Lord and Lady Boothby testing the equipment in the "Boothby Language Laboratory"
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SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sturman, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. G. Macdonald on their recent marriages.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. P. Gillibrand on the birth of a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Wilson on the birth of a son.

Mr. M. J. Parkin and Mr. A. R. Kingston left school last term to take up new appointments. Mr. Parkin has joined the staff of Kettering Technical College, and Mr. Kingston has gone into industry.

Lord and Lady Booth were the chief guests on Speech Day which was held on May 2nd.

Mr. R. B. Taylor was a member of the British Lions side which toured South Africa last summer.

On June 26th the School had its annual Excursion Day, and 400 boys made visits to such places as London Zoo, Woburn Abbey, the House of Commons, the Old Bailey, and the Shuttleworth Aviation Museum. We are very grateful to Mr. T. G. Tomlinson who made all the arrangements.

M. C. Jacobs and P. Wind were selected to play for the County under 15 XI against Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, and Bedfordshire last season.

M. G. Smith won the County School 100 yards (13-15 group) and was chosen to represent the County in the All-England Championship.

The adjudicator at the House Drama Competition this year was Mrs. Cook, (Widow Turvey of "The Archers"). The standard of performance was good, and the winning play, "My Proud Beauty" by Gryphons, was very highly praised.

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The School is very grateful to the parents of H. J. Elliot, the head boy, and to the parents of M. A. Cox, for generous gifts of books to the Chemistry and English libraries.

IN MEMORIAM

John Ellis (W.G.S. 1963-65)

DRAGONS

Housemasters : Mr. Pine, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Leftwich
House Captain : R. J. Gayton House Secretary : G. R. Clucas

Yet another year passes with the Dragons achieving many honours. The House Cricket, usually a weak-spot, improved considerably, and the House attained second position. We also took second place in House Music, Athletic Sports, and P.E. competition.

This year also marked the initiation of a new award, the Steve Grant Cup for basketball, named after an old head boy. This was won by the House, and we congratulate the team on their victory.

The House also thanks M. F. Hager, B. E. Smith, and R. Gayton for their toils and the way they built up an atmosphere of team spirit and determination, necessary for any success. Finally, the House thanks all Dragons who are departing from our midst for their hard work in the past years, and the whole House joins in wishing them every success for the future.
GRYPHONS

House Masters: Mr. A. J. B. Tussler, Mr. D. S. Wilson, Mr. R. D. Beacham
Secretary: P. Misseibrook

Mr. Tussler presided over the meeting at the beginning of the Easter Term and began by emphasising the importance of everyone obtaining as many standards as possible before sports day. He continued by saying that new events had been introduced, such as badminton, shot, discuss and javelin, and that we must use these new opportunities to the full if we were to regain the cup, which we had lost only last year.

The House plays were our Easter terms crowning achievement. The brilliant production of Misseibrook coupled with excellent acting gave us the first place which we so nearly obtained last year.

We were sorry to hear of Mr. Tussler’s illness at the beginning of this term when his usual position at the house meeting was taken by Mr. Wilson. He repeated Mr. Tussler’s plea for standards before sports day and also went on to speak about the rugby and cricket.

We showed our usual weaknesses in all the house matches this term and also failed to do at all well on sports day.

However, as we look forward, another year is already looming over us. There are many challenges for us, a few cups that we must fight to keep hold of, but many that we must fight to regain.

LIONS

House Masters: Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. J. P. Hyde, Mr. J. Butler
Head of House: P. Toombs
House Secretary: P. K. Beard

The fortunes of the Lions House have long been on the downgrade and if, as is often said, the fortunes of a particular House run in a cycle, then improved performances must soon appear. Normally the House looks forward to the Cricket Competition, since this has proved their strong point in recent years. The seniors have long had a formidable side, but this season, examination commitments have weakened both the team and its performances. Any success the House does enjoy, the House Drama, is generally the work of the senior or the junior members; the middle school being apathetic. It can only be hoped that new members will put a greater drive and urgency into the House, and lift it from its rather undignified overall last position.

STAGS

House Masters: Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. M. F. Hendley
Head of House: S. K. Clark
House Secretary: K. Munday

This last year has been one of continuing successes for the Stags, commencing with an unexpected first place in the House Music Competition. The next event to be decided was the House Rugby Cup, in which neither of Stags sides sustained a defeat.

Our disappointment at being placed third in the Drama Competition was dispelled by further successes during the summer term; namely the winning of the Athletics and Relay cups, the Cricket, Minor Games, and P.E. Competitions.

On reflection one finds that the House has few outstanding individuals and none of the calibre of former years ("when we used to win all the cups"). Our successes have been due entirely to "team effort".
Lord Boothby had been ill for some time before May 2nd but he insisted on being present for our Speech Day. He said that his doctors could prevent him doing many things, but they could not stop him making a speech. He, and most other English people, wanted common sense to prevail in the social and political issues of the country. Mr. Enoch Powell's "racialist" speech was criticised for its lack of sense and Lord Boothby insisted that it did not reflect the feelings of Englishmen towards immigrants. In electing Sir Leary Constantine to the Rectorship of Saint Andrews University, students had demonstrated the desire of all decent people that ability should be rewarded irrespective of colour or race. On the question of education Lord Boothby said that there was a place in the English system for all types of school — Comprehensive, Public, Grammar and Modern — and that if any justification was needed for the continuing existence of the Grammar school then one only had to look at the results achieved by Wellingborough Grammar School.

Lady Boothby then presented the prizes. It was her first public engagement and photographers from the "Daily Express" were there to record it. The guests then visited the various exhibitions and Lord Boothby named the Language Laboratory.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

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One continually hear criticism of the game of cricket and occasionally one wonders what the future holds in store. With G.C.E. examinations beginning in May and term ending early in July, unless our English weather is uncharacteristically clement school cricket barely stands a chance of reaching a moderate standard before the season is over. This year, the weather has taken its toll of matches and has also severely curbed net and other practices.

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1st XI

On paper the 1st XI was a good side, but the weather and examinations prevented us from indulging in a full range of practices, and we also lacked match practice. As things turned out we had to be content with mediocrity relieved by the occasional flash of brilliance. Dobbs, Gayton, and Summers played some useful innings, and Hobbs, Hobley, and Rawlins bowled effectively but we lacked consistency and dedication. It was also noticeable that when we played against older men (The O.G.s and Wellingborough Thursday) we lost all confidence and performed badly against bowling which was not too difficult. Against Wellingborough Thursday, the fielding was excellent, and Bird has been outstanding at cover, but all too often we have not shown the necessary urgency in the quick return or the do-or-die attempt to take a catch.
To mention individuals is perhaps wrong when reviewing a team sport, but three 1st XI players have been outstanding. Dobbs, who has gained confidence steadily over the past three years, has become an accomplished batsman. He plays well off the front foot (a rare achievement at W.G.S.) and hooks the short ball with a Milburn-like aggression. The bad ball rarely escapes severe punishment. Rawlins has bowled as well as anyone in the side, although he was originally selected for his batting. He maintains a superb length and with a little movement off the pitch has proved very difficult to get away. The hat-trick is not often seen and Hobbs deserves congratulation for performing this feat against Oundle School 2nd XI. Of the quicker bowlers he has been the most accurate and can also make the ball lift awkwardly off a length. His figures have been impressive and one remembers with delight the spell against Bedford School 2nd XI when he took 6 for 14.

For the most part, the side enjoyed its cricket and we even went so far as to enter two local 6-a-side competitions. Given good weather and similar enthusiasm, next season should be a good one. Our thanks go to N. Haycox who has kept a neat and accurate scorebook throughout the season.

D.S.W.

RESULTS

MAY 2nd v. Old Grammarians Lost by 76 runs
O.G.'s 138 for 5 declared (Bridgeford 67) : W.G.S. 62

4th v. Northampton G.S.
N.G.S. 121 for 3 MATCH ABANDONED

5th v. Old Grammarians
O.G.'s 77 (Rawlins 5–21) : W.G.S. 8 for 3
(Dobbs 43 not out; Summers 23)

16th v. Bedford School 2nd XI
W.G.S. 82 (Gayton 24) : Bedford 58 (Hobbs 6–14)

18th v. Corby G.S.
Corby 40 (Rawlins 5–14) : W.G.S. 43 for 0
(Dobbs 32 not out)

21st v. Oundle School 2nd XI
Oundle 126 (Hobbs 5 for 23 (including hat-trick) : W.G.S. 48 for 8 (Dobbs 32)

JUNE 27th v. Wellingborough Thursday
W.G.S. 56 : Thursday 61 for 4

JULY 3rd v. Kettering G.S.
K.G.S. 120 : W.G.S. 63 for 6

Match Drawn

2nd XI

RESULTS

MAY 4th v. Northampton G.S.
N.G.S. 98 (Clarke 5 for 14) : W.G.S. 45 for 9

21st v. Oundle 3rd XI
Oundle 163 for 5 : W.G.S. 79 (B. E. Smith 34)

22nd v. Kettering G.S.
W.G.S. 106 for 7 (Alexander 42 not out) : K.G.S. 63
(Hobbs 7 for 26)

JULY 5th v. Kettering G.S.
W.G.S. 45 : K.G.S. 46 for 8

JUNE 19th W.G.S. 'A' XI v. Kettering G.S. 'A' XI
W.G.S. 84 for 8 (6 for 33) : W.G.S. 52

Match Drawn

UNDER 15 XI

Again this season, the elements and the impact of G.C.E. exams have conspired to decimate our fixtures and make nonsense of any attempt to practice and coach. Again this has been a great pity, as the side this year has been a pleasant, interested and promising group.

In the five matches played, we preserved an unbeaten record, though Oundle proved too strong for us and deserved to win. Creditable though our rearguard action was, the foundation of success has been the bowling of Brown and the batting of Jacobs. The former bowled unceasingly, intriguingly, and with undiminished accuracy of length and direction. His lively pace and movement of the ball in the air made him difficult to play. The latter is a very good, mature batsman, possessed of all the shots, and should score many runs in future innings. Mawson Wynd and Smart have weighed in with useful performances. Throssell was effective in the one extended bowl that he had. The remainder have fielded assiduously, but have had little chance to shine. One hopes that next season will bring them more activity. Finally, thanks are due to Bedells and Underwood, our efficient and cheerful scorers.

In the one Under 16 fixture, a magnificent, hard-hitting innings by Rawlins, a pawky one by Allen, some excellent bowling by Brown and some very good fielding, including three well-taken catches by Partridge, gave us an overwhelming win on one of the few perfect days for cricket.


UNDER 15 XI

RESULTS

May
Sat. 4th v. Northampton G.S. Won by 5 wickets
N.G.S. 39 (Mawson 5 for 15, Brown 4 for 16) : W.G.S. 40 for 5 (Wynd 17)
Thur. 16th v. Bedford School Win by 5 wickets
Bedford School 69 (Brown 5 for 24) : W.G.S. 70 for 5 (Jacobs 56 not out)
Tues. 21st v. Oundle School MATCH DRAWN
Oundle School 115 for 6 dec. : W.G.S. 69 for 9
(Jacobs 36, Smart 29 not out)

July
Wed. 3rd v. Kettering G.S. MATCH DRAWN
K.G.S. 86 (Brown 5 for 30, Throssell 4 for 25) : W.G.S. 49 for 6
Mon. 8th v. Kettering G.S. Won by 49 runs
W.G.S. 78 (Wynd 22, Smart 20) : K.G.S. 29
(Brown 6 for 6)

June
Sat. 15th Under 16 XI v. Wellingborough School Senior Colts
Won by 106 runs
W.G.S. 140 for 6 dec. (Rawlins 77, Allen 27) : W.S. 34 (Brown 6 for 12, Mawson 3 for 5)

UNDER 14 CRICKET

This has been a disappointing season. Half the matches were cancelled, due to bad weather, and of those played we only managed a single win.
The highlight of the season has undoubtedly been the batting of Nevett. A left hander, strong on the leg side, he has batted very well and in the last match scored a convincing 52 not out. Leggett has given him sound support as his fellow opening bat. Mankiewicz, after a quick twenty in his first match, has never been in long enough to muster any quick runs. He must temper his desire to score quickly and play himself in before having a go. Groome and Huxley each had an inning of merit.

The bowling has been weak. The side lacked a good opening bowler. If Mankiewicz could develop a more fluent style with his height and strength, he could fill the bill. The most successful bowler has been Huxley. He has bowled consistently and has proved a good stock bowler. The main criticism that could be levelled is that all the bowlers pitched the ball far too short despite being continually exhorted to pitch them up.

The fielding has been adequate but never really menacing—we suffered from too many static fielders. Outfielders were often slow off the mark through not moving in with the bowler. Leggett has proved a competent keeper.

On the bright side, all those who have played have been enthusiastic about their cricket, which in this summer is to their credit.

Colours: S. Nevett, R. J. Huxley, M. P. Leggett and P. M. Mankiewicz.

The following have played in the team: D. J. Atley (Capt.), S. Nevett, M. P. Leggett, P. M. Mankiewicz, R. J. Huxley, S. E. Groome S. C. Tivey, S. G. Wills, S. W. Farrar, I. G. White, P. A. Bailey, K. A. Mayes and M. G. Poole.

RESULTS

**v. Northampton G.S. U14**  
Lost by 21 runs  
Northampton 113 (Huxley 4 for 27, Mankiewicz 2 for 15) : W.G.S. 92 (Huxley 19, Mankiewicz 23)

**v. Bedford School U14**  
MATCH DRAWN  
Bedford 130 for 8 dec. (Groome 3 for 17) : W.G.S. 94 for 7  
(Nevett 37, Groome 20)

**v. Kettering G.S. U14**  
Lost by 53 runs  
Kettering 66 (Huxley 4 for 11) : W.G.S. 13

**v. Kettering G.S. U14**  
Won by 5 wickets  
Kettering 89 (Mankiewicz 3 for 16, Atley 3 for 23, Huxley 3 for 18) : W.G.S. 90 for 5 (Nevett 52 not out)

**UNDER 13 XI**

The team played four matches, winning one and losing three. The under 13 XI lacks a penetrating opening bowler and a batsman who will 'stick'. Nevertheless, there are some promising players. Whitaker, the Captain, who kept wicket well, Purkiss, a good off-spinner and attacking bat, and Spence, a slow left arm bowler, were among the best.

With further coaching this XI could go from strength to strength.

I.L.M.

**HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION**

**First Round**

**Seniors** (Wednesday, February 29th)

Dragons ¹¹ : Gryphons 0  
Lions ¹ : Stags 15

**Junior** (Thursday, March 1st)

Dragons ¹⁹ : Gryphons ¹⁵  
Lions ¹⁰ : Stags ⁴⁷

**Second Round**

**Senior** (Wednesday, March 13)

Lions ³ : Gryphons ²²  
Dragons ¹³ : Stags ¹⁵
JUNIOR (Thursday, March 14th)
Lions 3 :  Gryphons 22
Dragons 8 :  Stags 36

Final Round
Senior (Wednesday, March 20th)
Stags 11 :  Gryphons 0
Lions 3 :  Dragons 32

Junior (Thursday, March 21st)
Stags 9 :  Gryphons 3
Lions 3 :  Dragons 25

Final Positions
1. Stags ........... 30 points
2. Dragons ........... 20 points
3. Gryphons ........... 10 points
4. Lions ........... 0 points

ATHLETICS
RESULTS

Over 17
100 YARDS—1. Sheehan, J. (G); 2. Phillips, G. N. (G); 3. Lawton, R. (D)
Time: 10.8 secs.
220 YARDS—1. Toombs, P. (L); 2. Phillips, G. N. (G); 3. Hager, M. F. (D)
Time: 24.3 secs.
440 YARDS—1. Elliott, H. (G); 2. Phillips, G. N. (G); 3. Hager, M. F. (D)
Time: 57.2 secs.
880 YARDS—1. Phillips, G. N. (G); 2. Hager, M. F. (D); 3. Fearn, N. J. (D)
Time: 2 min. 20.2 secs.
MILE—1. Phillips, G. N. (G); 2. Hager, M. F. (D); 3. Sanders, M. P. (D)
HIGH JUMP—1. Sheehan, J. (G); 2. Lawson, R. (D); 3. Phillips, G. N. (G)
Height 4 ft. 11 in.
LONG JUMP—1. Toombs, P. (L); 2. Sheehan, J. (G); 3. Phillips, G. N. (G)
Distance: 19 ft. 1 in.
JAVELIN—1. Bird, R. N. G. (S); 2. Rainey, J. D. (S); 3. Gill C. R. (S)
Distance: 107 ft. 6 in.
DISCUS—1. Rainey, J. D. (S); 2. Lawson, R. (D); 3. Britton, C. R. (L)
Distance: 106 ft. 3 in.
SHOT—1. Smith, B. E. (D); 2. Rainey, J. D. (S); 3. Lawson, R. (D)
Distance: 32 ft. 7 in.
Time: 49 secs.

15 – 17 Years
100 YARDS—1. Sheehan, W. (G); 2. Angel, D. (L); 3. York, P. P. (S)
Time: 10.6 secs.
Time: 24 secs.
Time: 57.6 secs.
880 YARDS—1. Lawson, T. (D); 2. Norman, D. (G); 3. Sheehan, J. M. (G)
Time: 2 min. 20.5 secs.
MILE—1. Lawson, T. (D); 2. Willers, A. D. (S); 3. Sheehan, J. M. (G)
Time: 5 min. 8.7 secs.
HIGH JUMP—1. Sheehan, W. (G); 2. York, P. P. (S); 3. Robinson, l. (G)
Height: 4 ft. 11 in.
LONG JUMP—1. Robinson, S. J.(D); 2. York, P. P.(S); 3. Robinson, l.(G)
Distance: 17 ft. 6 in.
JAVELIN—1. York, P. P. (S); 2. Sheehan, W. (G); 3. Rawlins, C. (S)
Distance: 140 ft. 3 in.
DISCUS—1. Sheehan, W. (G); 2. Moore, M. J. (S); 3. Lees, G. (S)
Distance: 121 ft. 5 in.


13 – 15 Years

100 YARDS—1. Smith, M. G. (D); 2. Groome, S. (S); 3. Wilson, J. (D) Time: 11.2 secs.
440 YARDS—1. Smith, M. G. (D); 2. Groome, S. (S); 3. Cobley, D. A. (S) Time: 61.7 secs.
880 YARDS—1. Vincent, M. K. (G); 2. West, N. (L); 3. Fraser, J. A. (L) Time: 2 min. 33.2 secs.
MILE—1. West, N. (L); 2. Vincent, M. K. (G); 3. White, I. G. (S) Time: 5 min. 36 secs.
HIGH JUMP—1. Cole, D. J. (S); 2. Cobley, D. A. (S); 3. Smith, M. G. (D) Height: 4 ft. 5 in.
LONG JUMP—1. Tivey, S. C. (D); 2. Groome, S. (S); 3. Cobley, D. A. (S) Distance: 16 ft. 8 1/2 in.
JAVELIN—1. Cobley, D. A. (S); 2. Manning, K. J. (G); 3. Smith, M. G. (D) Distance: 85 ft. 10 in.
DISCUS—1. Groome, S. (S); 2. Mankiewicz, P. M. (L); 3. Farrar, S. W. (L) Distance: 96 ft. 1 in.
SHOT—1. Mankiewicz, P. M. (L); 2. Groome, S. (S); 3. Smith, M. G. (D) Distance: 30 ft. 11 1/2 in.

13 – 15 Years

880 YARDS—1. Read, G. K. (D); 2. Hawkins, N. R. (L); 3. Oliver G. (S) Time: 2 min. 44.5 secs.
JAVELIN—1. Siwakowski (D); 2. Read, G. K. (D); 3. Lowe (D) Distance: 74 ft. 8 in.
DISCUS—1. Oliver, G. (S); 2. Siwakowski (D); 3. Massom (G) Distance: 66 ft. 9 in.
SHOT—1. Siwakowski (D); 2. Read, G. K. (D); 3. Carter (G) Distance: 23 ft. 11 1/2 in.

Under 13

880 YARDS—1. Read, G. K. (D); 2. Hawkins, N. R. (L); 3. Oliver G. (S) Time: 2 min. 44.5 secs.
JAVELIN—1. Siwakowski (D); 2. Read, G. K. (D); 3. Lowe (D) Distance: 74 ft. 8 in.
DISCUS—1. Oliver, G. (S); 2. Siwakowski (D); 3. Massom (G) Distance: 66 ft. 9 in.
SHOT—1. Siwakowski (D); 2. Read, G. K. (D); 3. Carter (G) Distance: 23 ft. 11 1/2 in.

Martin Athletic Cup:
1. Stags ........ 757 points
2. Dragons ...... 751 points
3. Gryphons ..... 634 points
4. Lions ........ 447 points

Henson Relay Cup:
1. Stags ........ 48 points
2. Dragons ...... 40 points
3. Gryphons ..... 25 points
4. Lions ........ 7 points

WARWICK HURDLES BOWL

2nd YEAR—1. Barford, P. V. (D); 2. Farrington, C. H. (L); Whittaker, A. (G) Time: 13.1 secs.
The School won the triangular match against King's and Deacons Schools, Peterborough, and lost the match against Kettering Grammar School.

### INTER-HOUSE P.E. COMPETITION

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### FINAL PLACING

1. Stags ... ... 161\(\frac{1}{2}\) points
2. Dragons ... ... 150\(\frac{1}{2}\) points
3. Gryphons ... ... 112 points
4. Lions ... ... 57 points

### BASKETBALL 1967–1968

Perhaps the best compliment to the School Basketball and one which is all too rarely known, is the respect with which we are held in the eyes of our opponents. Certainly at all levels this season we have demanded 100 per cent effort from opponents, as our total results of 84 wins out of 101 matches played shows, and for the second year running we have an undefeated School side, namely the Under 14’s. The success of the two Under 16 teams will probably result in a School Third Team at Senior level next year.

The final playing records of the sides were:

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Basketball has maintained a growing interest in the School with the Inter-Form Competitions and the first ever Inter-House Cup Competitions. 5 Beta in the Fourth and Fifth; 3 alpha in the Thirds; and 2 alpha in the Seconds were the form winners. Last year’s School Captain Steve Grant, presented the School with a Cup to be played for in the Senior School.
for Inter-House Basketball. The winners of a close contest were the Dragons House.

As usual at Easter, three teams—Senior, Under 16's and Under 15's—went on tour. This year we went to Sussex and played Schools at Lewes, Hove, Worthing and Haywards Heath. The Seniors remained undefeated on Tour whilst one or two boys from the Under 16's and 15's suffered defeat both on and off the Basketball Court. Despite these few setbacks and slightly spartan accommodation for four of the five nights on tour, a very enjoyable time was had by all.

SENIORS

With two players remaining from last season, our Seniors had sufficient experience on which to base their play. Together with a little good fortune and plenty of honest endeavour the side remained undefeated until the last match of the Autumn Term. In fact only two teams did win against us: Uppingham School (twice) and the U.S.A.F. Base, Chelveston. The matches versus Uppingham were very close; away we lost by 4 points; at home by 1 point and both could have been won with a little more steadiness and accuracy under pressure. However, the Americans from Chelveston gave us the best game ever played at the School with a suitably large crowd to watch. Holding them to a one point lead at half-time we eventually went down 52-64 in a match that effectively taught many lessons in a most enjoyable manner.

In January the School won the Wellingborough Town B.B.C. Knock Out Cup for teams from all over the county, defeating the Bedford Abbey Club in the final.

The Captain, R. Gayton is to be congratulated on his unfailing enthusiasm throughout the season which brought him a rich reward of 357 points and an average 21 points per game. Although his accuracy occasionally faltered it was usually his efforts that drew the opposition out of position or his fast break that led to a score. Layton, Mills and Porter, the team's defenders, were well able to throw a long ball and thus give Gayton many of his opportunities. Porter has continued to improve and should be of immense value to the side next season. Layton has plodded his usual but effective way around the court always providing the side with a great urge to win. Mills, the stalwart of last year's seconds, fitted into the team wherever a vacancy occurred and even though he was switched about he always enjoyed his game.

Smith played as he probably always will. Possessing great control both of the ball and himself he turned many games in the Schools favour with his accurate shooting, close-to, or away from the basket, and defence splitting passes. Alongside him at pivot, Lawson showed himself to be a gluton for punishment though not always prepared to accept it. He started the season shooting from anywhere and at any time thus wasting many hard-earned opportunities. The effect on the rest of the team was sufficient to teach him to wait for the correct time, until by Easter, when on Tour, his jump-shot was one of the sides best chances of a score.

Altogether this year's team has played easily the most fluent Basketball the School has ever produced readily adapting itself to differing conditions of play.

SCHOOL SECONDS

The School Seconds were again entered in the Northants Senior League Division II thus playing Club Teams in most matches. The Team started the season with two boys who had never played in a School team before and not surprisingly four of the first five matches were lost. The players soon realised their most effective style of play was to keep moving the ball going for the quick break all the time.
Scott, Phillips and Howes playing as the front three took some time to sort themselves out but having done so they became a formidable combination. However, only Howes had consistency of shooting power for every game and it was mainly his leadership as captain which enabled the team to improve until they won their last nine matches. Scott has made enormous strides in this his first full season to take a major share in the build-up of the side's attacking play. Unfortunately, his shooting and that of Phillips did not match up to his distribution. By the end of the season though, Phillips had developed his game sufficiently to suggest that next year he will be more than just pushing for a first team place. Molcher and Dobney provided the team with a sound, sensible basis so important for good play, the former scoring many points when given the chance in attack.

Dixon and Ekins also played.

**UNDER 16's**

This group was divided into two teams for their matches this year. The two teams were made up of boys in the Fifth and Sixth Forms and both teams were entered in the Northants Junior League.

**FIFTHS**

The Fifths relied too much on Rawlins at pivot to be able to defeat any team of comparable ability. Although both Lawson and Warburton offered strong contributions to the side's scoring power, if Rawlins was not under the Basket, either for the rebound or merely to distract the opposition, then the attack was usually stopped. Foster was the Team's most dangerous attacker until he lost interest after Christmas. Warburton had the great ability to find space and during the season developed remarkable accuracy in his shooting. Lawson remained disappointing for he would work himself through seemingly impassable defences only to be inconsistent with his shooting.

Moore again showed what a good player he can be when he is in the mood. He played guard with Haggar the captain, who has played every game with customary vigour, but like the rest of the team has suffered because of the indifferent standard of most teams in the League.

**SIXTHS**

The Sixths became Junior League Champions by defeating the School Fifths for the second time in March. They won every match in the League and their only loss was against Towcester G.S.

York and Angel as defenders did a very good job, reliable on rebound play and quick to make good use of the ball. As attackers, however, they had little chance for the other four boys who played in this team Allen, Clarke, Jessop and Partridge showed tremendous verve and were always eager for the ball. Partridge and Clarke with 230 and 228 points respectively scored over half the team's points but Allen and Jessop with their fetching and carrying and general mid-court play did most of the groundwork for the scores.

The fact that all six are to be at School next year will mean there is a fierce contest for first team places.

**UNDER 15's**

This team has the largest fixture list of the school sides and it was therefore appropriate that the group of boys involved should be so keen.

Smart, the Captain, has been the driving force behind the team and with 328 points he dominated the scoring just as much as he
dominated the play. Norman has emerged as the side's best defender but, like Edmonds and Drage, has not developed an attacking flair for the game. Though all three have plenty of potential which Norman and Edmonds will surely realise, Drage will have to overcome his truculence or he may not get the chance.

Clarke, Dormer and Stokes have been the team's wing attacks. All three are small and have therefore found it necessary to keep on the move or be blocked out of the game. Stokes and Clark were the quicker but neither was steady enough when it came to shooting. Dormer has been rather stereotyped in his play but when positioned he has a very accurate shot.

Wynd and Hall also played.

UNDER 14's

This year's Under 14 group has produced an unusually large number of capable boys keen to practice and play in the team. All boys have been given at least one game and the team has averaged a remarkable 44 points per game. There has been the annual problem of encouraging the group to play without allowing them to dribble too much and all have responded well to playing a full court man-to-man defence. The standard of play has been high this year but when a regular team emerges next season the side promises to be the best that we have had in School.

The full list of boys who played is: Cobley, Farrar, Fletcher, Groome, A., Groome, S., Hlusho, Leggett, Mankiewicz, Manning, Mayes, Nevett, Smith, Tivey, Tompkins, Vincent and West.

MUSIC NOTES — SUMMER 1968

Summer Concert

After an almost continuous period of examinations, beginning with G.C.E. on 21st May, and ending with School exams on 25th June, it was impossible to begin intensive rehearsals for the Summer Concert until Thursday, 27th June. With the concert arranged for Tuesday, 9th July, this meant even more strenuous efforts than usual in order to prepare a programme.

In the event, a very full and varied programme was presented before a large and appreciative audience, made possible to a great extent through the help and co-operation of Miss Thomas and the girls of the County High School.

The Orchestra has been meeting regularly this year on Thursday evenings for a short rehearsal each week. This has brought an increase in numbers and the possibility of something more than a scratch ensemble when coming to a concert. We hope very much to be able to continue this work next year: our need is for more string players to balance the already somewhat overloaded woodwind and brass sections. The need throughout the country as a whole is for an increase in the work of peripatetic instrumental teachers, particularly for string teaching to begin in junior schools. This is a necessary preliminary to any expansion of orchestral music in schools like our own, though the possibilities of expansion, even without this work, have been shown this year in our case by much greater co-operation between schools at a local level.

The pieces for brass and wind ensemble showed clearly how much easier it is to produce a good standard of playing on those Instruments in a short time, as compared with strings. The 'Thanet Seascapes' Suite, and the 'Gipsy Baron' March were played with an assurance and vigour sometimes lacking in the Orchestra's items, and the 'Gipsy Baron' was definitely a 'hit', to judge from the volume of the audience's applause.
The Madrigal Group, made up of fourteen senior pupils from the Grammar and High Schools, had prepared their programme in six out-of-school rehearsals, meeting on several Sunday afternoons and some evenings during the week prior to the concert. A remarkably high standard of performance resulted, due mainly to the keenness of the singers and an eagerness to learn about this highly specialised form of vocal ensemble.

Mr. Cox's Recorder Group this year launched out into the intricate rhythms of Central and Latin America in Frederick Boader's 'American Suite'. The percussion players helped not a little to make this an entertaining item, but were at times too heavy for the small number of recorders available.

The Junior Choir's offering of 'Animal Magic', by Gordon Jacob, caused a few smiles, though the singers themselves seemed mildly surprised when the audience laughed; they had become so used to the words in rehearsal that they had forgotten they were supposed to be amusing!

Laurence Joyce's two flute solos showed clearly that he is developing into a player of real excellence. It is to be hoped, however, that his present attention to phrasing and interpretation will not be lost in his increasing technical achievement. The short piece by Richard Lines, written in the twelve-note idiom, was an interesting composition, and we look forward to hearing the completed work of which this was only one movement.

The final item by the Senior Choir, excerpts from 'A Village Opera' to music by Handel, made a fitting conclusion to a very varied programme. This opera is a composite work by Michael Diack, consisting of choruses and arias from a selection of Handel's choral works, linked by added recitatives.

The work opens with a gay and contrapuntal chorus 'O the pleasure of the plains' (from 'Acis and Galatea') in which the scene is set: 'harmless, merry, free and gay'. The plot concerns the efforts of Phyllida (Jennifer Simmonds) to find out which of her two suitors, Strephon or Corydon, is the one she should marry. It is decided that they should compete in song for her hand, and Strephon (Richard Lines) sings the famous aria 'where'er you walk'. Phyllida, however, soon discards as totally unsuitable this method of choosing a partner, and to test her lovers, she disguises herself as an ugly old woman. Seeing everyone shrink from her in horror, she sings 'Friendless, deserted' to the music of 'Lascia ch'io piange' from 'Almira'. These events are interrupted by the arrival of the Sergeant and his band of soldiers returning from the war in Spain, and singing 'Marching to sound of fife and drum', telling of their martial exploits and their homesickness. The Sergeant (Jonathan Joyce), in his recitative 'Back from foreign lands we come', expresses his desire to see his sweetheart Daphne (Elizabeth Hoddle), and sings of his disgust of war in the aria 'War is nought but toil and trouble'.

Daphne tells the Sergeant that she thinks Phyllida is bewitched, and he resolves to rescue her and punish the evil-doer. In the duet, 'When honour calls me', he explains his duty in this matter, and is congratulated by the chorus in 'See our hero home returned'. He comes back, his mission accomplished, and sings with the chorus 'Heros, when with glory burning'. Daphne then reassures Phyllida in her solo 'Weep no more', and the chorus joins in general rejoicing, singing 'The dark days of sorrow are over and gone'.

The accompanist was Mr. David Baker, whom we thank again for his valuable assistance, as also other friends of the school who helped with the orchestral and wind ensemble items.

The programme was arranged and conducted by Mr. A. Chesters, and the Headmaster thanked all concerned for a most successful evening.

A.R.G.
ARTS CLUB — SUMMER 1968

Meetings in this exam-rent term have been scarce to say the least. This, however, does not mean to say that the high calibre of Arts Club speakers has in any way diminished, quite the opposite. We welcomed one of the most interesting speakers of all times. Mrs. Mollie Moncrieff, astrologer and spiritualist, presented herself as an extremely interesting person and provided an amusing, informative, and somewhat controversial talk. As a result of this, Aquarius subjects scan their legs daily for evidence of varicose veins and Taurus subjects live in constant fear of laryngitis.

It has been suggested that Arts Club is suffering a decline. Indeed, we cannot deny our membership has suffered considerably due to a strange new attraction. This is, we believe known as the “Astronomical Society”. This syndicate, we are given to understand, holds clandestine meetings and due to a vast and ambitious advertising campaign, they have managed to remain totally undiscovered. Evidence of our decline is perhaps recorded best in our attendance figures, we regret that only 65 of our members were present at the above meeting.

It is with deep regret that we learn the Trevor Jones has decided to renounce the Secretaryship, but I shall endeavour to fill the post with as much efficiency as he did. Also this term we say goodbye to one of our bright young batchelor presidents, and doubtless he will be replaced as a sober respectable married man, next year. Nevertheless we wish Mr. MacDonald every happiness in married life.

We extend a warm welcome this year, to the new sixth form and hope that they, alongside the present sixths will enjoy an interesting and entertaining selection of Arts Club speakers.

G. A. Keech

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Chairman : W. E. JONES
Secretary : S. P. J. NOWAK
Treasurer : R. CHANTRELL
Public Relations Officer : C. R. CLUCAS

Though we have not appeared in the School Magazine for some time, the society still exists and has been holding regular meetings throughout the year. About 25 lectures and talks have been given by various members and also by Mr. Kingston and Mr. Rowe. The subjects included Sunspots, the Planets, the Moon, Novae, Cosmic Rays, Stars and Spectroscopy. We were also very fortunate in obtaining a couple of films from the United States Atomic Energy Commission and the attendance for both was considerably higher than usual.

During the Autumn Term several observing meetings were held but they were not altogether successful mainly due to the weather and a lack of organisation. It is hoped that our observing programme this winter will be more fruitful.

The society’s exhibition on Speech Day was held in the Fleming Laboratory and several articles and pictures on various astronomical subjects were on display. Our telescope, a 6-inch reflector, was suitably set up so that the score of the cricket match in progress on the school field could be seen and this proved to be very popular. Also being shown were two film strips, loaned to us by the British Astronomical Association (to which we are affiliated), accompanied by a heavily censored tape commentary recorded by several members. It was visited by a reasonable number of parents many of whom seemed to enjoy it.

After an intensive advertising campaign conceived by our P.R.O. and his assistants, and a grand reshuffle in the form of a General Election, we now hope to be able to get off to a good start as soon as meetings recommence in September. They will be held every Friday at 4 o’clock, details being given on the notice board, and any new members will be made welcome.

S. Nowak
TOC H

Due to two highly-publicised events during last winter term, namely the Jumble Sale and the Concert, the existence of the society has been revealed to many. But even more still do not know of the valuable work done by the school's group, the work which has made this year the group's most active yet.

The Jumble Sale and the Concert were primarily designed to raise funds and to make people aware of the society. Between them they raised £70, and quite a few new members. The concert also brought an unexpected bonus: a cheque for £10 from the Chairman of Wellingborough U.D.C. for the group's charity work. The group then had the means at its disposal to do various things it had been unable to do in the past.

The Midlands Project Organiser of Toc H, John Mitchell, paid us a visit, and inspired everyone present at the meeting with a magnificent talk on the objects of Toc H. He told us that Hinwick Hall required their lakes clearing of weeds, and asked if any of us would help. This request resulted in eleven members of the group arriving to start work at Hinwick on May 12th. The work was hard and smelly, but we all enjoyed the day, and we were congratulated by John on our hard work and efficiency.

Every year, the society takes a group of pensioners for a day out, and this year, because of our funds, we were able to take 30 old folk out for a day at Hunstanton. The day turned out to be as sunny as we had hoped for, and we had lunch and tea at Hunstanton with two hours between spent down by the sea relaxing. The coach returned via Sandringham with a very happy party who had greatly enjoyed the excursion. The old people wrote and thanked us, saying what a wonderful day it had been and how much it meant to them. One group of people went so far as to make a donation to our funds, which we appreciate the more because it was made by pensioners.

However, not all the society's activities have been in the vein of the excursion or the Hinwick Project. John Webb gave a talk on "The Blues" (which included everyone from John Mayall to Country Joe and the Fish!), and the group mustered a team of footballers who played a combined first form team who were narrowly defeated. Another unforgettable exploit of the society was the rugby match against the arts club, which the Toc H won, much to the distress of the referee Mr. A. P. G. Macdonald who was playing for the Arts Club — he actually converted a try for them.

As well as all these activities, the society has continued its library service to the Cottage and Highfield Hospitals. All of these functions would have been impossible without the hard work of various people who have now left, and the society thanks Paul Toombs (Secretary), Rif Bailey, Johnny Hall, Mick Hill, John Keep, John Webb and Dodge Olney for their past efforts and we wish them well. The society also thanks the headmaster, Mr. Harding, and Mr. Wills, without whose aid none of the activities of the society over the year would have been possible. We look forward to another successful year.

C. R. Clucas

FENCING CLUB

This term, for the first time, a Championship Competition was held. All five serious members of the Club took part, and as each house was represented points could be awarded to count in the P.E. Competition.

The results, after everyone had fenced everyone else, were as follows:

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The fencing was robust, rather than skilful, for the greater part; in fact, although Clark was unfortunate enough to lose all his fights, he proved the best stylist and potentially the best fencer of the five.

During the year it has not always been possible for instruction to be given regularly, but beginning in the Autumn term fencing will be a possible alternative in Wednesday afternoon games. The arrival on the staff of Mr. R. A. Farey, who has been fencing for Birmingham University, should be a welcome boost for the club, and with a regular club night in addition to the games periods we should be able to make considerable progress.

Fencing has now been taken up by Northampton Grammar School, and I have been sounding them about a possible match; at present they are in a very early stage of training, but in the fairly near future we may hope to meet them.

At present the Club possess eleven foils, four masks and four jackets. In time we hope to increase this stock to a dozen of each, and to add gloves. All a boy is required to supply for himself is a pair of gym shoes and a pair of trousers in which he can move freely without splitting them. If he doubts the necessity of this, he should consult Stanton.

D.F.S.

FOLK CLUB

Owing to exams only two meetings were held this term although during the last year (or rather our first year) Folk has been successful enough to become a tradition. Last term ended on a high note with Ian Duncan whilst June Crieghton and the 'Cobblers' have since provided two memorable evenings. Numbers have fluctuated between twelve and eighty, but mostly nearer the latter number. More books of folk songs have been acquired, guitar classes are strumming along, even our brethren on the science side have begun to compose and sing, and with all this we are not even in debt (yet).

C. R. Misselbrook resigned at the end of the year. He has worked extremely hard in his joint capacity of M.C. and secretary. Mine Host for the coming season is to be Jonathan Joyce to whom we extend our sympathy. For your future edification we shall proudly present people like the Cobblers, Lee Gale, John Kelly, Wilf Feely and Dave Carr, not to mention your own, your very own, host of amazing talent. Also on the cards for the future is another Ceilidh (yes you can spell it like that) around Half Term and a grand concert in the New Year. The Old Grammarians Folk Club meeting at the Club in Oxford Street, is now in full swing and will run on Thursdays on the alternate weeks to our Wednesday meeting — and all are welcome.

Every night of the week can now be spent folk singing — full details of local events from C. R. Misselbrook.

STAMP CLUB

Weekly meetings have been held throughout most of the year with an encouragingly good attendance.

The excellent selection of catalogues provided by the Parents Committee has proved a great acquisition and attraction.

A meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the Autumn term during the lunchtime in Room F. Everyone interested in stamps is welcome.
RECORDE R CLUB

We "jazzed it up" in the club last year and this has led to increased enjoyment both of rehearsals and performance. At the Christmas Concert we played Brian Bonsor's adaption of the Rondeau from Abdeloyer for recorders and percussion, and at the Summer Concert Frederick Boaden's "American Suite" for recorders and percussion. The percussion included a "Rolf Harris type" wobble board, and the rhythms whilst very tricky proved most effective, though the recorders were rather drowned by the enthusiastic percussion.

We gained three new members during the year and "six of the best" from 3A thumped, bashed, tinkled and wobbled through many rehearsals.

We hope to increase our strength still further this year from the new first form and we can assure them of an enjoyable (and occasionally musical) half hour every Wednesday in Room 12.

CYCLE CLUB

Support for the Cycle Club was rather poor last year. This was partly due to our best riders joining the local "45 Road Club" and taking part in their rides and time-trials, but we conspicuously failed to attract new members from the first form. The continued existence of a Cycle Club will depend on more support during this year as it is hardly right to draw so heavily on the Parents' Amenities Fund for the benefit of so few boys.

On the brighter side we did enter six boys for the local heat of the National Schoolboys' Time Trials Championship, but although we had the biggest school team we were not good enough to win any awards.

We hope this year will see more boys eager to make full use of their cycles instead of regarding them as just a means of transport to school.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This society has now been running successfully for two terms. The aims of the society are to study insects and to try and increase the butterfly population in this area by breeding.

A formicarium has been built for keeping ants in for study purposes. We now have a small sized nest with a queen and several larvae.

Attempts are being made to breed various butterflies and moths from ova. The society has sent for some Comma butterflies, quite a rare species in this country.

Thanks to the help and guidance of members of staff we have managed to function quite well. Any new members would be especially welcome. Meetings are held at 4 p.m. in the Cockroft laboratory on Monday evenings.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

These last two terms have been most disappointing to all those who have any interest in the Christian Fellowship. The attendance has now dropped so low that there are only two or three regular attenders, and this in turn has prevented us from booking many outside speakers.

Next term we shall begin with our usual business meeting when anyone from the fourth forms upwards may come and discuss how he thinks the organisation should be run. If you have any sort of interest in "things spiritual" do come along next term and join in—you will be most welcome.
Remember! The Christian Fellowship will never have the speakers, or talks you would like until you come along and make your thoughts known.

**TAPE RECORDING CLUB**

This term saw an increasing number of activities, although exams took a heavy toll of our members. We are hoping this term to increase the scope of our experiments, and we are at present engaged in building a tape recorder. We have also improved our financial position. We are always pleased to welcome new members.

Our chairman, Mr. Kingston, left at the end of last term. We thank him for his guidance during the early years of the Club’s existence.

G. H. Twell

**RAILWAY CLUB**

Work on the model railway has been hampered since the Northampton firm of Bassett-Louke Ltd. finished making track components in favour of steam locomotives. However, our members have found plenty of scenic work to occupy themselves during the past year. Work on the newest section, which includes two locomotive sheds and a marshalling yard, has been virtually halted until a supply of track components can be found.

On Speech Day, May 2nd, part of the railway was set up, as usual, in the music room. Due to the size of the room only the main line station and marshalling yard could be fitted in. However, a large number of maps, timetables, leaflets and photographs were found to complete the exhibition. I would like to thank all members who contributed and special thanks to Potter for his contribution of the Royal Scott class nameplate “Royal Dragon”. A slide show was given simultaneously in an adjoining room.

Two trips were arranged during the year. The first, on June 5th, was to the Bristol area. A party of 20 members set out at 0600 hours to Banbury and then to Gloucester, where an interesting tour of a ‘Hymek’ and a ‘North British D63XX’ class loco, was made. The party continued to Bristol where a guided tour of Bath Road diesel depot, which included a ‘Brush Type 4’ and a ‘Western’ class locomotive, was made. Bath and Westbury were visited on route to Swindon where it was found that we were too late to visit the workshops. Members visited the museum and then Reading m.p.d. was added to the itinerary to compensate for Swindon workshops. The coach driver thanked everyone for keeping the coach clean.

Just three weeks later, on the evening of June 25th at 1000 hours, a party of 27 members set out for South Wales. On arriving at Newport at approximately 0300 hours on June 26th the party went their own ways until 0545 hours when we continued up and down the valleys to Neath; where the depot was found to have been demolished. The party then visited Landore (Swansea) m.p.d. and Margam m.p.d. With the permission of Mr. Hayes, we then visited R.S. Hayes scrapyard at Bridgend where members were delighted to see G.W.R. panier tank No. 9642 about to be loaded onto a transporter for conveyance to a museum further up the valley. A war department loco was also in the yard. After Canton (Cardiff) m.p.d. we visited Woodham Bros. Scrapyard at Barry where members braved the rain to see close-up the 209 steam locomotives present.

An enjoyable day was had by all on both excursions and I would like to thank Mr. R. D. Beacham and Mr. M. S. Cheale for accompanying the parties.

Plans are under way for trips during the coming year and for a film show which it is hoped to hold during the Autumn Term.

Finally, I would like to thank all members who have supported the club during the past year.

M. F. Jackson
TO JUSTIFY THE WAYES OF MAN TO HIMSELFE
(or, "It's not cricket")

Phoebus scorches down on a broad expans or virescence, the focal joint of which is a closely cropped equigon. In the arboreal umbrage of the outer perimeter stands a large citadel and from its innermost sanctuary appear two acolytes clad in white raiment and each carrying three cylindrical objects of notched and decorated wood. The three cylinders are placed in a vertical position in the terra firma at each end of the equigon. A group of disciples in snow-white vestments also egress from the citadel and hasten towards the acolytes. Under the dictum of their demagogue, they disperse across the holy ground.

They now await two approaching figures also clad in white, and each carrying a wooden staff in his hands. These two omnipotent beings stand in front of the cylinders, one in front of each triad. One of the acolytes ceremoniously bestows a resplendent orb into the hands of a privileged assistant. He carefully walks away from the cylinders and scratches a mark at a specified distance. He turns and hurriedly advances along his previous path. With a swing of his arm he launches the orb at the stooping bishop. The latter fends off the orb with his staff in defence of the holy cylinders, and it skids across the ground eagerly pursued by two servants. Meanwhile the bishops change places. The orb is restored and the rite is performed again. This time the bishop misses the orb and one of the cylinders is removed from its foundation. The acolyte opposite the bishop raises his hand with one digit prominent from the rest, and pronounces sentence. The bishop returns to the citadel in mortification, but is soon replaced by another.

The cylinder is replaced and again the rite is performed. This time the new participant strikes the orb with such force that it lands at the base of the citadel. One of the acolytes swings his arm with a horizontal, semi-circular movement which is acknowledged by an evangelist who preaches the good news by means of tablets. This ordinance is repeated until a specified number have returned to the citadel. Now it is that bishops and assistants exchange places in the defence of the shrine. When the rite has been performed but five times, the vomitories of heaven open and the equigon is rendered useless. The participants in the ritual hurry sedately towards the citadel for sanctuary. The heavy precipitation continues and it is clear that the offering has been acceptable to the deity.

This liturgy is performed throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom and even in distant lands. The reasons for performing the ceremony differ. It may be a supplication for the ending of a drought, or perhaps for the inducing of a riot. It is certain that many valuable hours of Man's time are passed away in its observation.

G. Howes

LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE

After passing through three interviews and a medical examination, I was accepted as a Navigating Cadet by Trident Tankers Ltd., a subsidiary of the well-known P. & O. Lines.

I arrived at the Angle Bay Ocean Terminal at 0930 on Saturday, 3rd June, 1967, and I saw for the first time what was to be 90 per cent of my life for the next seven months. The hull of the S.S. "Malwa" was covered in rust, and the maindeck was badly in need of half a dozen coats of paint. Not a particularly good first impression! She was a crude oil tanker, discharging her cargo of Nigerian crude oil into Milford Haven Refinery.

I found the Mate, or Chief Officer, who told me I was to be on watch at noon until six o'clock in the evening. On this watch I learnt a lot about
the running of the ship and the cargo work. As I finished the watch as six, the cadet who relieved me said casually that he would see me at midnight. This shocked me, as I thought that I would get a good night's sleep! That was my first experience of six-hour watches, which we worked in port.

We left Wales the next day, and it was only then that I learnt our destination — Dakar, Senegal, and then Bonny, Nigeria. We stopped at Dakar to bunker — refuel — and we were on our way within eight hours. We then learnt that we had to call at Lagos, Nigeria, for clearance, as we were going to Bonny, which was near the centre of the trouble in that country. This trouble expanded only a week later into civil war.

Two days after Lagos we arrived at Bonny, where we anchored out in the middle of the river. Thick, rubber hoses were brought from ashore, connected, and we commenced loading. Eighteen hours later the loading of 40,000 tons of crude oil had been completed, and we were ready to sail. The speed of loading surprised me, as had many things during my two-week stay on board.

We proceeded to Hamburg, West Germany, where we discharged our cargo and ballasted for the month-long voyage round the Cape of Good Hope to the Persian Gulf.

About two days out from Hamburg we commenced cleaning the tanks. This is done with a machine with three revolving jets, through which water is pumped at a great pressure. This machine is lowered down the tank at three different depths, and washes the bulkheads and deckheads quite effectively.

Tank cleaning lasted for three days, and after this I settled down to the routine work at sea. It was during the month-long voyage that I felt lonely for the first time.

The S.S. "Malwa" entered the Persian Gulf in early August, when it is at its hottest. The air temperature was on average about 106°F, but the air conditioning kept the temperature in the accommodation down to about 85°F.

One morning, at about 1130 hours, the whole ship blacked out. The main electricity generator had stopped, and couldn't be started again. After about twenty minutes the auxiliary diesel generator was started, and this ran for half an hour, until it literally split its sides! I was then called down to the engine-room to help, and as I arrived at the top of the engine-room I was hit by a blast of extremely hot air.

I went down to the control platform through the heat, which I later learnt was between 180 and 190°F! The second engineer then called me behind the boilers to help him shut them down. After about an hour the whole engine room was silent, completely shut down. I went up to the poop deck, and saw that six out of the eight engineers were lying unconscious in the deck. The third engineer nearly died, and the chief engineer was in a very bad way. The Captain ordered free beer, and so the "Malwa" drifted — with all of its officers on the boat deck in a drunken stupor!

We had no electricity, and so no light, running water or air conditioning. We drifted for two days, until a tug arrived to tow us to Bahrain for repairs. The tow lasted for two days, and then we arrived off Bahrain, where we anchored. After a week the main generator was started, and we sailed to Kharg Island, in the Northern end of the Gulf.

We loaded crude oil at Kharg, and then set off for Portland, Maine, U.S.A. We stopped at Cape Town for mail, and at Saint Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, to bunker, and these were the only interruptions in a six-week trip.
We discharged our cargo in Portland and set off on a three-day voyage to La Salina, in Venezuela. We arrived there at 2030 hours, and sailed the next morning at 0500, having completed the loading of 40,000 tons of crude oil. It was estimated that the rate of loading was around 7,000 tons an hour!

From La Salina we sailed to the isle of Grain, Kent, England. During a week there we discharged our cargo, tank-washed, and loaded five grades of fuel, diesel and gas-oils.

We had orders for Las Palmas — Cannaries — and Dakar to discharge our cargo in two parts. Our stay in Las Palmas lasted for a week, mainly because of Spanish inefficiency and the regulation that restricted our discharge rate to below 150 T.P.H., as opposed to our normal 4,000! During that week I worked for a total of eighty-four hours! After Las Palmas we steamed for two days to Dakar, where we discharged the rest of our cargo.

From there it was another long trip to the Persian Gulf, with just one twenty-minute break at Cape Town, where we stopped for mail.

The temperature in the Gulf surprised me as we entered it in late November; it was quite cold. We arrived at our destination, Khor-al-amaya, on a Saturday evening, and anchored out, joining a queue of five ships. Khor-al-amaya was just a jetty in the Northern end of the Gulf, fifty miles from any land. The jetty attendants and their families live on the jetty, and a supply boat came out from the mainland every day.

After being at anchor for two days we went in, and commenced loading. Twelve hours later we left for the long trip to Antwerp, in Belgium.

We stopped at Cape Town, again for mail, and then I settled down to two weeks plain sailing, hoping that I would be relieved at Antwerp. About three days from Cape Town a telegram was received by the Radio Officer, saying that the fourth and junior engineers would be relieved at Antwerp. My name was not mentioned.

We spent Christmas in the Bay of Biscay, in the middle of a gale, and arrived in Antwerp two days later. I still had not heard of my relief.

Twelve hours before the ship was due to sail, my relief arrived. I had to pack my things in a hurry, arrange for my air ticket, pay off my account and say goodbye to all my friends on board, in about six hours. Fifteen hours before the "Malwa" cast off, I left her for good. I had spent seven months on her, and was now going home for six weeks' leave.

To summarise, life at sea — on a tanker — is very lonely, the work is hard and the money good.

After my leave has expired, I shall be appointed to another ship for a period of 6 to 8 months.

F. E. CHAMBERS (1961–7)
UNION JACK IN THE BOX

I have built myself a box.
Private. Keep out.
I live and die, always inside my box.
No-one has ever seen me.
I built it in the style of my neighbours box.
I do not know my neighbour.
My box regularly has a colour change.
Everybody looks at the shades,
No-one sees inside.
My box has no doors, only a window —
Double glazed.
Inside my box I stand high up —
On a platform.
When people pass I rant and rave
And cannot be heard.
At weekend holidays I peep out.
Bang.
It is contrary to convention.
Keep inside.
I once let her into my little box.
It started to fade.
But when the box had almost been consumed
She went.
With a rush it covered me again.
I drowned.
It is impossible to share boxed sorrow.
So no-one knows me.
I play blues inside my box all day.
No-one knows.
My son has a box of his own.
It sails the seas.
I made it in my box one day.
It battered a hole.
And escaped.
I rarely come out of my box now.
It’s not done.
I want to be a rover far away.
But I love my box.
My neighbour likes it in his box.
I hang in mine.
I think a shall resign my box.
Suicide.
Hear at last all the rest shouting.
Like me.
Lord Box, Automatic, Autocratic,
Whiskey Soda, Tick, tock box.
Anthony Box, self-made, self-adjusting.
Self assured, self-boxed.
Harry Box, Pre-packed, pre-meditated,
Prejudiced, Shoe-box.
A man is his own worst enemy.
True.
I lock myself in my torture chamber.
A happy prisoner.
IN THE DESERT

It's hot out here
Very hot
Very very hot
I must have a rest
But I can't
I've got to find water
Water to cool me down
There's hardly anything around me
It's all sand
Sand sand sand
I can't get away from this stuff
I must be in the desert
I can see some trees
I can only see sand and trees
Palm trees
Sand and trees
It's so hot
I'm drying up
Gradually drying up
It's a wonder these palm trees can grow
I can't last half an hour
I'm hot
Hot and thirsty
Very hot
Very thirsty
I can't live much longer
Not out here anyway
Oh how I wish I could be in the baths
Those lovely, cool refreshing swimming baths
But unfortunately I'm not
I'm in that horrible hot place called the desert
I want water
But there isn't any
I want sleep
A long long sleep
But it's too hot
Too hot to sleep out here
I want food
Good food
Not coconuts all the time
Coconut for food
Coconut milk for drink
That's all
It's a horrible life
Sometimes I have to walk miles and miles
Just to find one coconut
I'm getting weaker
And weaker
And weaker
And weaker...
Dead

R. CHETTLE

THE MIRROR

The mirror had a magnetic personality about it and it took his fancy. There was a tinkling clank as he pushed the door open by the rusty handle and walked in, carefully avoiding the draping flag, the horse brasses and horns hanging by the door. He approached the scratched glass counter and coughed to make it apparent to the shopkeeper, fussing somewhere amongst the books and clocks, that he had a customer. The shopkeeper stared up at him through small wire-framed glasses...
Ten minutes later he emerged from the grotto of curios proudly carrying a neatly tied brown oval package. He climbed into his car and placed the package carefully on the back seat and drove off. He drove carefully so as not to break the mirror but he drove fairly fast as he couldn’t wait to get back home.

He put the car into the garage and hurried inside. He unwrapped the crackling, stiff, creased brown paper from the mirror and placed it on the table. With the help of some rag he soon had the mirror shiny and clean and he could at last see the fine details of craftsmanship around the edge. He hung it up on the wall and stood back to admire it. As he was looking, it blurred, and then it cleared again; but it was not his reflection that he could see — it was a picture of a meadow dotted with flowers all fresh and scented — a scent which filled the room making his mind swim. The room rocked, his mind spun, he reached for a chair but missed, and tumbled onto the soft grass of the meadow.

He couldn’t believe it; he sat in the meadow he had seen in the mirror. The warm sun shone down, a gentle breeze caressed his face, small insects and butterflies buzzed and fluttered amongst the sweetly scented flowers. The meadow sloped down to a slow winding river, a blue snake in bright green grass. This was peace, he thought. Remembering his childhood days, he ran laughing down to the river and took his shoes and socks off and paddled. He watched the bright blue, forever-flitting dragonflies dance above the water and saw fishes flash as they cut through the water. He felt new life surging into him. Then everything went blurred again and he came round on the carpet in his room.

The next morning he whistled happily as he drove to work. On arriving, he said a happy “Hello” to everyone and received many incredulous stares at this different man. Was this the man they had known? What did he do yesterday. “Perhaps he’s drunk” was one of the comments as he breezed through the offices.

That night he sank wearily into the front seat of the car. The day had tired him out, but at least he had made more progress today than he had for the past few weeks. He searched his pockets and finally found his cigarettes. He produced his silver lighter and lit one. He sat smoking for a few minutes before finding the ignition key.

He turned the key, the engine coughed into life and he set off. He turned the key in the front door of his house and went in. He didn’t bother about tea; although he was very hungry, he just thought about the mirror. He sat in front of the mirror and eagerly watched. Was it? yes! it was blurring again and then, that scent. He tumbled onto the welcome bed of grass. Already he felt refreshed. He ran to the small, crystal clear watered spring and took a sip at the cool clear water. Looking up, he stared into a pair of eyes: it was a frog. He gave a boyish cry of delight and picked it up and played with it. He put it into the water and watched it swim away.

He rose from the carpet happy, lively. But he wasn’t watching where he was going — he lost his balance and, clutching at the air, fell. There was a crash of glass and hundreds of green splinters went everywhere. He got up, stared at the mirror, and then the realisation went through him like a spear. He suddenly felt tired, his life was going from him, he felt he was getting older, a dark veil was lowered over his mind, his eyes ...

K. A. SULLIVAN 3α

FREEZE

The deafening roar of sweeping waters
Swirling, pulling as it nears
The gorge.
The fish even swim to timid waters.
It turns, falls ...
Stop.
Motionless. The water
Caught from falling.
Each globule of water
Glistens its private rainbow
Like a one-way multi-lane motorway.
The fall conducts the torrenting water.

The silence seems strange
As the swirling currents of water
Stop for the world to gaze.

The resounding pounds
Of waterfalling, falling, crashed
Is kept for one second
But then is swept away by swirling hands.
As the water falls. S. A. ROGERS

POVERTY

Poverty is a form of neglect. The people are not only neglected by their own kind but by the "outside world". I say "outside world" because they have an invisible fence around them. This fence stops them from going out. It stops us from going in. The name of the fence is "Shame".

Every town, every city, every country has its share of poverty. Poverty is the other side of the world. Tourists come to places praising the governors for their fine work. They only see the best things. The other side is blotted out, neglected by the governors. The children suffer the most. Only a few go to a proper school. Others are left to kick the litter and eat the scraps of food, if there are any.

Poverty is a life of criticism. Men and women argue about what's to be done. Men criticise men. Women criticise women. Each minute wasted on meetings is a minute of could-be happiness for poverty-stricken children. That's my view. M. WILSON

LIVING IN A WORLD OF POVERTY

One scrap here and another scrap there
Children fighting, pulling their hair.
Kicking litter for a ball,
They haven't a ha'penny to toss and call.
Rolling each other in a bin
Making such an awful din
What do they care? They have no love
All they do is push and shove. M. WILSON

THE EMPTY SHORE

The cool fresh breeze makes the pine sway, bringing pine needles down like raindrops around the trunk. The quay is whining with the rattle of yacht wires like ghost's chains.

The grey sea produces silver foam which leaps at pebbles as if it wants to swallow them. The long drawn out shadow along the sea separates and contracts like a knife and the once golden sand is brown and stiff like smooth bricks and castles for leprechauns. far away.

A. E. WALLER
CAVE SOUND
A dark deep rhythm
Slowly drumming away other sounds
Echoing deep in the canyons of the mind
Sounding in the high altars
Temples of sound
Silhouetted by concentrated rivers of light.
An eternal dripping
A monotonising echo
Bouncing in the deep chasms
Floating up
Caught in a whirlpool of sound
Whirling round and round.

THE WORLD-WATCHER
He sits comfortably
Puffing at his old pipe
In the passenger seat
Of an old green Austin cab
He looks with interest
At the outside world
In front of him
Like an eagle watches its prey.
He does not notice me
As I walk slowly by
Pushing my bike, because...
He is so intent on watching
The crazy world in front of him.

THUNDERSTORM
Black whiffs appear on the foamy cushions of clouds.
Growing at astonishing speed.
Their movements like galloping chariots of war
Getting darker and darker with rage.
Temper at last explodes with the blast
Of a thousand guns.
Torrents of water unleashed on their prey
Drown it.
Blasts of air, huge, break trees' backs.
Until at last the terrible weapon of light
Leaps high with blinding flash
Carving its way through a burnt lane
Of ash.