh!"
Ten seconds of the shiny liquorice substance
And I pass on, indifferent to nature,
Except to spit out an occasional insect.

R. B. Wilkinson (Upper VI Arts).

THE MILK OF PARADISE

"Weave a circle round him thrice,
And close your eyes with holy dread,
For he on honey-dew hath fed,
And drunk the milk of Paradise."

S. T. Coleridge, "KUBLA KHAN".

Downclamps the sweaty air.
Lithe young bodies convulse,
Glittering dummey's pulse,
Blanket sounds throb, tear.

Notes in slabs, twanging raw,
Transformed to motion—views
Of puppets' itching shoes
Gyrating cross the floor.

No self. No joy, no pain.
As one stupified—all.
Here rhythm holds domain.

Crossing a worldly wall
Where sternest values wane,
Glimpses of freedom call.

W. R. Orton (Lower VI Arts).

THE JOURNEY

He holds a bubble in his palm,
Perfect, colourful, dark and light.
He sets it free, so calm his face,
So sure that what he does is right.
The bubble floats and spins and turns
Searching for its destiny,
For a peaceful path it yearns, confused in its intensity.
A sudden shudder, it explodes  
A thing of beauty now no more,  
Although it had a choice of roads  
It took no note of time or law.  
And yet it could have lived in flight  
Had its chosen path been right.

P. S. Gilbey (4b).

THREE FABLES FOR MODERNS

THE FIRST FABLE

OF THE ELEPHANT AND THE BUTTERFLY

Election Day! Into the gigantic crater poured animals from all over the game reserve—ants and elephants, lions and deer. On the three volcanic peaks stood the three candidates, the butterfly (Neutralist), the elephant (Passive Resistance) and the lion (Oligarchist). Soon the animals had split up into three groups—the insects, inspired by every word of the eloquent butterfly, the elephants and the buffaloes, frenzied at the thought of victory, and the lions grouped conspiratorially around their candidate.

Suddenly shrill trumpeting rang around the crater! Each of the lions had selected an elephant and attacked it, causing the herd to stampede. Unfortunately they stampeded through the ranks of the crowded ants, squashing all except the butterfly, safe on its rocky pinnacle.

Leaving the lions to establish their oligarchy, the two defeated candidates met outside the crater and began to grumble. Soon they formulated an agreement. The elephant would go east and the butterfly west, and each try to find out how to conduct a fair election.

The elephant rampaged across Asia until he came to a small Ukrainian village called Nikolayersk. All over the walls were pasted election posters, but it was evident from these that there was only one candidate. This did not seem very democratic, and the disillusioned elephant returned to the jungle.

The butterfly, determined to travel in comfort, flew into a jet airliner at Nairobi Airport, and was carried to an American town called Alabama. Evidently an election was in progress there too, for, to his horror, he saw officials tearing up the negroes' voting papers, and negroes shot in the streets. He, too, was horrified and took the next plane home. The two met at the site of their previous defeat, and discussed their somewhat similar experiences. They decided that although they had been unfairly defeated, electoral methods in other parts of the world were not markedly superior.

S. Upton (3a).
THE SECOND FABLE
OF THE ELEPHANT AND THE BUTTERFLY

Long ago in ancient India, among the forest regions of the Punjab or Land of the Three Rivers, there lived an elephant. It is true, of course, that there were many hundreds of elephants wandering the rolling plains and steaming jungles, but he of whom I write was a special elephant and he was known as Edwin the Elephant. Edwin was a thinker, and as a result was often dissatisfied with his lot in life. He was so moody, miserable, and entirely unsociable, that as time passed Edwin's friends were few. One day, as he awoke, he happened to notice a tiny mongoose slide from view into the undergrowth. Suddenly, he compared himself with the little creature and he realised for the first time his immense size and stature in comparison with the other animals. Soon evil thoughts riddled his mind as he considered the improvements that could be made to his status if he were king of the jungle.

That night Edwin rose from early slumber trumpeting and roaring with all his might. He rampaged through the jungle in a mad frenzy, wildly and deliberately smashing, devastating, and spreading a wake of terror, until all the jungle trembled beneath him. Very soon everyone feared him as news of his disastrous night-rampages spread like wildfire through the jungle. A week later Edwin thought the time was ripe and in a splendid ceremony deep in the undergrowth he proclaimed himself king of the jungle, and, like it or not, no one could dispute the fact. Edwin's method was brute force and his reign of terror was very effective with the animals in his domain. In fact his authority was never questioned for many years, during which he enjoyed the life of a king, forcing his subjects to honour and obey him.

One hot, steaming afternoon, a colony of butterflies wandered into Edwin's jungle sector, and seeking shade they settled in a leafy glade that was well known as Edwin's favourite resting-place. The butterflies, taking an immediate fancy to the place, decided to stay. Soon, however, Edwin visited his sanctuary and feeling hot and tired he immediately ordered the butterflies out. Whereupon they questioned his authority. He flew into a rage at once, and attacked the colony. At this, one of the intruders, a young and courageous butterfly, settled on a leaf and broke into vigorous argument with Edwin, who was in no mood for this sort of chatter. He madly charged the minute creature, who gently and delicately avoided the elephant by fluttering to safety. Moreover when the attack was repeated, he fluttered forth luring Edwin away from his jungle hide-out. Edwin was wild with rage and he smashed and trampled the jungle growth attempting to reach the fluttering butterfly. Soon they reached the jungle edge and a wide rolling plain stretched before them. The butterfly repudiated Edwin's claim to supremacy again and again, and by now the news had travelled fast through the jungle, and half its population was joyously witnessing
the frenzied scene. Repeatedly Edwin tried to trap the little creature who simply led him across the plain. Soon, the butterfly’s plan was nearing completion.

Ahead a deep water hole nestled in a curve of ground. As they approached it, Edwin still searching the sky for the butterfly and not looking ahead of him, tumbled head first into the water with an agonised roar and a loud resounding splash! When he surfaced, the pool was ringed with laughing, jeering jungle faces. He, the king of the jungle, had been completely outwitted—and by a butterfly! He had found his match! Hurriedly, he stuttered an apology for his past behaviour, and ran back to the jungle, the most humiliated, and degraded creature on the face of the earth. From that moment on, his wet, bedraggled countenance was never seen again in that part of the jungle. In fact, all the animals, including the butterflies, lived happily to the end of their days.

The moral of the story is that one who is graced with strength and size should never take advantage of the fact and make demands upon the less fortunate. For, as a punishment, he may be humiliated by the weakest forms of life.

S. NESBITT (3a).

A HAPPY FAMILY, AND WHY IT IS HAPPY

I know a very happy family called the family of Man. The parents, Adam and Eve, died years ago and most of the orphans are in the care of a nice man called U.N.O.

Unfortunately, the two strongest brothers are always quarrelling with each other. Both of the brothers have gangs called blocs. U.N.O. does not like this but as he is not very strict he can do nothing about it.

Strangely enough these brothers, called America and Russia, cannot live without each other for if they were not quarrelling they would have nothing to do.

So they are happy.

In the Eastern end of the house is a very old man called China who wants to be bigger than anybody else.

But America says that China is not China and that a little boy called Formosa is really China. Of course, Formosa is in the American gang. These two Chinas are always fighting, but China is happy because it is the biggest boy in the family, and Formosa is happy because when it is attacked America will console it, and defend its ‘democracy’, etc.

So they are happy.

Most of the children are starving or nearly starving but their relations occasionally give them some food and think themselves very good whilst the starving people are happy because they are occasionally getting something, which is better than nothing.

So they are happy.
All the other children have either been exterminated or are so small that nothing is ever heard of them. So they are happy — at last!

As you see everyone in the family of Man is happy, so what is all the discontent about?

R. H. Cole (4b).

TONY

Llandyry House, a former mansion, was now a parsonage and my first home. Life was peaceful in this rural setting. So isolated were we, in fact, that my parents decided that a guard dog was necessary. An old, blue-scarred coal miner, retired after years of toil in the dark bowels of that anthracite area, had an Alsatian, named Tony, for sale. The dog was then eighteen months old.

Tony possessed all the qualities of his breed. His sharply pricked ears, watchful eyes, and his whole build indicated that he was outstanding. In appearance, he resembled a wolf. His trot was long striding, and tireless, his gallop graceful, level, and swift, showing a clean pair of heels to many an adversary. Tony proved himself an excellent guard, and on sunny days, would lie motionless, but ever watchful, by the wheels of my younger brother’s ‘pram’ on the front lawn. A cry from within that carriage would bring him to his feet instantly. Placing his majestic head on the pram’s cover, he would waggle his tail incessantly. When a neighbour came, insisting on taking my baby brother out for a walk, the ever faithful rony would trot alongside, still on guard.

One of Tony’s favourite pastimes was to wait at the ‘bus-stop, outside our main gate. As soon as a double-decker ‘bus screeched to a halt, he would board it with a couple of gigantic leaps, and proceed to sit directly behind the driver. To the delight of some passengers, and to the despair of conductors, he would refuse to leave his seat, until one of our family would rush to retrieve him, to allow the ‘bus to continue on its journey.

It was a sad day for us all when the day of parting with our beloved ‘friend’ came upon us. This was brought about by our departure to a thickly populated, urban parish. It would have been cruelty for a dog which had known freedom to be kept in a confined space. A good home was found for him, with an understanding friend.

E. W. Davies (2a).

SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

MODERN JAZZ CLUB

House music, House drama, and a charity concert: all three have this year somewhat precluded the activities of this club. Indeed since Christmas we have held only one full meeting, at which was played the much discussed ‘live’ recording, “Miles Davis at Carnegie Hall”.

The newly-named W.G.b Jazz group has been far from inactive, and the group’s performance at the Spring concert in aid of Famine Relief reflected appreciable technical and rhythmical improvement.

M.L.A.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This has not been a very active term for the Society. Our greatest efforts were devoted to Speech Day when an exhibition of photographs was held. We also photographed Sir Compton Mackenzie on his arrival and succeeded in producing the finished enlargements an hour later.

There was an abortive attempt to film the events of Sports Day—the camera motor seized up again and so we have finally abandoned attempts to make a ciné film. However, we have a full programme for next term, with film strips and lectures from Kodak in addition to our usual activities.

A.J.L.A.

SCOUTS

The prolonged wintry weather of the great freeze robbed us of quite a few meetings in the first three months of this year. Adams, in particular, it seems, found great difficulty in keeping his chin up above the Doddington floods. Nevertheless we met often enough to get a great many Tenderfeet (nine new members last September) through their tests.

Exigencies of time and space in the school calendar and building respectively prevented the Christmas party from happening; but Baden Powell’s birthday was strangely but satisfactorily celebrated with a surfeit of fish, chips, beans, jelly and cake. We are hoping to hold a parents’ evening of some sort before the end of this term, to replace the parents’ “entertainment” which B.P.’s party should have been.

St. George’s Day Parade was celebrated on the 28th of April at Burton Latimer, with a fair turn-out of Troop but few Seniors. We hope to teach next year’s organist to play at Scout pace!

Once again we went up to the Hardwick Road and found Day’s Farm as we left it last year. The Patrol Leaders laid a trail which any Apache with 30 years’ experience and the drive of hunger inside him could no doubt have followed with ease. When, however, we did find them again, they were treated to an object-lesson by Mr. Dunning—which was interrupted by the owner of the land on which
we were tracking. It seems that what, for the many centuries of Mr. Dunning's rule, has always been "the wood at Day's Farm", isn't. The wood is on the wrong side of the stream which divides Wellingborough from Harrowden. So now we know!

The Silverwood Cup Competition, held at St. Mary's Paddock, Wellingborough, on the afternoon of the 11th of May, was won by our patrol, consisting of Smart, Huddart, Mills, Webb, Olney and Baldwin. Likewise the Gilbey Cup Competition, held at Harrowden Hall, on June 29th and 30th, was won by our patrol—Betts, Stevenson, Smart, Parkinson, Mills and Huddart. Congratulations to all concerned, especially as this is the first time in local history that both cups have been held by the same troop. (We won the Gilbey last year and came second in the Silverwood by one point.)

The sodden feel of pine-needles in our hair at Youlbury last year, the sight of Pine one morning after the great storm (commixta grandine nimbus) wringing out the socks of his patrol, the ooze of erstwhile firma terra in the camp-kitchen, the fact that one scoutmaster's tent turned out well under one hundred per cent. proof—these memories are fading. This year's camp will be at Chalfont Heights, near Gerrard's Cross, in Buckinghamshire—"in the open field by the tap", as Mr. Dunning emphasised to me, which is the nearest thing to "H. & C. in all tents". A large gap in our ranks is left by Peter Smith, who is fashionably going to Spain; also by several others who, alas, have other holidays arranged then. I would like to emphasise, however, how much such absences shatter our ideal of having all the troop at camp when possible. The summer camp is probably the most important part (not to say the most enjoyable) of a scout's life and to have a complete troop at camp is one of our dearest wishes.

We wish to congratulate S. H. Allen, who has been chosen along with one other from the district, to join the County's contingent to the World Jamboree at Marathon in Greece, the historic plain in which the wounded pride of Darius, the "great king" of Persia, was sadly demolished by the militant politicians of a newly democratic Athens. But ancient history apart, we wish Shallen, rather unnecessarily, a truly great experience. We were rather upset that Ron. Palmer was not also chosen; but then will there be a scouts' car park at the Jamboree? (Wollaston to Marathon or bust—by yet another Nuffield product?)

The Seniors. In the Spring Term First Aid Badge work occupied most of the time and Mr. L. E. Gotch, of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, examined them and passed Butler, Fairey, Hale, Cole and Pine. They all had a good week-end doing the journey part of the Venturer's Badge when they joined the High Peak party in May. Pine did the rest of the Badge at a course held at Burton Latimer. Palmer went to meet the Chief Scout in early May and received his Queen's Scout Certificate. (Somebody in the breadth and length of the land has mislaid Allen's Queen's Scout Certificate—any offers?) Finally, the canoe has been overhauled and used frequently (with life-jackets).
THE RECORD SOCIETY

Apart from the usual weekly meetings on Friday dinner-times this year, we have had two special meetings on Wednesday evenings, one during the Spring and one during the Summer Term. In the first, a programme of recorded music was presented, and two short talks were given by R. Walden and R. Wilkinson. In the second, we had a programme of chamber music, given by P. Baxter and M. Lambert (flute and piano), R. Williams and B. Tanner (clarinet and piano), and R. Wilkinson (piano). Meetings this year have been arranged by Wilkinson and Lambert.

FIELD SURVEY SOCIETY

The Society has continued to flourish during the past year. Although practice during the Autumn and Spring terms was impossible owing to the extremely severe weather this year's expedition has proved to be the most successful yet.

This year's party on our expedition to Golan, Caernarvonshire, total twenty-nine. Caernarvon County Council loaned the Society their school at Golan as headquarters for the period, 16th-23rd April. The building had five rooms on two floors and was situated on a slope overlooking the Pennant valley, reputed to be one of the finest valleys in Wales. This afforded a wonderful view from the school, over which the members of the party could gaze whilst eating.

Our numbers this year included Mr. R. E. Knight, formerly on the biology staff, accompanied by four boys of Endsleigh School, Colchester. It is the first time that the Society has entertained a group from another school and we look forward to further parties from Endsleigh School joining future expeditions.

STAMP CLUB

Meetings have been held regularly this term with, however, only moderate attendance. It is to be hoped that more regular members can be recruited next year so that competitions and other activities can be sustained.

JUNIOR CHEMISTRY CLUB

Meetings have been held weekly and on the whole a high standard of attendance has been maintained.

A most encouraging start has been made on more advanced work in the field of qualitative analysis.
RAILWAY CLUB

Our exhibition on Parents’ Day was very successful and, with the addition of a piece of track which has been called “Pope’s knitting”, we were able to carry out full operation of our six new baseboards. A 20-section switchboard for these baseboards is now nearing completion and by next term we shall be able to set up the whole railway in the hall with complete sectional control.

As we go to press final arrangements have been completed for a most ambitious excursion on July 10th. Leaving Irchester at 1 a.m., we shall pick up the rest of the party and then travel through the night to start a full day’s programme of shed visits at Mold. A circular route will then take us through Chester, Northwich, Warrington, Sutton Oak, Wigan (Springs Branch), Wigan (L. & Y.), Horwich Works, Bolton, Bury, Newton Heath and Gorton. By the time we set down the last member of the party in the evening we hope to have had a record day, covering about 375 miles.

RECORDE R CLUB

Thanks to the generosity of the Parents’ Committee, the Recorder Club now possesses a tenor recorder, which produces a beautiful mellow tone. This instrument will be heard to advantage in three pieces from The Fitzwilliam Virginals Book which are being prepared for the Summer Recital. Treble recorders are being used, too, in the accompaniment of Handel’s “May no rash intruder...”; hence the players are as active as ever.

ARTS CLUB

Recent months have seen some clarification of what members think the Club ought to be. When we started there was much uncertainty about its name and purpose. Some wanted debates; others wanted a counterpart of the Scientific Society for arts students; still others were against any definition which might limit activities.

These last two terms the greatest interest has been aroused by those meetings which dealt with current political and social problems. This is a development to be welcomed if it increases awareness of the demands a democracy makes upon its members. It may be that this interest will have to be catered for by a separate society at a later stage, but at present, whilst the Arts Club is still developing, it is best to allow the emphasis to be on whatever is interesting members at the time. Only by a continued infusion of new ideas and experiment will the Club continue to grow in influence.

On 5th March, 44 members heard Dr. Pettit speak on “An Ideology for the West”. (The timing of this meeting was quite unrelated to Dr. Pettit’s adoption, a few days earlier, as prospective Liberal candidate
for the Wellingborough Division; we are assured that in the political field his immediate attentions will be on domestic problems before tackling the West as a whole! This lecture arose from private exchanges in which it was agreed that the West needed a positive ideology if it was to compete successfully with Marxism. Members appreciated the immensity of the subject and Dr. Pettit wisely limited himself to exploratory observations, emphasising that the Christian ethic was the obvious basis for the West to build on.

Mr. G. Gordon, the County Drama Adviser, gave a talk on “Life in a Repertory Theatre”, on 28th March. He illustrated it with a film strip made at the Northampton Repertory Theatre and an apt selection of theatrical anecdotes. We followed all the stages of a production and learned the arduous working conditions in repertory.

Perhaps the most eagerly awaited meeting was on 16th May when, although exhausted by Sports Day, over 40 members stayed at school to hear Dr. John Rex, Lecturer in Sociology at Birmingham University. Dr. Rex spoke on “Apartheid”. He is a native South African and was excluded from South Africa because of his opposition to the policies of the Nationalist government. He gave us an objective account of the historical reasons for the present position and his own assessment for the future. Members heard of the increasing supply of arms to Africans and of the reasons why the problem is no longer capable of peaceful settlement. Dr. Rex hoped that bloodshed might be limited by some foreign commercial interest backing moderate African leadership.

The Club has also concerned itself with the problems of management-labour relations in industry. The amount of production and export business lost through poor industrial relations makes this an urgent problem for Britain. On 17th May, Mr. S. Robinson, President of the National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives, came to talk about organised labour in this area and how his union sees its own rôle. As a member of the General Council of the T.U.C. and their representative in recent demarcation disputes, he was able to discuss Trades Unions far beyond their local activities. He also spoke with authority on the situation in other countries as he has several times been abroad on business connected with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

We hope to take this investigation of industrial problems further in September. The next step will be to hear management’s side of the question and for this we have approached John White Footwear Ltd. They cannot provide a speaker at present but we shall doubtless get someone for the autumn.

We are fortunate in having locally a unique attempt to solve the problems of industrial relations. Scott Bader Ltd., of Wollaston, is controlled by a Commonwealth to which a majority of management and workers belong. Mr. E. Ostwald, of Scott Bader Ltd., has already agreed to lecture the Club on the Commonwealth next term.
Other activities recently have included a reading of N. F. Simpson’s play “The Hole”.

A good programme for next term is already assured, including a talk by Mr. Chesters about Wagner. We hope that members will continue to make suggestions for future meetings and support the Club regularly. Whilst our interests will attract mainly fifth and sixth formers, we are always pleased to have others as guests whenever a meeting particularly interests them.

THE GOLF CLUB

The playing membership was unusually large this year, and at one time nineteen boys were being coached by the professional, Mr. Lovelady. As usual this number dwindled during the year, but nevertheless a fair number remained and several members are now practising regularly on the Wellingborough Golf Club course.

Lessons under the Golf Federation scheme will begin again next term, and anyone who wishes may join. The fee is 5/- for the year, and equipment is provided for the instruction.

Golf is a very useful game, as it can be played in almost all countries, in almost all conditions and at almost any age, but proper coaching in the early days is essential.

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

During the Spring Term our programme comprised of a variety of unrelated topics, and the visits of three outside speakers were appreciated. The Rev. J. P. Beaumont, Vicar of St. Andrew’s Church, Wellingborough, gave an introduction to Christian Apologetics; the Rev. D. Raper, minister of Wollaston Baptist Church, spoke on “The Christian and Nuclear Disarmament”; and the annual visit of a London City Missioner proved as stimulating as ever.

Unfortunately it was difficult that term to persuade boys to lead studies; attendance was often sparse and discussion usually lacked vigour, if not spiritual perception. Yet, the Christian Fellowship did not evade self-criticism and during the Summer Term there were fewer signs of this malaise. The theme was then a detailed study of St. Paul’s Letter to the Colossians. In the course of this the leadership of the Rev. D. Morris, Wesleyan Reform Minister at Rushden Mission, and the Rev. W. Aitken, the American Exchange Rector of Barton Seagrave, helped to contribute to the success of the term.

Ideas for future studies and discussions are always welcome from any member of the IVth, Vth and VIth Forms.
TOC H

The memorable occasion of the Group this year has been the celebration in May of the East Midlands Toc H Area Festival which was held in Wellingborough for the first time. Members from over fifty Toc H branches attended. A commemoration service was held in the High Street Congregational Church when A. J. L. Jones read the lesson. Entertainment was supplied by Wellingborough branches at Salem Hall and W. R. Orton, also of the W.G.S. Group, took the ceremony of Light.

During the Easter holidays, four boys of the Group, G. E. Tall, I. Rawlins, P. A. Manton and I. G. Fraser, spent a week's working-holiday at Dor Knap, the Toc H centre in the Cotswolds, and according to their reports had a marvellous time.

We have had several guest speakers, perhaps the most memorable being Sgt. Roy, from Wellingborough Constabulary, who gave us a talk on the history and organisation of the Police Force. He accompanied his talk with several photographs of murders, car accidents and suicides, which quite put some members off their cups of tea.

A Jumble Sale was organised to help along our ever-diminishing funds and we were lucky enough to raise fifteen pounds. It was also decided to have a stall at Wellingborough Charities Fête, but owing to the torrential downpour on the day of the fête, our efforts were largely wasted.

We say goodbye with regret this term to two of our staunch members, G. E. Tall and M. J. Dickie, and wish them every success in the future.

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There are no major items of news to report, but all our usual activities are flourishing.

The Cricket Club, again competing in the County League, is doing well, as is the Sunday team. The Rugger Club beat the Town for the Round Table Cup. The Table Tennis Club has won promotion to a higher league in its first year. The "Tote" also continues quite steadily. Ladies' Night, a very successful function, was held this year at Great Doddington. Other dances have been held at Sywell, and more car rallies are planned.

Unfortunately, we have not yet been successful in our search for a new site for the Memorial Sports Field, though the filling in of Long
Marsh, part of our original field, has progressed apace. It was our intention to develop this area for extra amenities, but this may well be impossible under the Urban Council's plans.

K. J. HOLMES.

CRICKET CLUB REPORT

We have reached the half-way mark with the First XI and Sunday XI in fine form and we are hoping that this will prove the most successful season in our history.

The First Eleven have played nine matches, won five, drawn two, lost one, and had one abandoned through rain. With only one side being promoted to the second division of the County League this season, the efforts of each player will be needed if we are to achieve promotion.

The Sunday Eleven have played twelve, won eight, drawn three and lost one match, this in the last over. It seems that we shall have to replace several fixtures by stronger ones in order to do justice to our team for next season.

The annual Speech Day match against the School was drawn. Perhaps because of the cold weather play was not up to the standard of the previous two years. The Old Boys were all out for 114. With a fair amount of time the School made little effort to get the runs, and the last hour was as dreary to players and spectators as the weather.

On Whitsun Monday players, wives, and girl friends left early for Bottisham. The coach stopped in Cambridge giving the party time to look around and have lunch. In the afternoon Bottisham were beaten for the first time in our three matches against them. Celebrations occupied the evening, and Wellingborough was reached at midnight, the party in high spirits.

The experiment of our Second XI playing friendly matches on Saturday has not been without its problems and we have had difficulty in getting both fixtures and players. Five matches have been played to date, all lost. However, the team has enjoyed the atmosphere of non-league cricket and, with some players returning from college to strengthen the side, perhaps the second half of the season will be more successful.

The ground has made a remarkable recovery after the severe winter, and the square is providing good batting wickets—four of our recent scores have been over 200. This, we hope, will continue for the rest of the season.

R. T. NEWNHAM, Hon. Secretary.
OLD GRAMMARIANS’ R.F.C. REPORT

Season 1962/3

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The season, although affected by the bad weather, was a success, especially for the 1st XV. Their captain, Colin Cross, inspired his team to great heights and their team work was really excellent.

The ‘A’ XV, skippered by Peter Negus, had mixed fortunes but were never disgraced in their play. The newly-formed ‘B’ XV, which was often led by Ken Bond, proved a great success. The team is a judicious blend of the veteran players and of the younger members of the Club. They certainly always enjoyed their games. It is the intention of the Club to seek a full fixture list for this team next season.

The Colts’ XV was led by Dick Abrahams. He personally had a glorious season and he was honoured by playing in each game of the East Midlands Colt XV, to bring credit to the Club.

The Annual Round Table Cup fixture with Wellingborough R.F.C. had to be re-arranged for April. We retained our hold on the cup by convincingly defeating the Town by 10 points to 5.

Social activities in the Club are always prominent, and this season the main attraction was the most enjoyable Easter Tour to the South Coast. A new venture was a Cheese and Pickle Supper held at the end of the season, when a ciné film taken of the Easter Tour was shown to a large gathering of members.

D. G. STRATTON,
Hon. Secretary.

108 The Pyghtle, Wellingborough.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

OXFORD

Oxford has seen several changes this term. Marks and Spencer’s new store nears completion, and the Sheldonian has now been restored.

The Queen’s College is losing E. J. WOOD who, now being the proud possessor of a degree in Biochemistry, is leaving for the more verdant pastures of Burroughs Wellcome. G. G. MARTIN (Hertford) has just finished Geography Finals and is going into accountancy. The only other Old Grammarian to do Schools this year, D. O. TALL
(Wadham), is staying on for a D.Phil. in Mathematics. K. D. BINGHAM (St. Peter's) has acquired (at an undisclosed price) the secretariaship of the University cycling club and C. TALBOT, of St. Catherine's, has rowed in his college eight. Pembroke people (including P. D. S. WHITE) seem to be somewhat less athletic.

Balliol has now reached the 700th year since its foundation. Perhaps this has proved too much for I. GRIFFITHS and B. WESTCOTT, for they have not been much in evidence. The only other ex-W.G.S. person at Oxford is P. C. NEWELL, of St. Peter's, who has been compiling a "Painters' Guide to Oxford".

CAMBRIDGE

Three Old Boys go down this June. They are BILLING, HAWKINS and GARLEY. Billing and Hawkins hope to do research and acquire a Ph.D. before going into industry. Garley plans to spend next academic year teaching in France, and a further year at Bristol University doing a Diploma of Education.

Achievements:


LONDON

London this year has failed to bring forth its dead! The author of these notes has seen little of fellow Old Grammarians in the metropolis, and fears many of them to have perished in the harsh winter. Of those known to have survived, only the following information has been gleaned.
COLES, H. S. D. (Imperial College of Science)—has played rugby and
indulged in less energetic pastimes. Has purchased another veteran
car to replace that off Land’s End. Hopes to sell this one.

BUCHTA (University College) is also a rugby player. He claims his
natural brilliance will carry him through all examinations.

PRIOR (Queen Mary College) has worked hard and consistently with
an ideal (at present being corrected) of getting a good degree.

BRADSHAW (Queen Mary College) has worked spasmodically,
but claims he is “broadening” his outlook. Often heard muttering
about “great”, “swell” and “combinations”—part of the esoteric
language of the organ player. A party man and (incredibly) even
smoother than of yore. Boult and Barbirolli are worried.

ROUND (University College) is something of an enigma. Believed to
live in Maida Vale. The true whereabouts of the blandly menacing
smile may never be known.

KEARSLEY (Queen Mary College) wanders about London complain-
ing about the weather, the government, the opposition and things
in general.

HODGKINS (Battersea College) has hidden his proboscis away in the
confines of his college. Since he plays the guitar (badly) his retreat
from the world is welcomed by acquaintances.

JAMES (Battersea College) alone is unfortunate—a fellow Battersea
man, he is obliged to tolerate the above-mentioned music. Looks
forward to the end of his course.

RITCHIE (Chelsea School of Pharmacy) has been hard at it with
examinations.

FROST (Queen Mary College), MAHER (King’s College Hospital),
BILLING (University College) and WARRINGTON have not been
seen—but are presumed to be working—or something.

LEWIS (University College) and GRIGGS (University College) are
parallel “cases”. Both have completed college finals, both have got
engaged, and both have got jobs. Both are unbeatably superior.

OBERMAN (London School of Economics) is chairman of Ang. Soc.

BRYAN (Battersea), now relieved of position of co-driver to Mr. Shaw,
looks happier than ever before. Sends telegrams to the two K’s
and plays cards well into the night.

LEEDS

D. N. JAMES—Norm. has spent a silent year without the University.
Finals have clamped down on his usual activities — snooker,
billiards, cards. However, being a sporting fellow and wishing to
keep fit, he has recently taken up skittles and darts.
R. L. COWLEY—'Bup' has spent his usual type of term, this time with the assistance of an overdraft. He works hard and plays hard, and deserves to succeed.

M. SPRIGGS—Has now shaved off his moustache and trilby. Report has it that this was done forcibly by a horde of student nurses. Intends to marry in August and study Dentistry for another three years.

R. A. BAILEY—A man of jovial character and original genius. He has written scientific prose for the "Poetry and Audience" magazine but has had none accepted as yet.

D. S. WILSON—Has shown continued interest in the extraneous sounds of Northamptonshire dialects. This is linked with the now flourishing Labio Wind Organ Society which gives performances to old age pensioners with regularity.

MARTYN WAKELIN, M.A.—A profound academic with bushy beard. He spends most of the day editing material for the forthcoming volumes of the "Survey of English Dialects". He lectures in the University occasionally. He is also something of a connoisseur of the arts.

R. I. S. WHITE—Now at Theological Training College at Mirfield. His experience of life is now much broader and will no doubt make him an excellent parson.

SHEFFIELD AND DURHAM

These two Universities share this year's Editor's Prize for the Most Uncommunicative University. Owing to the tightening up of Government security and the Official Secrets Act, we know nothing of BERMINGHAM, POYNER, PEARSON, BDELLS, JOYCE, C. V. SIMPSON, GOTCH, B. A. TALL, J. RAWLINS and, our correspondent there, D. P. DRAGE, all of Sheffield, or of HOWARD, SUMMERS, T. J. S. THOMPSON and MACRAE, of Durham.

NOTTINGHAM

M. E. RIDGE, the sole survivor of O.G.'s there, is the victim of an eccentric University postal system whereby only letters incorrectly addressed reach him. He is safely through his Part I. Spanish and is now in search of subsid. French in the country of its origin. Modestly denies rumours that he is the man behind the career of his brother—the political one!

BIRMINGHAM

S. J. DICKENS (Second year English) remains highly elusive but it is rumoured that he is making his mark on University "soccer".
NEWS OF OLD BOYS

D. BROWN (Open exhibition in Natural Science, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, 1957) has been awarded a post-doctoral research fellowship at Brundeis University, U.S.A.

I. K. READ is pursuing his post-graduate course in Russian at Moscow University.

MICHAEL LANGLEY (County Major Scholarship, 1959), of Richmond College, Divinity School, London University, has won a World Council of Churches Scholarship to the Austin Theological Seminary, U.S.A.

R. J. WARRINGTON has won a Scholarship in Physiology at London Hospital Medical School.

M. WYMAN continued his journalistic career on a popular periodical with a reminiscence of schooldays with David Frost.

K. R. SPENCER ('36-45) who is teaching Maths. and coaching rowing at Eton College was among those invited to assist in the coaching of this year's Oxford boat-race crew.

A sculpture (by Cecil Thomas) of J. P. HYDE making a flying tackle in a Mobbs Memorial match was exhibited at the Autumn showing of the Society of Portrait Sculptors.

C. P. DANIELS renewed acquaintance, during a six month business visit, with some of the Canadian Rugby XV against whom he played for Midland Counties last autumn.

Our former Headmaster and recently retired Educational Secretary of Oxford University Appointments Board, Rev. A. R. WOOLLEY, is now Rector of Gestingthorpe, in Essex.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES TO DATE

D. N. James II. Economics, Leeds.
R. Bedells II. 2 Physics, Sheffield.
M. F. Simmons Associate of National College of Food Technology
2nd Class.
G. E. Bermingham III. Law, Sheffield.
W. Sherwood B.A. Architecture Hons., Liverpool.
E. J. Wood  II. Hons. Biochemistry, Queen’s College, Oxford.
K. Bailey  B.A. Chemistry, St. Catherine’s College, Oxford.
P. B. M. Slater  1st Class Hons. Spanish, II. 2 French, Downing College, Cambridge.
R. J. Wrenn  II. 2 Part 1 Law, Gonville and Caius, Cambridge.
R. H. Joyce  II. 2 Civil Engineering, Sheffield.
C. R. S. Talbot  III. Mods. Physics, St. Catherine’s College, Oxford.
A. J. Doyle  II. Chemistry, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
STAFF

H. A. WRENN, M.A., Christ Church, Oxford. (Headmaster).
I. J. NICHOLAS, M.A., Jesus College, Oxford. (Second Master).
H. C. PHILLIPS, A.R.C.A.
J. H. BUTLER, B.A., St. Catherine’s Society, Oxford.
A. JACKSON, M.A., Ph.D., University College, London.
R. V. S. WARD, B.Sc., (Econ.), Lond., University College, Nottingham.
W. HOLMES, M.Sc., Manchester.
M. S. CHEALE, B.Sc., (Eng.), London.
R. H. TEMPLE, M.A., Queens’ College, Cambridge.
J. W. HUDDART, B.Sc., Manchester.
J. P. HYDE, Loughborough College.
E. A. PRITCHARD, B.Sc., Bristol.
C. F. TAYLOR, M.A., St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
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