

The Wathonian

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EDITORIAL

"Some have greatness thrust upon them . . ."

WE learn with modest trepidation that W.G.S. is to become the largest Grammar School in the West Riding. This is a distinction we did not seek and do not relish, for it is greatness in magnitude rather than merit.

Why were we chosen? It is interesting to speculate. Can it be that the authorities, on the principle that one cannot have too much of a good thing, have recognised our potentialities and decided thus to honour us?

Reflection—as well as modesty—soon tells us that this cannot be the case.

Is it then that here they had room to build (at the expense of our best rigger pitch)? Possibly this was a factor, but we think that the main reason was a desire to give more children in the area an opportunity to receive a Grammar School education. Hitherto there has not been room to accommodate all those regarded as being capable of benefiting from attendance at a Grammar School. It is for us therefore, to welcome the additional forms and hope that they will follow our best traditions, and serve the school which, we know, will give them ample scope for their talents.

Thus, though we may cease through increase in number to be the school where everyone knows everyone else, we may yet achieve greatness; greatness of another kind and of which we may all justly be proud.

IN BRIEF

We welcome . . .

The Staff's valiant attempts to prove that Shakespeare is enjoyable in their "lively" production of "*Twelfth Night*."

The arrival of Miss Bryant, Miss Lawrenson, Miss Lumb, Mlle. Douchet and Mr. Woodhouse.

The less crowded assemblies every day but Tuesday.

Jean Rowbottom's success in winning the Open Challenge Class in verse-speaking at Mexborough Musical Festival.

The appearance of Green in T.V.

The visit of the West Riding String Quartet, and the performance of "*The Holy Family*" by the New Pilgrim Players.

The success of H. Mack in an essay competition on "*Chile*."

The appearance of Malvolio in his night attire—long shall we remember him!

We regret . . .

The departure of Miss Cornish and Miss Thompson, Mlle. Gage, and Mr. Spencer.

The lack of a third set of rugger posts which are sorely missed by Wednesday's "C" set.

The monstrous erection that rears its black, forbidding length above the boiler-house. Did someone suggest that a factory siren should take the place of an electric bell to mark the ends of lessons in the new block?

OH MY PROPHETIC SHAKESPEARE!

Upper Vith Girls:

Time doth transfix the flourish set on youth
And delves the parallels on beauty's brow.

Boys in Assembly:

Or if they sing, 'tis with so dull a cheer
That leaves look pale dreading the winter's near.

Pupil gazing out of window :

And then it started like a guilty thing
Upon a fearful summons.

Overheard in a loose scrum :

I prithèe, take thy fingers from my throat.

Injured hockey player :

Lay her i' the earth ;
And from her fair and unpolluted flesh
May violets spring.

The Head's thoughts on surveying a First Former's Report :

2b or not 2b, that is the question.

R.C., A.O.J.S.

HOUSE NOTES

ATHENS

House Captains : Margaret Jones
I. M. Athey

Games Captains :
Senior—Anne Bentcliffe, G. Kay.
Junior—Joan Adamson, B. Ottewell.

Games Committee :
Anne Bentcliffe, M. Haigh.

Magazine Representatives :
Florence A. Brookes, A. O. J. Sheppard.

It is common knowledge that alphabetically Athens is the first house ; we Athenians know that our house is also the first in importance, but, do the other houses know this simple fact ? I have a suspicion that they do not, and so, Athens, I entreat you to enlighten them on the matter. The seniors win their rugger matches now—what would they do if they practised!

Athens started on the road to glory last sports day, when the House relinquished, perhaps reluctantly, the wooden spoon to a worthier holder.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Miss Thompson last year when she took up a new post in the Isle of Man. All our good wishes go to her together with our hearty thanks for her hard work for the House. We welcome Miss Langley as her successor and assure her that as we are going to win the next few inter-house competitions she will soon have confidence in us.

To all new Athenians I would like to make it clear that Athens is a good house, we are very rarely placed below fifth and the task of heaving Athens from the "slough of despond" falls to you, after the more senile of us have fixed the block and tackle. A.O.J.S.

CARTHAGE



House Captains : Mary Taylor
J. M. Beresford.

Magazine Representatives :
Jennifer Gleadall M. Haigh.

Games Captains :
Senior—Josephine Roper, J. H. Goldthorpe.
Junior—Mary Huddart, K. Powell.

Games Representatives :
Janet Chappell, D. G. Ellis.

Carthage has not been very successful this year as far as cups are concerned as we won only the Winter Games Cup and the Deeks' Trophy. Nevertheless Carthaginians have been busy.

We find many individuals noteworthy in our ranks, some for detentions, others for athletic honours. As well as being efficient and popular, P. Shirley, our last year's House Captain, also led Carthage in the field of sport. He won first or second place in all five events he entered on Sports Day. However, not all Carthaginians followed his good example and as a result Carthage was placed second.

It indeed came as a surprise to hear that Green, who had held a prominent position on Friday mornings, was to make his debut as a television star. However, owing to a broken "conker" his valiant efforts were unrewarded and the crown of the "Conker King" went elsewhere.

During the summer, Carthage collected money for two trees to be planted in Festival Road in memory of two former Carthaginians, Jack Rutter and George Blackburn. J.G.

ROME



House Captains : Mary Wilkinson
F. Hooper.

Games Captains :
Senior—Eunice Rhodes, B. Hooper.
Junior—Pamela Hunter, D. Charlesworth.

Games Committee :
Kathleen Ineson, M. Hooper.

Magazine Representatives :
Marjorie Carr, J. M. Taylor.

This term has seen a marked improvement in all our activities. The cross-country team, no doubt inspired by the theme "Make Mine Country-Style," gained an impressive victory over the other houses. The House Games have shown that the great fighting spirit of the Romans is not lacking, and all concerned are to be congratulated.

In school, it has been found that a few, who have been collecting detentions as a "weekend hobby," are becoming bored with this habit and are turning their attention to more useful activities. We are well represented in the Societies now but would like to see everyone taking an active part in them.

Finally, we should like to express our thanks to Miss Disley and Mr. Spencer for their invaluable enthusiasm and support which make Rome a House of which to be proud.
J.M.T.



SPARTA

House Captains : Shirley Hallatt
T. Swallow.

Games Captains :
Senior—Barbara Garside, G. Neal.
Junior—Jose Warren, K. Darley.

Magazine Representatives :
Jean Armstrong, B. Whitfield.

Well, Spartans, we have once again shown our industriousness in retaining the Work Cup—although detentions are still too frequent in the Middle School.

We have won the Swimming Gala so many times that all Spartans will soon be distinguished by their webbed feet !

In the games and artistic fields, however, we are extremely weak,—as is too accurately reflected in the Sports Cup and Deeks' Trophy results. But let us hope for brighter things in the coming contests of brawn and brain. In the 'brawn' direction, at least, there is an encouraging start in the senior boys' success in their first rucker match of the season. The same enthusiasm is very much wanting among the girls, whose attendance at hockey practices is very disappointing. Don't let us down, girls !

Nevertheless there is a general improvement throughout the House in all directions, so Spartans, "*Nil Desperandum.*" B.W.



TROY

House Captains : Anne Neale
C. T. Norman.

Games Captains :
Senior—Joyce Ardron, M. Mynett.
Junior—Vera Coster, M. Wood.

Games Committee :
Elizabeth Buncall, J. E. Wardle.

Magazine Representatives :
Shirley Woodcock, C. T. Norman.

This year Troy has been more successful than of late, although there is still a long way to go before the elusive Work Cup is in our hands.

For the second time in the last three years, Troy has won the Sports Cup. Gray had outstanding performances both in these sports and in the inter-school sports. Many of the other boys and the girls, too, did their share in helping to win this cup.

Our position in the Swimming Gala also has slightly improved, although we still have to persevere a little more to win the competition for the first time.

In the winter games, Troy again failed miserably, the girls winning only one match, although the boys did much better. The summer games were much more successful although we still failed to climb to the top of the ladder of success.

Troy displayed her artistic talent admirably by winning the Deeks' Trophy, a competition in which we have improved considerably during the past year.

S.P.W.

SOCIETIES and CLUBS

SIXTH FORM DISCUSSION GROUP

- Chairmen :* Barbara Hutton (Upper VI Literary).
J. E. Wardle (Upper VI Science).
- Secretaries :* Jean Harrison (Upper VI Science).
M. Hooper (Upper VI Science).
- Treasurer :* Kathleen Ineson (Upper VI Science).

The year 1951-52 was a flourishing year for the Group. The officials proved most reliable and there were several good speakers who could always be relied upon to keep the ball rolling. It is noticeable that, as a general rule, boys are more vocal in airing their views than girls. The topics considered had a wide range. Useful expositions of political programmes were put forward, and scientific subjects were considered—especially the future of Atomic Research and the relation of Science to Christianity. The pressure of Communism upon Japan and the urgency of Colour Questions were two of the topical problems examined. In addition we had various visits from foreigners—a German Student from the University of Munster, two Frenchwomen from the University of Paris, two Indians doing Scientific Research in Sheffield, and a trio of students from Egypt and Syria. Whatever the impact of these ideas, formulated by our own pupils or put forward by strangers, we can never complain that our opportunities for widening our horizons are limited. The Group is an admirable training ground for future University Candidates—and even for future M.P.'s. Pupils deserving special recognition were Burden (Upper VI Science), Daykin (Upper VI Literary), P. Barraclough and M. Siddons (Upper VI Literary). The new school year has opened haltingly but recent papers on "*The Problems of Central African Federation*" and "*Difficulties arising out of the great advances of Medical Science during the War*" show promise among the Science Sixth.

THE CHOIR

The Christmas Concert and Speech Day were the main events of the year for the Choir.

At the Christmas Concert the principal items were carols, many of which were not very well-known, but were very beautiful. In particular, "*Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar*" by P. Cornelius was well received. The singing of the air by six sopranos and the hummed Chorale (in four voices) by the whole choir was most outstanding. Carols were also sung in French and Latin. The blending of the voices of the madrigal group was very delightful during the singing of:—

"*Down in Flow'ring Vale*" by Festa ;
"*Awake, Sweet Love*" by John Dowland ;
"*The Virgin's Cradle Hymn*" by E. Rubbra ;
"*Come Again Sweet Love*" by John Dowland.

At Speech Day the choir again distinguished themselves by their singing of three difficult songs. The choir accompanist was Margaret Jacob, but Mary Taylor "accompanied by the choir" gave a very creditable performance of the "*Magic Melody*" by Paderewski. The piano music is difficult but it sounded well, above the pianissimo singing of the choir.

Since September, we have lost many valuable members from the sixth forms. They have been replaced by many willing second and third formers, but we hope more members of the fifth will join us. As the numbers in school have risen the assembly in the hall has proved unwieldy. To overcome this difficulty, the first and second forms go into the gymnasium and there a small but faithful section of the choir leads the unaccompanied singing each morning.

The choir express their gratitude to Miss Knowles for her valuable assistance.

MAVIS FERGUSON (Form V. Beta).
PAULINE SMITH (Form V. Beta).

LIBRARY NOTES

This term the Library has come into much wider use, more books being taken out than ever before. The first forms are reading very well and their choice of books varies widely.

We would thank everyone for their subscription, particularly V. Alpha who did extremely well this term.

Our thanks go also to those pupils who have given books, and to Miss Baldwin for giving up her time to purchase further books to add to our collection. We also welcome any suggestions for new books.

M. HAIGH (Upper VI. Lit.).

ART CLUB

The Art Club this term consists of seventy members, which is above the normal capacity of fifty. Most of them are regular attenders, but their zeal may be due to the fear of their places being taken by the people who are awaiting a vacancy.

In reply to enquiries about the award of points, I will explain that members are given one, two, or three points according to general keenness and regular attendance. Naturally Saturday morning sessions count more than those held during dinner times.

Most juniors are engaged in lino-cutting, while other members have undertaken panels for the dining-halls or Christmas preparations.

Last term's Deeks' Trophy Competition took the form of an exhibition of art work from each House and aroused great interest. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Seago for his greatly appreciated judging of the exhibition.

ROSEMARY MACK (Lower VI. Gen.).

SCIENTIFIC AND LITERARY SOCIETY

President : J. H. Goldthorpe.

Secretary : Anne C. Neale.

This session a very comprehensive programme has been arranged. The Society has already heard papers on "*The History of Chemistry*," by Beresford; "*Why we do not read the Bible*," by Miss Upton; "*A Holiday in Italy*," by F. Hooper, and a report on Malham Tarn by two members of Upper Sixth Science. A debate on the motion, "That women are the more conservative sex" resulted in a victory for the opposition (chiefly feminine).

The meetings have been well-attended but we hope for greater willingness to speak. We particularly congratulate Miss Upton on her skill in answering a host of searching questions. Certain members received with relief the information that Hell was merely a medieval conception.

Highlights of next term will be a talk to be given by Dr. Andrews on "*Science and Religion*" and, we hope, an inter-school debate with Mexborough.

JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

Although the Junior Literary Society did not meet during the Summer Term it has now restarted and is flourishing vigorously. We have many new members from the second and third forms. Indeed they are proving lively speakers.

At a lively fourth form debate it was decided by a narrow margin after persuasive arguments from the girls that girls and women from the age of eighteen should be eligible to take a more active part in the air force, both in peace and war. We have also come to the decisions that hire-purchase is a beneficial practice, that the atom bomb should

be outlawed, and that we do not need a new alphabet. There have been amusing lectures on "Girls" and "Boys", and thanks to the graphic description of one of our members we now know all about Peterborough.

We have hit on a method of discouraging late-comers by crying "shame" on them. It is amusing to see some of our more dignified members run to meetings when they discover they are going to be late, but it was inclined to be embarrassing when one day a visitor, Mr. Atkinson, was "shamed."

Most amusing speakers were Lawson and Pinchbeck, most persistent Mack, Capener and A. Wigfield, and most promising newcomers C. Granville, R. Jones and C. Gardner.

J. FURR (IV Alpha).

DRAMATIC SOCIETY NOTES

SENIORS.

This term, the attendance at the society has risen considerably, and we welcome all new members and hope that they will be able to stand the strain of acting in school.

At our meetings we have been experimenting with the microphone. We have read our plays into the microphone to an audience in the next room, as though we were broadcasting, and although we enjoyed ourselves, we found that acting through a microphone or on the radio is not as easy as it would seem.

We have also had a lecture on make-up from Mr. Leadley and we hope that now we shall not appear with weals on our faces where there should be lines.

The Christmas concert this year is to be given to the school alone. Our contribution will be two plays.

At Easter we plan to produce Goldsmith's "*She Stoops to Conquer*," and if this play is the success which it promises to be, then we should all enjoy ourselves.

Our thanks are due to the kitchen staff, for providing us with nourishment to fortify us for our arduous activities.

MARGARET A. PEPPER (Upper VI Lit.).

JUNIORS.

The term began with much enthusiasm and activity. Small groups of about seven juniors, of whom the majority are girls, have been busy acting various plays.

The Fourth form, who have their own group, periodically perform plays to the Juniors who watch them with a critical eye.

The society's contribution to the Christmas concert is to be a mime.

IAN F. POTTS (Form IIIa).

GUIDE NOTES

First of all we wish to extend a hearty welcome to all our new recruits, who number about twenty-five. The company is now sixty strong—by far the largest in the district—and all members are regular attenders. Because of the large influx of new guides we have had to create yet another patrol, bringing the total to six. The emblem chosen by this patrol is a Primrose.

During the summer holidays, seven of our number attended the annual district camp held this year at Brodsworth. Soon, however, there will be no need for us to go so far afield to camp, as we have been promised a portion of the new school field beyond Festival Road, where we shall be able to camp and cook at will. We and the Scouts, who are to share it with us, wish to thank the Headmaster who was instrumental in obtaining this land for us.

The Guides also send their thanks and best wishes to Miss Thompson and Miss Cornish who left us in July after two years valuable service. At the same time we thank Miss Disley, Miss Bryant and Miss Lumb, who have most generously undertaken to help us as our captains, and we hope their task will be rewarding.

MARY S. WILKINSON (Upper VI. Science).

SCOUTS

The Scouting year started well with our annual sing-song and “bunfight” although we could hardly be said to get to blows.

While representatives of our troop were looking their best at the local St. George's Day Parade, two more of our scouts were being reviewed by the Queen at Windsor.

Among the British Contingent of Scouts, who visited Italy instead of Turkey as prearranged, was one of our seniors, who had a marvellous time filling himself with fruit and swimming in torrential rain.

Hikes and competitions were among many activities enjoyed by those who attended our annual camp held this year at Levens in Westmoreland. The hikers more often than not came back foot-sore, but the more idle of our seniors who took cycles to camp toured the Lakes in a more comfortable style, despite many hills which forced them to “hike with a bike.” A cricket match arranged with holiday makers from a nearby caravan site ended in victory for the Scouts, who together with the defeated team were given a generous helping of burnt soup. The camp came to a vigorous finale when half our boys marched three miles in just half an hour to catch the train.

With an unblemished record of entries in District Competitions, we entered four teams in the Cycle Marathon, a week-end cycle tour during which all meals had to be cooked over a wood fire, and a more or less comfortable night spent under canvas. Our team who gained second place passed the night on a railway embankment—“Home Sweet Home.”

Construction is being continued on a car for the 1953 National Soap-Box Derby, by the Lower Sixth Construction Company. The competitive season could hardly have finished on a better note than when we won the annual District Swimming Gala from our rivals—Wath St. James'.
J. B. FENNEL (Lower VI. Sc.)

NOTEWORTHY OCCASIONS

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was held this year on Thursday, July 3rd. In his opening remarks, Councillor T. Winkle, the Chairman, pointed out that by 1953 over a million new school places would have to be found. The choir then sang three songs, "*The Magic Melody*," by Paderewski, "*Orpheus with his Lute*" by Edward German, and "*Full Fathom Five*" by Charles Wood.

The Headmaster, in his report on the school's activities, mentioned the progress in the building of two new blocks, and the arrangements for planting along Festival Road in the autumn, trees bought by forms and houses of the school. The Madrigal Society then followed with another group of three songs.

The presentation of certificates by Mrs. L. Hunter was followed by an interesting address given by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. During the course of his speech, he appealed to all pupils to take jobs which were of use to the community as well as to themselves. He also added that in England we all pretend we do not like work but actually everyone does.

Bouquets were presented to Mrs. Hunter and to Mrs. E. Poiner, a founder member of the Board of Governors, who is retiring after twenty-nine years faithful service to the school.

A vote of thanks was proposed by County Councillor W. Cutts, J.P., and was seconded by the Head Boy, Burkinshaw. We welcome this innovation, hoping it will be repeated and eventually become traditional. The school certainly appreciated having its own spokesman.

Speech Day ended with the presentation of the Staff Cup for Athletic Sports and the singing of the School Song.

ANNE BROOKES (Upper VI Gen.)

JENNIFER GLEADALL (Upper VI Lit.)

EXHIBITION OF WORK BY OLD WATHONIANS.

Parents and members of the school who visited the gymnasium on the 3rd and 4th of July, 1952, saw an interesting and varied exhibition of the work of Old Wathonians who have taken up Art as a career.

We are grateful to the seventeen former pupils who so kindly sent specimens of their work which we assure them were widely appreciated. Their high quality not only gave a new incentive to the more ambitious members of the present Art Club but also formed an impressive tribute to the soundness of Mr. Leadley's early guidance.

Some conception of the range of the exhibition may be gathered from the following bald summary. In addition to portrait and landscape paintings, the exhibition included book and magazine illustrations of various kinds, designs for exhibition stands—including one for the Dome of Discovery, architectural work, typography, a model hat, a decorated cake, pottery, sculpture and designs for scenery for the Old Vic Dramatic School.

The exhibitors with their dates of leaving school were: Mervyn Barrett, 1930; Frederick Dickinson, 1932; Joan Batty, 1937; Colin Rowe, 1938; Maureen Hoyle, 1942; Margaret Hatfield, 1943; Douglas Binns, 1944; Beryl Butterfield, 1945; Eric Graham, Frank Hazzard and Betty Taylor, 1946; Peter Outram and Doreen Senior, 1947; Shirley Waddington and Alan Dobie, 1948; Peter Birkhead, 1949; Margaret Sanderson, 1951.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

The 1952 Conference was held at Wath on July 1st and 2nd. The speaker was Canon Herklots, the Vicar of Doncaster, who spoke on "*The Church in the Twentieth Century.*" Addressing about fifty pupils from Mexborough and Wath, Canon Herklots first gave us some ideas on the question "What is the Church?" The substance of his talk was then discussed in small groups. The speaker's second subject was "*What is the Church's Job?*" and this was again followed by group discussions.

The first day included a visit to Wath Parish Church where the Vicar of Wath showed us many features of historical interest, one of which was a sixteenth century Church Register.

Canon Herklot's third subject was "*How the Church is Tackling its Job,*" and this aroused keen discussion. The Canon then answered our questions and summed up what he had told us of the Twentieth Century Church.

Our thanks are extended to Miss Killoch for arranging the Conference, to Miss Swift and Mr. Watkinson for acting as Chairmen, and above all to Canon Herklots for helping us to understand what the Church means today.

JEAN ARMSTRONG (Upper VI. Literary)

THE DEEKS' TROPHY COMPETITION

Christmas Term, 1952

In the Deeks' Trophy Competition this term, the competitors, drawn from forms I to IV and coached by seniors, had to recite dramatic speeches mostly from Shakespeare.

The first part of the competition, held on Wednesday, November 12th, reached a higher standard of verse-speaking than on the two subsequent evenings. The competitors involved, who were from form III, delivered passages chosen from "*As you like it*" and "*The Merchant of Venice*," the winners being the Carthagians.

On Thursday, November 13th, each house entered a team of six boys and girls from Forms I and II to recite an extract from "*The Pied Piper*." Although Athens had the highest score at the second session, Troy led in the whole competition.

The final stage was held on November 18th, the Tuesday of the following week. At least five boys from each house, all with speaking parts, recited from Act III, Scene 2 of "*Julius Caesar*" and two girls recited from "*Macbeth*." All the competitors on this occasion were fourth formers. The winners were the Romans, because of their ability to present a realistic mob scene from "*Julius Caesar*." The final winners of the whole competition were the Romans with Troy and Athens placed equally second, but it is interesting to note that each house except Sparta had its triumphs so that the winner was in doubt until the end.

This competition was enjoyed by all—the adjudicators, the seniors who coached the willing (?) teams and the competitors themselves who we hope gained by watching the efforts of the others and comparing their own interpretation of the chosen passages with that of their rivals. The competition made us more aware of our many shortcomings in speech which we must try to remedy. J.H.

VISIT TO HADRIAN'S WALL

Under the guidance of Miss Townsend and Miss Baldwin, a party composed of members of IVa visited Hadrian's Wall during the Easter Holidays.

Our party was accommodated at two Youth Hostels—Once-Brewed and Acomb—where we cooked our own food. A few cups parted company with their handles or were cracked owing to the comparative inexperience of those who washed up and who should have known better.

Walking along The Wall, on the day after our arrival, we noticed how it clings precariously to the cliff edge and rises and falls steeply past Crag Lough and many forts. A certain weightier member added to the Roman ruins when he sat on the wall of the fort and caused it to crumble beneath him. A rampart, which, ages ago, was built parallel to the wall, is still to be seen in many places. After lunching in a turret, we explored Housesteads Museum and Camp and saw entrance stones which bore the imprints of chariot wheels. Our arrival at Chesterholme, another Roman Camp, came after taking a "short cut" which took us three miles out of our way.

Next day we travelled to Acomb Hostel via Chesters Museum and Camp, which possesses a well-preserved bath-house. Nearby on the banks of the North Tyne are supports for an unfinished bridge.

The following morning found us walking many miles along a road—formerly the site of a stretch of The Wall. In the afternoon, we arrived at Corbridge Camp where we were conducted round the museum. We returned by various routes to the hostel but all enjoyed the delightful meal which had taken two hours to prepare, and the joyous evening which followed.

We bade farewell to this district when we boarded the Newcastle train at Hexham, having had variable weather and an enjoyable holiday.

M. TAYLOR (Form Va).

A VISIT TO INGLETON

A small party of the Lower Sixth accompanied Miss Disley, Miss Cornish and Miss Baldwin to Ingleton for several days at Whitsuntide. We set off early on the Tuesday morning heavily laden with ruck-sacks and arrived there soon after dinner, going immediately to the Youth Hostel. Several of our party then went swimming.

After tea that day we went for a long walk through the numerous glens and round the many beautiful waterfalls.

Next day we decided to visit Yordas Cave and climb Whernside. Yordas Cave was unlit and in parts there was running water which we had to cross. However with the help of candles, torches and a miner's lamp we were able to see the wonders of the cave. After lunch when we went on to climb Whernside, the party began together but reached the top in groups, the first reaching the top almost an hour before the last. From here we had a wonderful view of Morecambe Bay and the sea. Whernside was reasonably easy to climb as the slope was fairly gradual. That evening we took part in American Square Dancing organized by the Hostel Warden, and although this was new to us we thoroughly enjoyed it.

On the Thursday we woke to grey skies and torrential rains. As we had planned to climb Ingleboro, we had to carry out our plans and so clad in most glamorous capes we set out.

Several times we thought ourselves lost, but by two o' clock, a very miserable and depressed party, we reached Gaping Ghyll. Here we sat in the rain and ate our dinner but with the help of a few lively stories of the thrills, experiences and misfortunes of former hikers we were soon a very happy crowd again, and ready to continue. We reached the summit by mid-afternoon and by then the rain had cleared and we had a marvellous view of the district with the mountains of the Lake District in the distance. The descent was much easier and at the foot of Ingleboro we explored the White Scar Caves.

The following morning, the day of our departure was again rainy and so we left fairly early, after a very enjoyable holiday in spite of the weather.

ANNE BROOKES (Upper VI Gen.).

A VISIT TO A WOMBWELL LECTURE SOCIETY MEETING

On October 22nd, 1952, a party of about sixty pupils, a master and a mistress attended the first of a series of six lectures sponsored by the Wombwell Lecture Society. This lecture was given by Seretse Khama exiled chief of the Bamangwato tribe in South Africa. He dealt with "*The Life and Customs of my people,*" and spoke for ninety minutes without a note.

He told a remarkable story of the racial customs, history and characteristics of his people. Their educational standard is not very high. He himself first went to school when he was ten.

The Bamangwato tribe is the biggest in Bechuanaland and has a population of 110,000. Only 8,000 of these can really claim to be descended from the original Bamangwato tribe. These people grow cereal crops and keep cattle for food.

The newspapers which circulate through the country are printed in both the native language and the English language. These are published weekly and tell of home and world affairs.

G. G. ROBINSON.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SNOW

Softly, softly out of the sky,
Fell the snowflakes from on high,
Covering the world with snowy white,
Making the rooftops shine in the night.
Early next morning where snow had set,
Wrapped in their mufflers the children met,
Shouting their pleasure in cries of delight,
Greeting the snow that fell in the night.

ANNE OSCROFT (Form IIIa).

SPRINGTIME

The woods are green
With bud and leaf,
A mossy carpet here and there
Makes a bed for a dainty celandine,
And shyly the primrose hides in the glade.
The stream is in flood
With the waters of the snow ;
The new-born lambs gambol in joy ;
The cuckoo calls gaily within the dell,
And the hedgerows turn a most delicate green.
The people in the city
Never realise that winter has gone,
For they never see the trees and the woods,
The streams and the glades,
And the glory of spring.

JOAN SENIOR (Form IIIa).

MY NAVAL INTERVIEW

The place ? London ! The time ? Nine o'clock ! The position ?
Queen Anne's Mansions, C.W. Branch !

This is where I found myself on the morning of Wednesday, 15th
October. I entered the building through revolving doors and was
requested to sign a book and an "Admiralty Pass." With six more
candidates I was taken next to the ninth floor.

Here we spent the morning fitting square pegs into round holes
and answering short questions. After dinner, we reported at the M.O.'s
office and were given medical forms to fill in. We were directed to the
dentist who talked in code to a secretary. Next we were weighed and
measured and given a chest X-ray.

The M.O. and the optician examined us in turn and any spare
time was used in measuring us for a suit of clothes. Throughout we
were referred to as "Gentleman" and "Mister."

After tea we went by the tube train to Paddington and by express
to Kingswear. We crossed the ferry to Dartmouth and were taken to
the Royal Naval College by 'bus, given a meal and then shown to the
dormitory.

Rising at seven we washed, dressed, breakfasted and then donned overalls. We saw the T.O. (Testing Officer) who told us the programme and inspected us with a pair of steely but kind eyes.

We travelled by 'bus again to a gymnasium where we found groups of visitors, officers, schoolmasters and representatives of "My Lords of The Admiralty."

Here we undertook various tasks—such as moving an oil drum from one platform to another, about 30 feet apart, given one or two hanging ropes, two coils of rope, two planks and a tyre.

Finishing these tests we returned to the dormitory, changed and went into a room, before the same groups. Sitting round a table we were given two or three subjects for a free discussion, then we were each requested to give a lecturette of maximum length, three minutes, on one of three subjects.

After this ordeal half the interview was over. We had to undergo three private interviews next, each lasting between 20 and 40 minutes.

The first interview was with the T.O. who was also the psychologist. He asked about our home life, character, hobbies and interests.

The second was with the engineer, Captain 'E'. He asked about technical problems, machinery and political questions about various M.P.'s.

The final interview was before the board composed of an admiral, a captain, a headmaster and two other gentlemen. Here the talk touched on many subjects—sport, geography, naval history, general knowledge and our reasons for choosing the Royal Navy as a career.

After that the interview was over. We toured the college and then played at table tennis until "lights out." Next morning we candidates went our separate ways, promising to see each other at the beginning of the next term.

WHEN DAY IS DONE

The day has passed into eternity,
The fiery orb of day sinks in its course.
Flaming, it dips, till o'er the western hills
The last bright arc is hidden from our sight,
Leaving as legacy a blood-red trail,
Fore-runner of another fair tomorrow.
Awhile there linger streaks of mingled hues,
Clouds rosy, tinged with gold, but these 'ere long
Fade slowly into paleness, lost in shadow
Of purple-grey that is the garb of eve.
Soft shades of twilight close upon the earth.
A beetle drones, a bat goes wheeling by,
An owl hoots out into the silent space.
Lights glimmer here and there like fairy lamps,
The evening star shines twinkling through the dusk,
And night approaches bringing peace and rest.

K. BILLINGHAM.

REARING MALLARD

"A tanner for 'em mister—just found 'em," said the ragged urchin holding out his cupped hands which contained three large white eggs.

"They're rather cheap," said I. "What's wrong with them?"
"Young 'uns in 'em," he responded rather sulkily.

They were obviously wild duck eggs and, as I had been wanting to stock my pond with waterfowl, the appropriate coin quickly changed hands. The eggs were still warm and I raced back home in the car holding them in my warm pockets.

By good fortune I had a bantam sitting some pheasant eggs and so I deposited my charges with that obliging foster mother. After an anxious wait of sixteen days I heard chirping noises from the nest, and lifting the bantam I found that all the pheasants had hatched. Their foster mother took not the slightest notice of them and apparently was more interested in the duck eggs than in her chicks. I decided that if the ducklings did not hatch within a further twenty-four hours I would take the eggs away lest the hen should neglect her chicks.

However, such strong measures were not necessary, as the ducklings hatched at zero hour. Their foster mother took an instantaneous dislike to them, pecking their black spatulate bills and shiny webbed feet, and so I was obliged to take them indoors.

I kept the ducklings in a basket in a warm position near the kitchen fire and I fed them several times a day on hard-boiled egg yolk and cod-liver oil. Their lives hung in the balance for the first week, but after the second week they began to grow stronger and I was able to let them spend part of the day outdoors. On my return from a fortnight's holiday I found that one had died though the other two had grown a great deal. They still retained their down, which was chiefly black with yellow markings, and until their oily feathers grew I could not allow them to swim since their down was devoid of any of the oil which their natural mother would have imparted to them.

In order to accelerate feathering I fed them on carabid beetles, and they responded to this diet so well that I was able to turn them out on to a small pool within a fortnight of commencing the diet, and I had the pleasure of seeing them dive under the duckweed for the first time. After a week or so on the water, one of the ducks began to utter a low "dreek, dreek," and I knew that I had a Mallard drake. His rich plumage did not begin to grow for another three months since drakes spend the summer and early autumn in the "eclipse" plumage.

Now, in October the drake has developed a dark metallic green head, white collar, rich brown breast and orange feet whilst the duck has a speckled brown plumage. Both birds' wings are cream on the underside and have a broad blue band of feathers on the upper side.

I have clipped their wings and turned them on to my pond and they are so tame that they will feed out of my hand and I am now looking forward to the time when the duck will come to meet me with a row of newly-hatched ducklings strung out behind her.

J. H. SEAGO (Upper VI. Sc.).

AN EXPERIMENT

(Both into chemistry and verse)

It smells, it fumes, it bubbles, it boils,
While over it all a poor wretch toils—
First pink, then blue, pass H_2S
And make a simply glorious mess.

Add this to that and shake up well,
Be careful or we'll catch the smell.
Precipitate upon the bench
And nose between two fingers clench.

Pass over here the Chloride quick—
Oh, curse the litmus! It would stick—
It bubbles and gives off CO_2 ,
That's it! The litmus has turned blue.

The brown fumes of HNO_3
Are all around and plain to see.
An acid and revolting smell
Is all we get. We don't feel well.

Enter master old and wise
Says it's all a pack of lies,
Take it back and slave once more
"And—keep the acid off the floor."

M. MYNETT (Upper VI. Sc.).

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS.

The Head announced in hall one day,
That we were all to come in neat array,
So that our photographs might be taken,
The very next week, if he was not mistaken.

This caused a stir, as all will own,
The girls began to preen, the boys to groan.
But when the time arrived, with more than usual care
We straightened a tie or combed our wayward hair.

Despite their groans, the boys endeavoured to please,
To look quite happy and even say, "Cheese";
Without a doubt, the girls all tried to look
As smart as any in a picture book.

Then came the day when the proofs were due,
And each of us wondered if he dared to view,
We need not have worried at all you know,
For really we made a magnificent show.

But we could scarce forbear to laugh
When we beheld our teachers' photograph,
They looked like angels and well might fit the part,
For two with haloes got a goodish start.

PATRICIA YELLAND (Form IIIa.).

A COPY-BOOK

If you were all the things a copy-book recommends, you would be as wise as an owl, as busy as a bee, as quiet as a mouse, and as provident as an ant.

But is this so? I think you would be as crazy as loon, as blind as a bat, as mad as a hornet, and as proud as a peacock.

You see, an owl isn't wise; he just appears to be, disguising his slow wit and dullness. Bees spend much of their time in idleness, and work only a fraction of the time. Mice are notorious racketeers; they spend hours rolling nuts along the floor just to hear the noise. The ant hardly ever puts away enough food for more than one rainy day.

On the other hand, the loon is one of the smartest of wild birds; and only his call sounds crazy. Bats have a remarkable vision, but because they are nocturnal feeders, their eyes have become unaccustomed to sunlight. A hornet has an exemplary temper, and never gets angry; but when provoked, it will sting in self-defence. And if I had no more excessive pride than a peacock, I certainly would be recognized as a very modest man.

R. FROST.

THE CANNIBAL

His great knife, flashing, rose and fell,
As round he danced with fiendish yell.
With ruffled hair, and evil grin,
The hot sun blazing on his skin,
One slash to loose his victim's head,
Or cut away a dangling leg.
He flung the body in the pot,
And kicked the embers blazing hot.
He stirred and clapped with all his might—
A noisy feast there'd be that night,
When, as the full moon rose on high,
With fearful sound and wolfish cry
Two ugly, hungry, champing jaws
Devoured the flesh and picked the scores
Of legs, ribs and limbs all hot,
Fresh from his reeking cooking pot.

C. A. SMITH (Form IIIa.).

ORGANISED HOOLIGANISM

Anyone who goes to watch a sport for the first time, and hopes that, by doing so, he may learn something of the rules and technique of the game is, and I say this with full conviction, on the precipitous verge of insanity. He may after a darts match have learned the rudiments of arithmetic, but after he has watched a hockey match for the first time, his mind would be confused, and he, utterly lost with long, short, round and square corners, to say nothing of being cross-eyed, thanks to having two referees.

If any reader wishes to see a rugger match, I advise him to consult a psychiatrist instead, but if he refuses to accept my warning let him read these notes which will, I hope, enlighten his troubled mind.

Rugby Football is a game whose rules are known only to sportsmasters and the M.I.5. With this in mind we can neglect the rules, as do all rugger players, and concentrate on pulling the players to pieces as do all rugger players.

The game is played by two sides of fifteen peace-loving gentlemen, who will in the presence of a rugger ball, push each other about, throw every mother's son into the air and kick another man's head in (which is allowed by sportsmasters, if the head is between a boot and a ball). Each side comprises eight forwards and seven backs. All the forwards I know are very forward, and their distinguishing characteristic is that they are bone from the neck up. The backs are the glamour boys of the team; they are out and out snobs and will not participate in the brawls of the scum in the scrum.

Whenever you see the forwards bend down into a bunch another man will put the ball into the bunch and the half-witted forwards will kick it out of the bunch back to him. This man is called the "scrum half" (a mutation of "scum half" because he is nearly as bestial as the forwards). This scrum half will give the ball to the "stand off" (a very snobbish and stand-offish fellow) who immediately kicks the ball out of sight. And this process goes on all the time.

Now the best view a spectator can get is playing at centre three-quarter. From this position he has a "close-up" of the game, but he must keep as far away from the ball as is safe without losing sight of it!

A. O. J. SHEPPARD (Upper VI. Sc.).

THE BLOT or WHAT WORDSWORTH ESCAPED

My heart leaps up when I behold
That chimney in the sky ;
And though to warm us is the plan,
Yet every time its form I scan,
Its gaunt, bare blackness leaves me cold.
Can one deny
Sheer ugliness throughout its span ;
Or that its hue and shape could be
Less factory-like with more propriety ?

ANON.

CURATE'S EGG

What a glorious garment is that most magnificent combination of shreds and patches in which we of the second team try, in vain, to encase our torsos! This noble garb, of truly royal hue (never have I seen so many shades of purple at once), has protected our lads against the weather and the fury of our opponents for years—aye, centuries ; but now I have heard it rumoured that we are to be more fully clothed in the striped cast-offs of the magnanimous first fifteen. If this is so, what is to become of our present shirts ? Are these rejected rags to be used as dusters or floor cloths because they have fallen on evil times ? Nay, shame on such usage ! After their faithful service to the school do they not deserve to be washed, ironed, and reverently preserved as Regimental Colours—honoured for their battle scars ? Let us, by all means, have the newer panoply but let us not rashly destroy our aged servants.

G. KAY (Lower VI. Lit.).

GUESS WHAT!

There are many arts, such as music, painting and sculpture, but an art not listed among these is the art of getting one's finger over the top of **this**, so that just the right amount of space is left to allow neither too much nor too little of the contents of **this** to sprinkle one's dinner. To master the art takes practice as one will have learned by bitter experience, after having one's dinner rendered uneatable by improper use (penalty, no dinner). Then even when one has mastered the art, it is in vain, for the contents are in a solid lump at the bottom of **this** and no amount of banging on the table or poking with a knife will move it.

Guessed the answer yet? (No prizes, by the way).

THIS is a school salt-cellar of course!

CHRISTINE JONES (Form IIIa.).

A SHAGGY DOG STORY

I would like to draw your attention to the visit of some intruders during the last year. These visitors, in contrast to the many hundreds of two-legged animals in the building, are four-legged ones. They wander through the rather more dignified entrances in the school such as the girls' and boys' doors. They bewilderedly find their way down the corridors to the front and then, as if they know by instinct the presence of the great, scamper past the front entrance hall and sometimes up the very "special" front stairs, fascinated by the "delightful" aroma issuing from the chemistry laboratory. It is here they end their inspection. Rather sheepishly they leave the building amidst the wild yells of the juniors and sighs of relief from the more excitable females.

JOAN M. HOBSON (Form IVa.).

UNWELCOME GUESTS

The influx of a few intelligent cats would be warmly welcomed by certain friends of mine. The reason is that we are plagued by hungry mice. One family has made its home behind the shoe-lockers in the girls' cloakroom to the consternation of certain members of the Upper Sixth. Others live in English II and French I and have made their presence felt by nibbling a box of chocolates which was locked in the Master's drawer and devouring the edible prizes intended for winners of competitions at the Roman House Party.

Now I hear that a family has moved into the office and are making "short work" of the biscuits which are kept there for the Staff. The next move is surely into the Headmaster's sanctum and then perhaps these fur-clad pupils will be suitably discouraged.

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In October the school, form by form, was photographed. However carefully we resolved to look our best, some of us are shown with foolish simper, some with stern 'disinheriting countenance,' and some stare rigid with horror like mediaeval gargoyles. One fifth former not renowned for sanctity appears to have sprouted a halo. There are some of us who appear natural but the rest of us, with Mr. Freestone in the play, might exclaim, "Do I stand there?"

There is some mystery about the first staff photo. During an extended morning break, the staff duly posed before the camera and the Head Boy. Those members of the school who saw the results showed a surprising readiness to spend their half-crowns. The staff photo bade fair to be a best seller. We had not realised how popular the staff were. Suddenly the photo was withdrawn. There followed a second extended break and again the staff posed. This time the camera was entrusted to an ardent member of the Wath Camera Club and the results were displayed for everyone to see. Apart from the regrettable absence of at least three members of staff there was nothing particularly abnormal about the proofs. Naturally there were many speculations as to why the first version was withdrawn. Was the Head Boy overawed by the occasion or did he catch the staff unawares, or . . .? Perhaps we shall never know. However we refuse to accept the libellous slur made by one small boy on the integrity of the School Captain—namely that he deliberately plotted to give us a second extended break.

We wish we had seen that first proof!

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With a triumphant flourish we marched into the new school buildings, to which we have been denied access so long.

Our stay did not last long. We were persecuted by a varied assortment of noises from all sides. The peace of the 'Maths' lesson was shattered by the sound of nails being driven home.

I was puzzling over dynamics when a workman decided to call on a friend, who was standing about a hundred yards away.

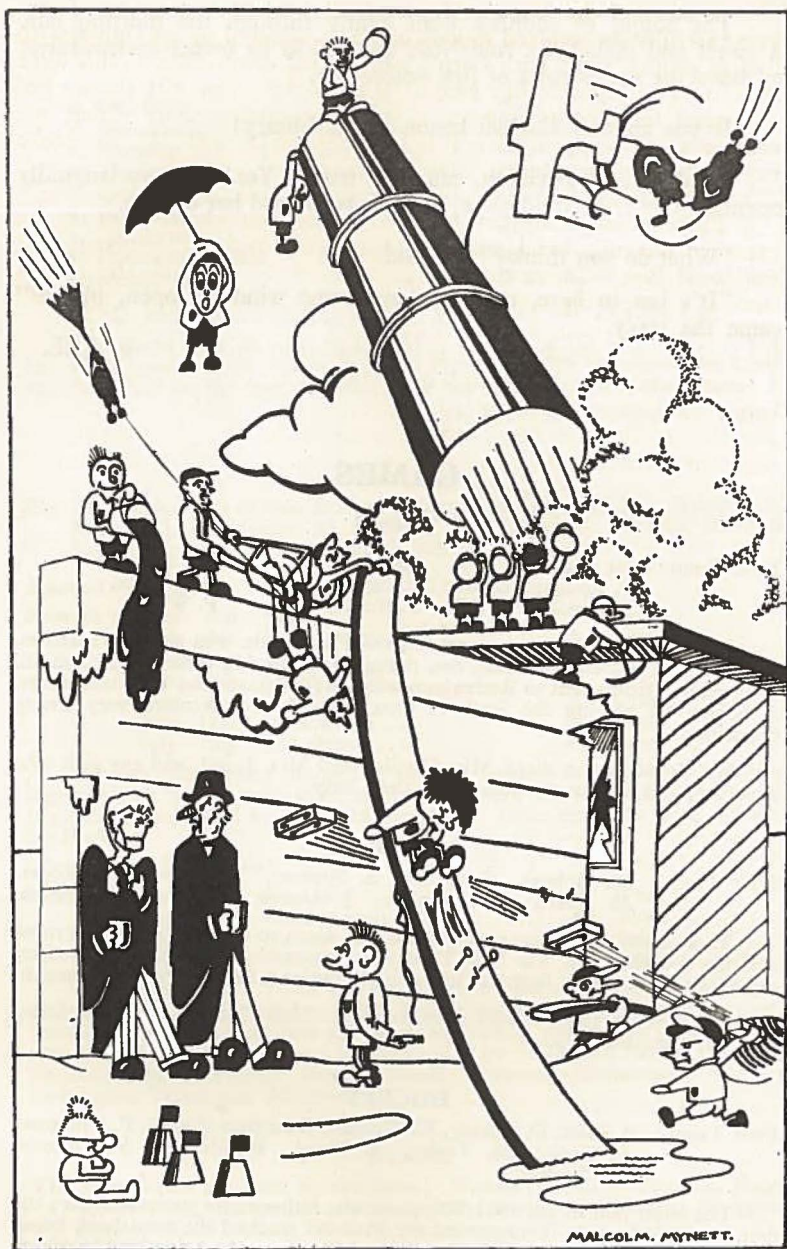
"'Arry, 'Arry, bring a barrer, A BARRER!!"

I could not work very well with painters peering down my neck, so I gave in and stopped work.

Our next adversary was cold, or should I say lack of heat. Miss Edge and Miss Baldwin braved the attack in overcoats but even they had to submit. The journeys to and from the buildings in the rain were not alluring.

Thoroughly beaten we trudged out and retreated tripping over the specially camouflaged rise in the concrete as we did so.

Even though we have been beaten once we shall have another good try to study there in peace.



MALCOLM MYRNETT.

We understand that the modelling club has taken over the building of the new block, under strict supervision

The sound of slumber went gently through the morning lair. A sweet and melodious voice rose and fell as its owner endeavoured to move the many pairs of lips before her.

It was another English lesson in the library!

Suddenly, a movement, can it be true? Yes! An eye languidly opened. Before it could close, the speaker seized her chance.

"What do you think?" she said.

"It's hot in here, may we have some windows open, please?" came the reply.

P. LEE.

GAMES

TENNIS

First Team :	<i>1st Couple.</i>	<i>2nd Couple.</i>	<i>3rd Couple.</i>
	P. Rodgers (<i>Capt.</i>).	E. Steele.	A. Meyers.
	A. Brookes.	P. Butler.	P. Winch.

For the third season in succession the First Team won all their matches, five in all. The Second Team, too, though only playing three, won them all. Two reserve teams sent to Rotherham, were less fortunate and both teams lost. A School VI playing the Staff VI won narrowly but received very strong opposition.

We would like to thank Miss Cornish and Mrs. Lund, and any girls who have umpired during the season for their help.

ROUNDERS

First Team : M. Holmes, S. Hallat, S. Spencer, M. Beevers, J. Roper, M. Jones, B. Hinchliffe, J. Ardron (*Captain*), S. Peirson.

This season was not as successful as last. Even so the two teams won more matches than they lost. The First Team won two, and lost three of their matches, the Second Team won four and lost one. A junior team lost their only match.

All team members extend their thanks to Miss Cornish and Mrs. Lund for their valuable help.

HOCKEY

First Team : A. Platt, D. Veazey, K. Woollin, J. Ardron (*Capt.*), P. Oldknow, A. Neale, M. Taylor, J. Wood, E. Rhodés, M. Holmes, M. Beevers.

The latter half of the 1951/52 season was rather more successful than the first. In the Sheffield Tournament the First XI reached the semi-final, being defeated by High Storrs, while the Second Team reached the final in which they were narrowly defeated by Penistone.

Again the most eventful match of the season, the Staff Match was won by the Staff XI. It is hoped that this year's team will be able to avenge the defeats of the past two seasons.

This season has opened quite successfully and it is hoped that the standard of play will improve still more as the season goes on. The results so far are:—

	1st XI.	2nd XI.
v. Old Girls	Won 5—3	
v. Woodlands	Won 6—2	Won 6—1
v. Barnsley	Won 2—1	Won 10—1
v. Thorne	Drew 4—4	Won 4—1
v. Penistone	Drew 3—3	Won 3—0
v. Barnsley	Won 5—1	Won 11—1
v. Hemsworth	Won 7—2	Won 6—2
v. Doncaster Ladies	Won 7—3	
v. Mexborough	Won 4—3	Won 12—3

Of two junior teams playing at High Storrs, one won and one lost.

The teams were all sorry to lose Miss Cornish at the end of last season⁹ but we all hope that she will be happy at Plymouth. We welcome Miss Lumb and thank her for the coaching which she has already given to the teams.

M. TAYLOR (Upper VI Lit.).

CRICKET

The First Team was chosen from: Shirley (*Captain*), Wilks, Goldthorpe, Roberts, Lake, Hooper M., Hooper F., Hedges, Pickerill, Barber, Norman, Bailey, Pownall, Neal.

Record : Played 7 ; Won 1 ; Lost 5 ; Drawn 1.

Results :	May 3rd	Thorne	A. Lost.
	May 24th	Mexborough.. .. .	A. Lost.
	June 21st	Thorne	H. Lost.
	June 28th	Mexborough.. .. .	H. Won.
	July 5th	Woodlands	A. Drawn.
	July 12th	Hemsworth	A. Lost.
	July 9th	Old Boys	H. Lost.

Obvious weaknesses in batting and no sustained accuracy in bowling, together with lack of team spirit resulted in a very unsatisfactory season. We hope these faults will be remedied next year. Once again the Staff defeated the Prefects.

The "Under 14" Team :

Results :	May 17th	Hemsworth	H. Won.
	May 24th	Mexborough	A. Won.
	June 28th	Mexborough.. .. .	H. Lost.
	July 12th	Hemsworth	H. Lost.

The "Under 14" Team enjoyed all four matches. Several bowlers of promise were discovered but there was a shortage of consistently scoring batsmen. Practices were well attended and fielding was usually good. Players who took part in one or more matches:— Law (*Captain*), Barnes, Vaughan, Skinner, Smith, Perkin, Hayes, Dunn, Ottewell, Sidebottom, Copping, Swinburne, Wood and Atkinson.

RUGBY

The First Team has been chosen from: Wardle (*Captain*), Fletcher, Haigh⁹ Hooper, M., Hooper, F., Hedges, Ellis, Beresford, Norman, Sheppard⁹ Darley, Fisher, Athey, Swallow, Goldthorpe, Wilks, Clements.

Co-ordination between backs and forwards is at present weak but practice should make this year's team as great a striking force as last year's. The team is of more than average size and weight, having fourteen of its regular members drawn from the Upper VI. The results of the matches already played are encouraging and this season should prove another successful one.

The Second Team have shown themselves to be well up to standard. So far they have enjoyed a fairly successful season and show promise.

In the "Under 15" Team, the backs have played well but the scrum, although heavy, has not been getting the ball often enough. Tighter packing should remedy this weakness.

Results :

1st Team :	Sept. 13th	Ex-Captain's XV.	..	..	H.	Lost	0—3
	Oct. 4th	Rotherham "A"	..	..	H.	Won	18—3
	Oct. 11th	Hemsworth	..	..	A.	Won	24—0
	Oct. 18th	Goole	..	..	H.	Won	17—3
	Nov. 8th	Sheffield University "B"	..	..	H.	Won	29—0
	Nov. 15th	Thorne	..	..	H.	Lost	5—8
	Dec. 13th	Sheffield R.U.F.C.	..	..	H.	Won	25—11
Dec. 20th	Old Boys	..	..	H.	Lost	6—10	

2nd Team :	Sept. 27th	Rotherham "B"	..	..	A.	Lost	6—16
	Oct. 11th	Hemsworth	..	..	A.	Won	16—3
	Oct. 18th	Goole	..	..	H.	Won	24—0
	Nov. 1st	Sheffield Tigers Colts	..	..	A.	Won	11—0
	Nov. 8th	Ecclesfield	..	..	H.	Won	17—5
	Nov. 15th	Thorne	..	..	H.	Won	18—6
	Dec. 20th	English Steel Corporation	..	..	A.	Won	19—0

"Under 15" Team :

Sept. 20th	Rotherham	..	..	..	A.	Won	28—3
Oct. 11th	Hemsworth	..	..	..	A.	Won	8—3
Nov. 8th	Sheffield Schools	..	..	..	A.	Lost	0—15
Nov. 15th	Thorne	..	..	..	H.	Won	15—0
Nov. 22nd	Sheffield Schools	..	..	..	H.	Lost	3—9
Dec. 13th	Rotherham	..	..	..	H.	Won	9—3

"Under 14" Team :

Nov. 1st	Rotherham Technical School	..	H.	Won	11—6
Nov. 15th	Rotherham Technical School	..	A.	Lost	5—9
Dec. 23rd	Rotherham Technical School	..	A.	Won	35—3

SPORTS DAY

This year, the sports were held on Wednesday, May 28th, 1952. The day was fine but there was a very strong wind which, although assisting the sprinters, considerably hindered the distance runners. A new feature of the sports was a straight 220 yards track. The sports were again keenly contested and resulted in a win for Troy (320 points) with Carthage a close second (302 points).

Boys.

Group IV.	220 Yards—Roberts (Carthage), 22.5 secs. Discus—Athay (Athens), 120 ft. Shot—Norman (Troy), 35ft. 7ins.
Group III.	220 Yards—Broom (Sparta), 24 secs. Long Jump—Pickerill (Troy), 17ft. 7ins.
Group II.	200 Yards—Charlesworth (Rome), 23.7 secs. Long Jump—Haywood (Athens), 15ft. 3½ ins. High Jump—Allen (Sparta) 4ft. 0½ ins.
Group I.	80 Yards—Carr (Troy), 10.5 secs. High Jump—Swinburne (Sparta), 4ft. 0ins.

Girls.

Group III.	Long Jump—M. Beevers (Carthage), 15ft. 9ins. Hurdles—M. Taylor (Carthage), 12.5 secs.
Group II.	100 Yards—J. Ware (Athens), 12.7 secs. Hurdles—K. Burden (Carthage), 13.0 secs.

C. T. NORMAN (Upper VI. Sc.).

THE INTER-SCHOOL CROSS—COUNTRY RACE

This year the Cross Country Race was run at Goole. The course as we all expected was flat, the only rise being up the canal bank. The race started in a flurry of snow, continued in sleet and rain and finished in bright sunshine. As we had won the shield the year before we were out to repeat our previous success. We did; we bettered last year's performance by having our first four runners in the first five and with the other four finishing 8th, 22nd, 23rd and 31st. Gray, our captain, ran a magnificent race and was 1st. Walton, our dark horse, also ran well and came in second. A Goole lad was third and Beresford was fourth followed by Hooper, F. Kay came in 8th, Barker was 22nd, Swanwick 23rd and Kirk 31st.

Let us hope we can do as well in 1953.

F. HOOPER (Upper VI. Sc.).

INTER - SCHOOL SPORTS

The school showed a vast improvement in the Inter-School Sports which this year were held at Goole on July 15th.

We won the Senior Shield, were second in the Middles and second in the Juniors. Our final position was second also. In recent years we have been the last or next to the last and so by comparison this result was encouraging.

Three new records were broken by members of the school team and they were, incidentally, the first the school has had.

The new records are the middle relay, the senior four-forty and the senior high jump.

I think our success was due largely to better training and to the guidance of Mr. Hogg, who is to be congratulated on the result of his hard work. With a little more effort we should win outright, next year.

I. M. ATHEY (Upper VI. Sc.).

SWIMMING GALA

Held on July 8th, this year's Swimming Gala proved that the event has become a very enjoyable school function.

The Carthaginian and Roman Juniors showed that Sparta will be by no means invincible in future years. At one point it seemed that Carthage would be victorious, but their seniors did not continue the efforts of their juniors, and so Sparta again triumphed.

The final results were :—

1—SPARTA	..	108½	points.
2—ROME	..	98	”
3—CARTHAGE	..	91	”
4—TROY	..	81½	”
5—ATHENS	..	79	”

OLD WATHONIANS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Re-Union was held on Friday, April 4th, 1952, when many old boys and girls met once again to spend a pleasant evening together. The next Re-Union is fixed for Friday, March 27th, 1953. We do hope that many more old scholars will attend and help to make the occasion a bigger success than ever.

The Tennis Club has continued to thrive during the summer. The Hockey Club has made good progress after coming into being last season.

We hope that Old Wathonians will continue to send their news items either to Miss Swift at school or to the Secretary :

Kathleen Clark, 19, Claypit Lane, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

MARRIAGES

Olwen Armitage (W.G.S.) to Geoffrey Barlow (W.G.S.).
Joan Parkin (W.G.S.) to the Rev. D. E. Erickson.
Sheila Armstead (W.G.S.) to Leonard Braithwaite.
Vera Ibbotson (W.G.S.) to Harold Fennell (W.G.S.).
Fred Bateman (W.G.S.) to Mary Williams.
Elizabeth Hough (W.G.S.) to Donald Banks.
Granville Robert Bate (W.G.S.) to Barbara Thomas.
Geoffrey Barrett (W.G.S.) to Christine Barnes (W.G.S.).
Dorothy Caldwell (W.G.S.) to Elias Law.
Mavis Green (W.G.S.) to Peter Farr.
Doreen Illingworth (W.G.S.) to Raymond Hudson (W.G.S.).
Mary Lisle (W.G.S.) to Eric Berry.
Mary Lenton (W.G.S.) to James Hardy.
Irene Short (W.G.S.) to Frank Wraith.
Hazel Simpson (W.G.S.) to Ronald Symcox.
Margaret Scott (W.G.S.) to Roy Kitching.
Margaret Wheelhouse (W.G.S.) to Thomas A. St. John Mansell.
Joseph Wilks (W.G.S.) to Kathleen Carr (W.G.S.).
Denise Wood (W.G.S.) to M. O. Perry.
Charles Peter Strutt (W.G.S.) to Betty Dunn.
Reg. Green (W.G.S.) to Joan Beel.
Rev. R. T. H. Beardsall (W.G.S.) to Dorothy M. Waller (W.G.S.).
June Nash (W.G.S.) to David J. Carpenter.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Cole-Stokes (Catherine Larvan)—twins (son and daughter).
Mr. and Mrs. Hague (Beryl Barker)—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Hillerby—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Jackson (Doreen Evans)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pugh (Marion Hames)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Shelton (Gladys Smith)—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Upton (Joan Gawthorpe)—a second daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Owen Willis—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beck—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Tunncliffe (Betty Sharpe)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas (Barbara Moore)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Cutler (Joan Lineham-Smith)—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Randerson—a son.

DEATHS

We record with deep regret the deaths of:—
Jack Sanderson (W.G.S., 1944-1948).
John Vaughan (W.G.S., 1938-1943).
Maisie Bradbury (W.G.S., 1935-1941).

OTHER NEWS

Our hearty congratulations are extended to:—
Dr. Kenneth Burton (W.G.S., 1940-1943), who has been awarded a Fellowship at the University of Chicago.
Benjamin Cutler, on winning the City & Guilds of London Institute Bronze Medal (Fabrication of Steelwork Examination).
James E. Allen who has obtained a First Class Certificate of Competency in a Colliery Managers' examination at Doncaster.
Denise Wood, on gaining her S.R.C.N.
Joan Walton, on being accepted as a Queen's Guide.
Len Eyre, who was a British Representative at Helsinki.
Keith H. T. Hill, on being commissioned acting Pilot Officer in the R.A.F.
William G. Smith, on his appointment as Additional Sanitary Inspector to the Swadlincote U.D.C., Derbyshire.

Terence J. Sayles, on being appointed Geography Master at Knaresborough Grammar School.

Pat Kilner, B.Sc., on being appointed Biology Mistress at Hemsworth Grammar School.

Enid Jenkins, on being appointed to Brampton Ellis Secondary Modern School.

Donald Wade, on obtaining a First Class Honours Degree in Civil Engineering (Birmingham).

Gerald Readman, on obtaining a Second Class Honours B.Sc. Degree (Sheffield).

Alex L. Abson, on gaining a B.Sc. Degree in Civil Engineering (Leeds).

Mary Clark, on her Civil Service Appointment in the Department of Town Planning and Local Government in Whitehall, London.

G. Hudson, on his appointment as a Headmaster at Weymouth.

Mrs. Harding (Maureen Hoyle (W.G.S., 1937-1942) (whose husband is a recording engineer with the Forces Broadcasting Station in Tripoli) has a post with the I.C.I. as "Chief Chartist to the Work Study Section." She lives in Kensington.

Mrs. Riley (Joan Batty (W.G.S., 1931-1937)), is working at commercial art (Magazine illustrations). She and her husband (Art Master in a Grammar School) live at Richmond, Surrey, and have a family of three.

Mrs. Cole-Stokes (Catherine Larvan (W.G.S., 1936-1943)), will shortly rejoin her husband in the Sudan. They have three children.

Sqdn./Leader and Mrs. Scholey returned, with their daughter, from the Canal Zone in Egypt, in November, 1951.

Phillip Cauwood has been ordained Priest.

Alan Dobie played a small part in the Old Vic production of "Romeo and Juliet" at the Edinburgh Festival.

Owen Patrick (Transport Command Air Crew), was signaller on board the aircraft which took supplies to the airmen and troops stranded on a Greenland ice-cap.

We wish Sheila Bladen luck in her musical career.

OLD WATHONIANS RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

After a reasonable start to the 1951-52 season, the club lost the services of J. Wilks, Ardron, Fox and Barrett and so finished the season disappointingly.

Results : Played 28, Won 14, Drawn 1, Lost 13.

At the start of the present season, the club was very pleased to welcome Ibbotson, Greaves, Anstess, Barber and Johnson. Anyone wishing to join the club should see H. Mattock (*Captain*), J. Wilks (*Secretary*), Staniforth or Mr. Cooper, the Chairman of the Committee.

Results so far this season :—

Sept. 20th	Old Mannerians	..	..	..	..	H.	Won	15—3
Sept. 27th	Burley	..	..	..	..	A.	Won	8—3
Oct. 4th	Scunthorpe	..	..	..	..	A.	Lost	3—9
Oct. 11th	(Y.C.) Old Rishworthians	..	..	..	..	A.	Won	11—8
Oct. 18th	Leeds T.C.	..	..	..	..	A.	Lost	0—17
Oct. 25th	(Y.C.) Heath Old Boys	..	..	..	..	H.	Drew	6—6
Nov. 1st	(Y.C. Replay) Heath Old Boys	..	..	..	..	A.	Lost	9—6
Nov. 8th	English Steel Corporation	..	..	..	..	H.	Won	26—0
Nov. 15th	Old Othliensians	..	..	..	..	A.	Drew	6—6
Dec. 13th	Sheffield T.C.	..	..	..	..	H.	Lost	3—6
Dec. 20th	School	..	..	..	..	..	Won	10—6

Owing to the hard frost matches with Old Pomfretians and Moortown had unfortunately to be cancelled.

OBITUARY

We regret the sudden and very sad bereavement of Mr. Cooper. To him we express our deepest sympathy on the death of his wife, always a loyal friend to the school.

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Girls.

Kathleen Ineson (*Head Girl*), Marjorie Carr, Jean Harrison, Mary Wilkinson, Jean Armstrong, Barbara Hutton, Jean Pears, Margaret Pepper, Rosina Senior, Mary Taylor, Shirley Woodcock, Shirley Hallatt, Margaret Jones, Anne Neale, Jean Reynolds, Audrey Platt.

Boys.

J. E. Wardle (*Head Boy*), J. H. Goldthorpe (*Deputy*), I. M. Athay, J. M. Beresford, D. G. Ellis, F. Hooper, M. Hooper, T. Norman, P. Barker, J. Darley, T. Swallow.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Advanced—Altogether 39 candidates took papers at advanced standard and 35 obtained certificates.

State and County Major Scholarships—Kirk, D., Goldthorpe, J. H.

County Major Scholarships—Daykin, P., Wendy Wood.

Miners' Welfare Scholarship—C. A. Burden (Upper VI. Sc.).

County Exhibitions—

Burkinshaw, R.
Wilby, B.
Ellis, D.

County Bursaries—

Burden, C. A.
Betty Gledhill
Patricia Rodgers
Mavis Clifton.

Ordinary—129 candidates took papers at ordinary level and qualified for 119 certificates in one or more subjects.

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