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EDITORIAL

As we collected together the notices and reports which readers will find in the following pages, we were struck by their witness to the continuous yet ever-changing pattern of school life. The year began and, for some forms, seemed as if it would go badly, with so many casualties among the staff; yet, as the Magazine shows, school life went on with little visible signs of change and interruption. We realize that for much of this continuity we have to thank both the Headmaster and remaining staff and the Old Boys of the School who so generously made themselves available to teach us—particularly those taking G.C.E. this year.

We are grateful to those boys who have supplied reports of activities and to those who have offered original compositions. The contributions which, for one reason and another, we could not publish, are included in our thanks, for, in editing a publication of this kind, the obviously-most defeating experience is to have little to edit. Some of the editorial staff have felt that the number of contributions is deplorably small in proportion to the numbers in School. Is this due to apathy? To inability? To modesty, real or conveniently affected? We think, from information supplied to us about some contributions in this and earlier numbers, inability cannot be blamed; we do not believe it is apathy.

We have not as yet been able to print such expensive features as drawings, cartoons, or crossword puzzles, but, if the excellent support given to the Magazine in the last two years is continued, it may be possible to do so next year. Contributions of this nature are invited. Letters to the Editor, news of the activities of boys who are at the Universities and of other Old Boys are two features we would like to have, the second, of course, to add to the value of the Magazine as a record; but, above all, we urge our own boys to write about their own experiences and adventures, their hobbies, their own district. All they need decide is what has interested or excited them and write about it; after submitting what they have written they can leave the rest to the editorial staff.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS SILCOCK

Mr. Silcock's death, on November 5th, 1955, has deprived us of a valued friend and colleague, a man of the highest integrity and a most zealous teacher. He joined the staff in September, 1930, so that his 25 years' service covered nearly half the history of the School. His influence has been felt, and will be remembered, by many hundreds of Old Boys—many of his older pupils have themselves had sons in the School.
Mr. Silcock was a fine mathematician and an enthusiast for his subject. He was an Old Boy of Bury Grammar School, Lancashire; after serving in the Royal Artillery during the 1914-18 War, he entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and gained a Second Class in both parts of the Mathematics Tripos. He taught for nine years in Rochester and Cardiff and, in 1930, was appointed Mathematics Master here in succession to Mr. W. H. Baylis.

Those of us who knew him over the 25 years will agree that we have known few better men. A succession of illnesses in his family laid a heavy burden on him; his life was hard, but there is no doubt that it was happy; his kindly, generous and unselfish nature found great happiness in caring for others.

He was an accomplished musician and for many years played the cello in the School Orchestra and helped with the music in all sorts of ways. His experience in the First World enabled him to give valuable service as an officer in the School Cadet Corps during the war of 1939-1945.

It is difficult even now to realize that Mr. Silcock is not with us. His kindness, his energy, and his enthusiasm for all he did will leave an enduring memory. It is impossible to speak highly enough of the cheerful courage with which, during the last years of his life, he stood up to a painful and distressing illness. He enjoyed the blessing of a happy home life and we can imagine what his loss must mean to his wife and children. We offer them our heartfelt sympathy.

MRS. JACKSON & MRS. BOARDMAN

On behalf of the School we record with deep regret the passing of Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Boardman, that of the former as a result of a long and painful illness and of the latter due to a tragic accident.

MR. PLAICE & MISS HOWGEGO

Our groundsman, Mr. Ralph Plaice, died very suddenly in March; and in May Miss Howgego, the caretaker’s chief assistant, died after a brief illness. Their loyal service to the School will not be forgotten.

SCHOOL NOTES

Two boys, B. P. Welford and F. W. Eyles, were awarded State Scholarships for their performances in Mathematics and Theoretical Mechanics in the G.C.E. examinations.

F. R. Bell and G. M. Donald were placed on the reserve list for State Scholarships for their performances in Physics and Chemistry.

Several boys have been selected for representative teams in the various school games.

M. Smith played for the North of England Rugby XV against the Midlands. D. Jesson was appointed captain of Durham Public and Grammar Schools XV and Smith and M. Roberts also played for this team. Roberts and R. Bateman played for the Durham Under-18 XV.

M. C. Webber played for the North of England Schoolboys Cricket XI against the South. Webber and D. Lamb were prominent members of the Durham County Schoolboys XI and Webber, Lamb and J. S. Douglas played regularly for the Town team.

P. Humble swam for Northumberland and Durham in the English Schools Championship. R. Marshall, S. Humble and P. Humble represented the West Hartlepool Schools’ Team in the County Swimming Championship.

De Magistris

We welcome back Mr. Watson, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Saunders after their recent illnesses and hope that they have made a complete recovery.

We should like to thank Mr. J. E. Addis, Mr. P. Rymer, Mr. W. Knox and Dr. Barkas for their invaluable assistance over the past year; without them it would have proved a most trying time.

Mr. P. R. Perry

At the end of the Easter term we were very sorry to lose the services of Mr. Perry, who left us to take up a post at a Rotherham Grammar School.

He came to the School in September, 1952, and in the few years he was with us Mr. Perry entered wholeheartedly into many different School activities. He was a very keen table tennis player and also became a member of the School Orchestra. In 1953 he arranged a very successful trip to Italy and in 1955, in conjunction with Mr. Hodgson, he took a number of boys to France to the Loire Valley and this again proved very enjoyable to those participating.

His enthusiasm for the School is epitomised in his generous offer of an annual award for a free Classical Composition.

We wish him all success in his new appointment.

Mr. R. E. Laverty

Mr. Laverty joined the Staff in January 1956 to teach Woodwork and Practical Drawing. He was educated at Henry Smith School and Loughborough Engineering College, and has had considerable experience in other schools before joining us.
The appointment of Mr. Laverty makes it now possible for Woodwork to be offered in the G.C.E. at Ordinary level.

Mr. H. C. Elliott

Mr. Elliott was educated at the A. J. Dawson Grammar School, Wellfield, and at Hatfield College, Durham, where he obtained a B.Sc. degree in Geography and Mathematics. While at the University he played golf for Durham Colleges. Mr. Elliott joined the staff at the end of the summer term to teach Mathematics and Junior Geography.

Mr. B. J. Worthy

Mr. Worthy also joined the staff at the end of the summer term. He was educated at Pocklington School and Clare College, Cambridge, where he obtained a Second Class Honours Degree in History. He then took the Diploma in Education at University College, Durham.

Mr. Worthy rowed for Clare College and stroked the University boat at Durham. He now rows in the Durham County boat, which was placed third in the recent races on the Tyne.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE AWARDS, 1956

The following boys of the School passed the General Certificate examination held in June this year:

Ordinary Level

Nine Subjects:  R. Amour, J. L. Andrews, R. Bateman,
               J. O. Coxon, G. E. Graham, G. S. Morgan, D. M.
Eight Subjects:  B. Anson, A. R. Ashton, C. Burgess,
Seven Subjects:  J. L. Curry, P. Harle, J. Henderson,
                M. W. Imeson, A. C. L. Natt, E. G. Pearson, S. M. Sole,
                D. Wiles.
Five Subjects:  A. B. Brownless, B. Grieveon, D. H. Horton,
               W. Newsome, R. H. Thompson, T. W. Whitton.
Four Subjects:  J. L. Bagley, W. A. Cook, K. M. Donaldson,
                C. S. Evers, B. Leng, A. Markwell, W. C. Orley,
                A. B. Readman, N. W. Simpson.
Three Subjects:  G. F. Bell, J. Dale, E. S. Geldard, B. W.
                Glendinning, P. C. Huggett, K. T. Parkinson, E. Wilson.
Two Subjects:  J. A. W. Baker, A. Hope, J. A. MacFarlane,
One Subject:  R. Crome, R. Green, A. D. Rollo.

Advanced Level

N. A. Armstrong (Maths., Physics, Chemistry, Biology).
F. R. Bell, (Physics, Chemistry, distinction in Mathematics).
R. T. Boynton (Latin, Mathematics).
J. D. Brown (Maths., Physics, Chemistry, Biology).
T. Collingwood (English).
R. K. S. Culmer (Maths., Physics).
G. M. Donald (Maths., Chemistry, distinction in Physics).
F. W. Eyles (Maths., Theoretical Mechanics, distinction in Physics).
E. Fraser (English, distinction in Scripture).
J. M. Gordon (Mathematics).
B. Grazier (Maths., Theoretical Mechanics, Physics).
W. B. Hall (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry).
R. Llewellyn (English, History, French).
J. F. Mellanby (Maths., Physics, Chemistry).
N. Millions (Mathematics).
K. T. Knatt (Maths., Chemistry).
P. A. Sedgewicke (English, History, French).
W. Sedgwick (Maths., Chemistry, Biology).
J. J. Shields (Maths., Physics, Chemistry).
A. Sickling (Maths., Physics, Chemistry).
M. Stocks (Music).
D. Thompson (English, Geography, French).
R. C. Vasey (Latin, French).
B. P. Welford (distinctions in Mathematics, Theoretical Mechanics and in Physics).
SPEECH DAY, 1955

Speech Day was held on Friday, 21st October

The Chairman, Councillor G. W. Groves, opened the proceedings by calling upon the Orchestra to play the 'French Suite' by Gillier. After this had been very creditably performed, the Headmaster gave his report. In this he commented on the School's continued success in all spheres of activity: the fact that boys in the Senior Sixth had gained five State Scholarships and a University Exhibition spoke for itself and this achievement was echoed on the Rugby field, where the First Fifteen had retained their unbeaten record for the second consecutive season.

After thanking the Headmaster for his report, the Chairman agreed that the year's work had been outstanding and said that one ran out of superlatives in describing it. Purcell's "Air and Rondo" was then played by the Orchestra and the prizes and certificates were presented by the Bishop of Jarrow. We were then treated to a spirited rendering by the Orchestra of Brahms's "Hungarian Dance No 6," after which the Bishop of Jarrow stood up to speak.

In a very amusing speech he addressed himself in turn to the pupils, masters, parents, governors and to all the different groups of people connected with the School, giving some very useful advice laced with amusing anecdotes. As he said, he was qualified to give advice, because he himself was a parent and also a governor of a school.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman C. E. Johnson, B.E.M., J.P., thanked the Bishop for his speech and also praised the School for the year's performance.

The afternoon closed with the School Song and the National Anthem.

THE ROYAL VISIT

On June 2nd Her Majesty the Queen paid an official visit to Tees-side, and Stockton Corporation very kindly offered to reserve stands for local schoolchildren.

Excellent arrangements were made for the various schools to assemble in side streets leading off Whitby Street. Our school party, consisting of nine masters and 180 boys, after assembling at Charles Street at 8.15 a.m., proceeded to the railway station and travelled together with the boys of the other schools to Norton-on-Tees.

Arriving at Norton, we marched to the main road, where positions were reserved for us. After a very brief wait on our part the Royal Party passed. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were loudly cheered by all the schoolchildren and everyone was impressed by Her Majesty's pleasing manner.

When the Royal Party was out of sight we returned home, pleased to have been present on such a memorable occasion.

R. C. VASEY,
Senior Arts VI

SUSPENSE

Someone slowly opened the door; it creaked ominously, pivotted on rusty hinges.

Suddenly from the low murmur came a slightly raised voice which said, "Your turn!"

I turned as if hypnotised and walked towards the door. I paused; and, after taking a last look round, I went through the half-opened door. Then down the well-worn steps treadling every pace I took; all faces were towards me and high in the heavens the hot sun laughed at me. Forward over the hard sun-baked clay, forward on to the scorched grass; the clapping of the mob came to me like the sound of a brook running over pebbles.

There, in the distance, was the executioner, ready to hurl his deadly weapon on me. I held on tightly to my thin defence, my knuckles white and tense. My heart thumped like a piston and I said a quiet prayer.

In another moment it happened; the crowd roared. My hands tingled with sudden shock. I was safe! My first ball had crossed the boundary. We had won the match.

J. DARLEY, 5B.

SCHOOL CONCERT, 1956

The annual Concert was given in the School Hall on the 31st May to an audience of parents and friends. After a rousing opening by Choir and Orchestra in "Non Nobis Domine," the Senior Orchestra gave a greatly appreciated performance of the Symphony No, 94 in G by Haydn, which was followed by "Valse Triste," by Grieg. The junior choir, in its customary delightful manner, gave two songs, "Water Parted," by Arne, and Handel's "Where'er You Walk." They were followed by the Junior Orchestra, in its first public performance, to make praiseworthy renderings of "Suite Française," by Gheev, and of a selection from "Cavalleria Rusticana." The Choir rounded off the first part of the programme with "With a Voice of Singing."
THE LIBRARY

During the past year, the Library has been as popular as in previous years, indeed it has been so popular that now the librarians are having difficulty in getting in the books again for annual stocktaking. It is pleasing to note that the Science Sixth have heeded the directions in the last two magazines and now it is from them that it is most difficult to reclaim books.

The total number of books now stands at 5709 and, as well as those bought from fines, our grateful thanks are due to Dr. Barkas and Mr. Boardman for their generous gifts. For much of the year, Mr. Watson, owing to his illness has been unable to devote any time to the library and Mr. Spence has taken the burden of the work on very capable shoulders, aided by Mr. Boardman and Mr. Saunders.

Finally, I should like to thank Fraser, Amour, Truelove, Henderson, Temple, Roberts and Bowman for their invaluable assistance over the past year.

D.J.N.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

This appears to be a new venture in the School: it was formed, at the suggestion of Mr. Fryer, by a small group from the Upper Forms, who had been meeting in the Music Room at dinner time to play gramophone records. A programme committee was elected to arrange the meetings in conjunction with Mr. Fryer, who very kindly placed all the School's music facilities at our disposal, including the record player and tape recorder. The existence of the club was made known to the School, and the attendance at its first meeting was very encouraging, particularly from the Lower School.

For our first term we have enjoyed a diversity of programmes. M. Stocks (Junior VI) gave our opening recital, playing cello music by W. H. Squire, Saints Saëns, Gounod, an unaccompanied Bach Sonata and the delightful slow movement from the Chopin cello Sonata.

Our thanks go to Mr. Boardman who gave us two very interesting illustrated talks, one on that notable French Romantic composer Hector Berlioz. Mr. Fryer presented the story of Mozart's life and the opera "The Magic Flute" and explained how it was originally commissioned by the local comedian of a rather disreputable theatre.

The former School trio - T. Atkinson, M. Stocks and A. Patterson - played a Mozart trio and Movements from Dvorak's "Dumky" Trio, before they were joined by violas and second violins in a performance of Brahms' F Minor Quintet. D. Fearn (Junior VI) played the delightful Rondo from the Haydn First Piano Concerto. All those present (including non-musicians) then joined in a cacophonous rendering of some French Folk Songs and of Choruses from "Messiah" and "Elijah".

A very interesting trip was arranged by Mr. Fryer to see the Ballet "Copelia" at Stockton. This proved most enjoyable and was a new experience for many of our members.

Our meeting this term closed with an organ recital at York Road Methodist Church by kind permission of the Church Authorities and the Organist M. Stocks. The soloist was Mr. Addison of Durham, on the substantial three manual Nelson organ. His programme included works such as the popular D Minor Toccata and Fugue, John Stanley's Suite in D and Chorale preludes, to some modern compositions by Flor Peters and Vaughan Williams.

We would like to express our thanks to our lecturers and soloists and most particularly to Mr. Fryer who has devoted much of his time to us, and for his help in arranging the meetings.

G. M. DONALD, Chairman
K. M. DONALDSON, Secretary.

CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service was held as usual at the end of the Christmas Term before an audience of parents and friends.

The Orchestra opened the service with a performance of Purcell's "Christmas Night Music". The Headmaster read the Bidding and then all joined in singing the well known hymn "Once in Royal David's City". There followed the traditional Nine Readings in order interspersed with carols, both the old favourites and some lesser known ones. These latter included Besançon's "People Look East", the Czech carol "Rocking", the French carol "Angels from the realms of glory" and R. R. Terry's "Myn Lyking". A small group also sang Bach's "O Little One Sweet". The singing was in all cases of the usual high standard but it is regrettable that more of the Upper School do not swell the ranks of the tenors and basses who were rather thin in numbers. The Orchestra accompanied the Choir in some of the carols and this was very effective.

After the Ninth Reading the Headmaster said the Collect for Christmas Day and all joined in saying the Lord's Prayer.

The service closed with all present singing "O come all ye faithful".

"OBSERVER"
"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL"

On March 28th, a Chamber group called the Parmonic Players gave a musical evening in the Dalton Hall for their parents and friends. It was not that they had any grudge against them, but they thought it their duty to let people hear the result of two years' solid practice.

The concert, due to start at 7.15, started promptly at 7.45. The players (or at least most of them) started with the National Anthem. The reason for my phrase in parenthesis, is that the pianist, who is also the musical director, forgot to bring the music.

The audience was not too much upset by this, and after everyone had recovered from the impact of the first shock and settled down again, all the lights, save those above the orchestra, were dimmed (i.e. went out) and the little orchestra churned out a hideous jangle which they blasphemously passed off as Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 6. The audience clapped, rather in two minds, I thought, and then the orchestra played the Barcarolle from the "Tales of Hoffman". It would have been quite enjoyable if, at one point, the cello, the first violins and trumpet had not regarded their parts as the most important. At this part, which was marked 'piasissimo', incidentally (for our Science friends, that means very softly) there was absolute chaos and, whereas normally you should have been able to hear a pin drop, you could not I suppose, have heard an H-Bomb drop.

The concert progressed without much more incident until Trevor Morgan's first violin solo, for which he played some Fantasia or other on "La Traviata" by Verdi. Richard Dalziel was his "turner-over" and would, at one point insist on turning over exactly four and half bars before Trevor wanted him to. The result was not disastrous but after the concert, I noticed the two of them having words in the corner.

Things went nicely again until Derek Fearn's first solo. He stood up, faced the audience, and nervously announced that he would like to play for them the last movement of Beethoven's "Emperor" piano concerto, but as he had no idea how it went, he would play instead "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring". It went well until he turned over for the first time, when the middle of the copy wafted down to the feet of the Clarinettist, John Hodgson, who handed it back to Fearn who in turn finished the "amateurish" rendering (or should it be rendering in which case it was certainly professional?) of the said chorale, his face as red as the proverbial beetroot.

The first half of the concert ended with a selection from "The Pirates of Penzance". It was very much appreciated by the audience. Then came the interval during which refreshments were served.

After the half-hour interval, three of the orchestra took up such weapons as castanets, cymbals, drums, xylophones, and roused the biggest laugh of the evening. The second part consisted of such pieces as "Colonel Bogey", "Chanson de Matin", "Pomp and Circumstance", three Welsh Melodies, "Czardas", and a solo for violin by Monti, played by Trevor Morgan. Then the orchestra reached the final item. It was a selection from "The Mikado", everyone's favourite. The audience stood and applauded heartily for what they had regarded as an evening well spent.

Seriously - at last - I'm sure that the organization of future concerts will not suffer from the mishaps which occurred on this occasion, and the appreciation of the players' efforts will be correspondingly aided; the next report will have to be in more serious vein, I hope so - yet I for one will remember the first concert with some nostalgia as I read of polished performances of this and that.

I should like to thank Mr. H. A. Hodgson whose support, financial and otherwise, made the concert at all possible; the players themselves must bear responsibility for what was "impossible".

by NORMAN de BLOOM

RUGBY

First XV

The School First XV had a moderately successful season. Of the 20 games played, 13 were won, six lost, with one game drawn.

The season began disastrously, when Tonkin, the only three-quarter with first team experience, had appendicitis and Rowell broke a thumb in practice. Consequently with a much improvised team, we lost the first game against Wellfield G.S., this being the first defeat the School had suffered in over two seasons.

However, as the season progressed and the team had settled down, the now more experienced backs proved themselves capable of using their greater share of the ball to the best advantage. Of these backs, Smith, Grimwood, Shields, and Francis are worthy of special mention.

As in previous seasons the team's strength lay in the forwards—Rowell, Allen, Roberts and Bateman being the most outstanding.
The Under-18 XV did extremely well to win the Lornor Cup for the third successive year.

In the Tees-side Sevens the School were beaten by a much more experienced Coatham seven, but in the Durham Sevens we were revenged when we beat the same Coatham Seven in the semi-final.

Second XV

The record of the Second Team games for the season 1955-6 is: Played 17, won 10, drawn one, lost six.

On the whole the team played quite well through the season, except for two losing spells, in October and about Christmas-New Year. Perhaps if there had been more organized training the general result would have been better. The pack remained roughly the same throughout the season and, although light compared with some of their opponents, managed to hold their own in most cases. The three-quarters however, suffered from frequent alterations in their line-up, due to First Team experiments with different combinations. Despite this the team generally put up a satisfactory show, scoring 257 points with 171 points scored against them.

Under-15 XV

The team played extremely well throughout the season, open Rugby being a feature of most games.

The forwards, with the inclusion of newcomer Langcake, heeled the ball continually and were excellent in all phases except the loose play.

The backs, with the full-back problem solved by Roberts, passed very well amongst themselves, and the wingers scored a large number of tries.

Under-14 XV

The Under-14 Team had a poor season, winning only four of their 12 games. This may have been due to an unsettled “pack,” except for Horsfield, Ilderton and Williams was continually being changed. The three-quarters never seemed to find their best form and could do nothing but complain about the forwards.

Under-13 XV

Unfortunately the Under-13 teams only played three games and returned three different results. However, with their fast three-quarters and steady forwards, they should improve on this result next season.

HOUSE MATCHES 1955-56

In the Junior House matches West House was by far the strongest side and won both matches against East and North comfortably.

In the Senior competition East beat North in the first round, a victory due largely to their strong halves Jesson and Millions. West House beat South House in the other game by 12 points to nil.

The final between East and West was a very close struggle ending in a win for West by 11 to 8. The West House forwards dominated the set scrums and the potentially strong East back division did not get moving. The game opened with some even play until Millions crashed over near the posts for a try, which he converted. West, however, fought back and Francis, their centre, scored an unconverted try from a set scrum.

Shortly after half-time Millions kicked a penalty goal for East, but Jesson, after crossing the line, failed to ground the ball. From this point West dominated, with their largely inexperience pack playing magnificently. Finally, after some good three-quarter play, Bradley scored two tries, one of which was converted by Wetherell.

THE RUGBY DINNER, 1955-56

The fourth annual dinner of the School Rugby Club was held on Thursday, 29th December, 1955, in Mason’s Cafe. Several guests and Old Boys attended, besides the 1st and 2nd XV members.

The guests of honour were Mr. Houlton, Mr. King, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Knox: the masters were represented by Messrs. Pidd, Saunders and Hudsith. Nor were our supporters unrepresented, Messrs. Aves and Tonkin being present.

After the meal Mr. Pidd proposed the toast "The Queen." The Headmaster toasted "The School Rugby Club" and D. Jesson, in his reply, commented on the support given him by the old established members of the First XV and the much improved play of many of the new members. Continuing the speeches Mr. King, whom we were pleased to see and hope will continue to come, in toasting "The Game," criticized team selection and selectors; while J. Rowell, in proposing "The Referees," mentioned the numerous poor referees the team had encountered. These are very noticeable after one has played in a game handled by.
Mr. Stephenson. Responding, Mr. Stephenson ascended to Rowell’s height—by standing on a chair. K. Allen welcomed the guests and Mr. Knox, replying, agreed with Mr. Stevenson’s view that D. Jesson was the finest captain the School First XV had ever had.

The highlight of the after-speech entertainment, which all members have come to look forward to with great anticipation, not unmixed with trepidation, was once more composed and sung by Mr. Saunders. As always, each new verse was greeted with one more red face and uproarious mirth from the more fortunate.

We were also treated to a polished and skilful display of conjuring by Stan Geldard.

The party broke up after the singing of “Auld Lang Syne.”

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Phillipson, who was unable to attend through illness, is now in better health.

K. ALLEN

CRICKET

First XI

The First XI had quite a good season and did, in fact, lose only one match.

The feature of the season was the attack, which was one of the finest for many years, with Brownless as the best spin bowler I have ever seen in the School.

On the other hand, however, the batting was extremely unsteady, with very few people scoring consistently. Webber and Arthur are, however, quite good prospects for future years.

The bad batting is, I feel, mostly due to the batsmen’s playing of the fast bowler. The whole secret of playing the fast bowler is to get into the line of flight, yet so frequently did we see the batsmen retreating to square leg and vainly attempting to “cut” the ball past point. If this action is one of fright, give the game up or cure the fault—quickly.

The fielding, unlike that of recent years, was good, with Smith an outstanding person in this most important department.

The School had an interesting match against an R.A.F. team from Seaton and it is to be hoped that this fixture will be continued.

B. HALL (Captain)

First XI Colours were re-awarded to Hall, Bateman, Brownless and also awarded to Smith, Morgan and Hope.

Second XI Colours were awarded to Webber, Arthur, Boynton and Mellanby.

Second XI

The Second XI started the season well with a ten wickets win over Henry Smith’s. They preserved this high standard throughout the season, losing only once to T.D.S. by one wicket after a finish which stands unrivalled for excitement, three wickets falling whilst the winning two runs were added. The bowling was very strong, Millions, Wood and Lamb sharing the major honours, and consequently the less consistent, though sometimes very good, batting strength was seldom fully extended. Ground fielding was good, but the return throwing was often astray. Much the same team played throughout the season and team spirit was all that could be desired. Thanks are due to the scorers and umpires, who gave up their Saturday mornings and performed excellent work.

Second XI Colours were awarded to Bradley, Francis, Lamb, Millions, Parkinson, H. Roberts and Wood.

H. W. BRADLEY

Under-14 XI

This year the Under-14 XI enjoyed an unbeaten season. In the eight games played six were won and two drawn. In the batting department Douglas excelled. The bowling honours were shared by Barnes and McCarthy, whose attack was consistently hostile. The First Formers, Gibson and Llewellyn, showed distinct promise. After an indifferent start the fielding improved considerably and contributed largely to the team’s success.

SENIOR HOUSE FINAL

Webber and H. Roberts opened the batting for South; Roberts was dismissed with only 15 runs on the board but Webber and Hope took the score to 79 before Hope fell; Webber soon followed, having just failed to reach his half-century. South declared at 105 for three wickets, thus setting West a formidable challenge.

However, Bradley lost his wicket to Hope the first ball of the innings. Apart from four byes, there had been no runs scored when the fourth wicket fell. The other wickets fell for the addition of only 11 runs, Hope’s figures being six wickets for four runs. West being all out for 15 runs, South had won by the striking margin of 90 runs.

JUNIOR HOUSE COMPETITION

This was played throughout the season on a form basis, so that nearly every boy in the first three forms took part in House cricket. South won the competition.
THE OLD BOYS' MATCH

The match took place on 26th July. The sun was shining as the Old Boys' team took the field supplemented by four masters, Messrs. Elliott, Jackson, Knox, and Worthy.

The opening School batsmen, Webber and Hall, walked to the wicket and Scarratt opened the bowling from the southern end of the lawn. The opening pair played very defensively and seemed rather bewildered as to what should be done to Webster's slow spinners. Although the general opinion of the spectators was that these should be hit either for twos or fours, the batsmen continued to play a stolid game, scoring the occasional single until Webber was caught by Scarratt off Webster's bowling with the score at five for one. This did not augur well as all knew of the batting potentialities of the Old Boys. Arthur came in and we were then treated to four successive maidens, with neither batsman seeming completely at ease with Webster's bowling. Then Arthur hit a four off Webster and all thought that perhaps this indicated a change of batting technique but alas, this was not so and the score continued to rise in singles.

Rowell decided that this was no way to win a match and so put Evans on in place of Scarratt. Evans's first ball pitched about half way down the pitch and all would have been well if Arthur had not made the tragic mistake of trying to hit it; but this he did and Jesson took a magnificent catch in the slips to dismiss him. With the score at 14 for two Smith came in.

Rowell's cunning, however, was not exhausted and Jacques was put on at the other end. This resulted in Hall being bowled without any addition to the score.

Other batsmen came in but none could make any decisive score and when Bateman, the last man, came in with the score at 33 for nine it was generally thought that the match was a foregone conclusion. But with Mellanby at the other end the batsmen pushed the score up until, with the score at 50, Bateman was caught in the slips by Mr. Elliott off Scarratt. This last partnership added the most runs and Bateman was the highest scorer with 11 to his credit.

Although this was slightly better it seemed that the Old Boys' team would have very little difficulty in gaining the necessary runs. Knox and Webster opened the batting and when Knox knocked three twos off Hall's first over the course of the match seemed certain. Knox hit a two and a single off Bateman's first over and then Webster was facing Bateman's last ball of the over. The ball sent the balls flying; Webster was bowled! Scarratt came in but only one run was added before he was dismissed by Hall. The situation looked decidedly hopeful for the School.

We then saw a similar episode to that of the School's batting and Rowell played a captain's innings while the other batsmen did little to increase the score, Mr. Rymer and Mr. Elliott scoring seven and Jesson scoring four.

With the score at 43 Mr. Jackson, the last man, joined Rowell, who was still batting. This was really exciting, with the last man in and Old Boys needing eight to win. Slowly the score crept up until with the score at 49 and two needed to win Hall put himself on to bowl at Rowell.

What cunning scheme was this? Rowell only had to touch one fast ball through the slips and they would win the match. There was a hush over the whole ground. The first ball of the over went straight through to Douglas, the wicket-keeper. As the second ball hurled through the air Rowell opened his shoulders and prepared to hit a four but seemingly he had misjudged it for it dropped at his feet. This could not go on indefinitely; something was bound to happen, and happen it did. Hall's third ball went straight through and shattered the stumps.

The School had won by one run and we had all seen a game which, though perhaps dull in some parts, had proved thoroughly interesting to those spectators who had stayed to the end.

ATHLETICS

Cross Country Run—1956

The annual cross country races were held on Wednesday, 21st of March, in dry, sunny weather: a chilly breeze, however, hampered the runners a little.

All three races attracted large fields, especially the Junior race, which Chapman (N) won in 13min. 16sec., fulfilling the promise he showed when finishing runner-up last year. The Intermediate race was won comfortably by Arbuckle (S) in 16min. 38sec. Spence (N) won the Senior race for the second consecutive year, over the six-mile Dalton course, in 33min. 54sec.

For the first time in several years North House won the team competition, as well as providing two of the individual winners. The results were:

North 24 points. East 12 points. South 6 points.

SPORTS DAY

The annual sports were held on July 18th, a cold and misty day, with very heavy ground conditions which prevented the breaking of any track records.

A feature which we hope has set a precedent was the use of loudspeakers for marshalling the competitors and announcing the results of events.
D. W. Watson, of East House, broke the intermediate high jump record with a jump of 5ft. 3in.—a remarkable achievement.

An unusual race was the senior 880 yards. This was definitely a race of tactics, with each runner unwilling to take the lead and it was finally won by M. Roberts, of South House, in a time of 2min. 27.2 sec., which was slower than the intermediate 880 race.

Probably the most eagerly awaited race was the senior mile. From the start D. Spence went into the lead and gradually increased it until he won by about 150 yards and almost lapped some of the runners; the time for this race was 4min. 45sec., a very good time considering the conditions.

The final placings in the House competition was:

North - - - - 58½ points
South - - - - 54½ points
East - - - - 49 points
West - - - - 45 points

Councillor Mrs. J. W. Miller presented the shield to D. Spence, the captain of North House.

**RESULTS (Track Events)**

100 yds. Senior: Crisp (E) 11 sec. Anson (W) Bradley (W)
Inter: Morgan (S) 12 sec Irving (E) H. Roberts (S)
Jnr: Winlow (W) 12.2 sec Holman (E) MacNeil (N)

200 yds. Senior: Crisp (E) 23.6 sec. Smith (N) Anson (W)
Inter: Morgan (S) D. H. Wood (N) and Irving (E)
Jnr: Winlow (W) 27.6 sec. Lumsden (S) MacNeil (N)

440 yds. Senior: Smith (N) 55 sec. Shields (W) Green (S)
Inter: Herbert (E) 1 min. 2.2 sec. Arbuckle (S)
Arthur (N)

660 yds. Jnr: Ellison (N) Lumsden (S) Bellwood (E)

880 yds. Senior: Roberts (S) 2 min. 27.2 sec. Rollo (W)
Green (S)

Inter: Arbuckle (S) 2 min. 23.6 sec. Atkinson (N)
H. Roberts (S)

1 Mile Senior: Spence (N) 4 min. 45 sec. M. Roberts (S)
Rollo (W)

4 x 110 Relay Senior: 1. South 2. West 3. North
Inter: 1. South 2. North 3. West
Jnr: 1. North 2. East 3. West

**Field Events**

High Jump Senior: Grimwood (N) Smith (E) Welford (E)
Inter: Watson (E) 5ft. 3in. Arbuckle (S)
Jnr: Winlow (W) Holman (E) Tracey (W)

Long Jump Senior: Bradley (W) 17ft. 11in. Shields (W)
Inter: Morgan (S) 17ft. 3¼ in. Arbuckle (S)
Jnr: Holman (E) Jones (E) Johnson (W)

Javelin Senior: Francis (W) Hope (S) Allen (E)
Discus Senior: Humble (W) Wright (S) Millions (E)

Shot Senior: Francis (W) Wright (S) Humble (W)

Total 1st North 2nd South 3rd East 4th West
58.5 54.5 49 45

The Inter School Sports at Grayfields.

The School were again placed Second in this Competition, winning the William Edgar Shield.

**TABLE TENNIS**

The School has had a successful season of table tennis, both from a financial and a playing point of view.

In the singles competition, for which there was a large entry, A. Sickling beat B. Hall in the final. Then in the doubles, Sickling and his partner A. Macfarlane beat H. Bradley and E. Vickers.

For the third year in succession, North House won the House tournament.

The ‘dead’ condition of two of the three tables, however, rather spoils the enjoyment and the standard of play on them.

Our thanks are due to the masters concerned, Mr. Leason, Mr. Hudspith, Mr. Perry and Mr. Rymer, for giving their time after school so generously in order to supervise.

H. W. BRADLEY

THE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS MATCH

At 2.15 p.m. our team arrived at the High School, only to find the girls attending end-of-term assembly, so we had a valuable 10 minute knock-up before our opponents and their supporters converged on all the courts. The School team soon found that the standard of their opponents’ tennis was much higher than in previous years, but the issue was never in doubt. The School won by 66 games to 33, only one set was lost.
After a very enjoyable game played in a sultry atmosphere, the tea provided by the ladies themselves added an extra touch to the afternoon's enjoyment. Thanks for the match and tea were conveyed to the small gathering by Hall, the response being made by Miss M. Welford.

We took our leave at 5 p.m. having failed to convince Mr. Knox that our help was needed in washing-up.

Teams:- High School: Misses Marsh and Liddle, Dunn and Welford, Gatenby and Melaney.
Grammar School: Vickers and Smith, Hall and Bradley, Kirby and Crisp.

M. SMITH

SWIMMING

Last year saw the return of the School's supremacy in town swimming. This was without doubt, due to the interest taken by Mr. Smith and Mr. Hodgson in the sport. Our thanks are due to them.

We regained the MacDonald Cameron Shield for all-round swimming, scoring a total of 63½ points, 18½ points in front of our nearest rival.

This surprisingly large margin was due to some excellent swimming in the relays, which carried a large points award, and equally excellent individual performances: we were represented in every final.

Although this report is extremely satisfying, the most promising aspects of School swimming are the skill and enthusiasm shown by the younger members of the team, and the comparable interest and enthusiasm shown by the non-swimming supporters.

BIRDS OF THE LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE

In our part of the country, we are very fortunate in having ground features which harbour interesting and rarely-seen birds.

To the South, the Cleveland Hills include in their list of species, linnets, pipits, one or two merlins, curlews, plover, short-eared owl and a few common redstarts and pied flycatchers.

Then, on the Tees estuary we find waders and sea-ducks. Autumn and winter are the best periods, for the winter migrants, such as scoter and shore-lark arrive, and summer visitors, mainly waders, stream out.

A mile or two inland from the estuary we find Cowpen Marsh, Salt-Holme Pool and the Reclamation Pond. Among their reeds and thick rushes, shoveller hide and teal feed. This is the locality most of our scarcer visitors frequent.

Yet another place is the Town Park where woodland birds are to be found which include magpies, small finches, tits, tree creepers and the usual cheeky sparrows.

Let us take a trip to one of the marshes, Cowpen Marsh. As we walk along beside the pools redshank fly up with loud cries lap wings dive down with loud, shrill calls; with these alarm notes shoveller ducks, with huge spatulate bills, hurtle up into the sky, and teal and mallard fly low over the ground. Suddenly, from behind a hummock, two huge mute swans flap up. Then, just in front of us a large wading bird flies up; it has black wings, head and tail and neck; its back is pure white; it is a dusky redshank. We train our field-glasses on it as it towers up and merges in a crowd of teal. This wader is an uncommon autumn visitor.

A number of uncommon waders are seen here during the year; thus we see that we are very lucky to have such birds in this district.

KIRKBURTON (A Yorkshire Village)

Kirkburton, a small village about 4.5 miles from Huddersfield and on the main road from Huddersfield to Barnsley, is surrounded by mile upon mile of fringe woods and lovely countryside. The village itself is very old, with an old English church of the fifteenth century. The road from Huddersfield forks at Kirkburton, the lower one carrying on to Barnsley while the other goes up a steep hill through Kirkburton and then to Highburton. In the centre of the small village is an old blacksmith's forge; from here, the clang of metal upon metal can be heard all day long. Further on up the hill upon which Kirkburton is built is the old Victorian post office which still has "Victoria Regina" on the post-box and which has a very friendly atmosphere as there are always three or four of the village gossips chattering. About 4.5 miles further up the road is Holme Moss where there is a B.B.C. Transmission station which relays the programmes from London. About 6 miles from Kirkburton and 2 miles from Huddersfield there is the ruin of an old castle. The only remains are an old tower and an inn built out of the stones of the castle; these are built on what is known locally as Castle Hill for obvious reasons.
At the side of the main road is a stream, in the banks of which a kingfisher has nested for the last few years. Farther upstream, there are quite big trout, but where it is only a foot deep in the deepest places, there are only small ones about 6-9 inches long.

Truly Kirkburton is a charming village.

T. TRITSCHLER

**THE VILLAGE BURGLAR**

1. Beneath the village gooseberry bush,
   The village burglar lies,
   The burglar is a crafty man, and often now he sighs;
   Whilst thinking of his past misdeeds he's troubled by the flies.

2. When going home one Sunday morn he spied an open door,
   An overcoat hung in the hall so he crept across the floor.
   A moment later out he came and then the deed was o'er.
   Alas, a policeman passing by, with measured beat and slow.
   Had guessed the burglar's little game and promptly let him know,
   And marched him down to the village gaol
   While his spirits indeed sank low.

3. Boozing, burglarling, borrowing has told an awful tale,
   And now at leisure he replies with many a mournful wail,
   "Something attempted, something done" has earned six months in gaol!
   P. REID—3B

**OH DEAR!**

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A terrible taskmaster he.
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And why is Tan 60 root 3?
- Such abstract questions are numerous.
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In times of stress the Britons are strong,
No less 5A and 5B.
But with all this revision, morale can't last long.
- It's due to the G.C.E.
And yet some fine day we'll have finished,
And then we'll be perfectly free.
Bad memories will soon be diminished.
So long live the G.C.E.

R. AMOUR and J. TURPIN—5A

**SIXTH FORM CAMP**

For the first time since the War the 6th Form held an "organised" camp.

At 8 a.m. on August 26th one or two hardy enthusiasts set out to rouse the rest of the would-be campers. By 9 a.m. five cyclists had started on the long road to Reeth. Many hours later five cyclists and four complete machines descended upon the unsuspecting village inhabitants.

Two of the less energetic of our members followed by car, their arrival being strangely coincidental with tea-time. After establishing amicable relations with the locals we proceeded to make ourselves at home, having learnt that the local constable was on his holidays.

That evening a number of a bus party from Sunderland visited the camp-site. After a slight shower, lasting all the
next day, the river rose about five feet and all the equipment was packed in preparation for a hasty departure to higher ground. However, the crisis passed with the arrival of drier weather and this was celebrated with an expedition to climb the nearby Fremington Edge. The next day we visited Richmond and arrived back at camp to find that yet another formmate had arrived, having completed most of the journey on his motor-bike.

Friday was the date of Langthwaite village “hop” so this was patronised by 6 “well-dressed” campers - us.

As the dance ended at the ridiculously early hour of 1 a.m. it was decided that the evening should be completed with a short stroll to Leyburn (8 miles).

Gratitude is felt to the Express Dairy who gave us a lift back to camp at 7 a.m. - and so to bed, after breakfast which was of the usual high standard.

This was a fine finish to a grand camp and we returned the next day, Sunday, low in funds, but high in spirits!

The camping site was excellent and we would like to thank Mr. Spiers for the use of the site and Mr. Johnson for providing the transport.

Those present were: P. Francis, R. Johnson, J. Lawrence, D. Noble, M. Roberts, D. Wilson, E. Vickers and D. Smith.

VALETE

N. A. ARMSTRONG - Choir. Proceeding to the Chelsea School of Pharmacy, London University.

F. R. BELL - Prefect. Proceeding to Sheffield University to read Chemistry.

R. T. BOYNTON - Prefect. 1st XI, Captain 2nd XV, South House Captain, Orchestra. National Service prior to appointment in the Civil Service.

J. D. BROWN - Orchestra. Proceeding to King’s College Hospital Medical School, London, to read Dental Surgery.

R. K. S. CULMER - Orchestra. Taking up appointment with Imperial Chemical Industry.

G. M. DONALD - Choir, Chairman of Music Society. Proceeding to King’s College, London, to read Physics and Chemistry.

F. W. EYLES - Secretary of Cricket and Table Tennis Club. State Scholar. Proceeding to Birmingham University to read Electrical Engineering.


B. GRAZIER - Proceeding to Birmingham University to read Civil Engineering.

W. B. HALL - Prefect, 1st XV, Captain 1st XI, North House Captain, Orchestra and Choir. Taking an appointment with I.C.I. prior to studying Chemistry at the University.

D. JESSON - Head Boy, Captain 1st XV, Captain County Rugby XV and England Trialist, 1st XI, East House Captain. Proceeding to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, to read Geology.

R. LLEWELLYN - Proceeding to Manchester University to read Psychology.

J. F. MELLANBY - 1st XI. Taking an appointment with I.C.I. prior to studying Chemistry at the University.

N. MILLIONS - Prefect, 1st XV, Captain 2nd XI. National Service.

K. T. NATT - 2nd XV. National Service.

D. J. NESS - Prefect, Choir, Head Library Assistant, Treasurer of Music Society. Proceeding to Sheffield University to read Latin.

J. ROWELL - Prefect, 1st XI Captain, 1st XV, West House Captain. Proceeding to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

P. A. SEDGEWICKE - Proceeding to Birmingham University to read History.

W. SEDGWICK - 1st XV, 1st XI, Orchestra. Proceeding to King’s College, Newcastle, to read Chemistry.

J. J. SHIELDS - Prefect, 1st XV, Athletics, West House Captain. Proceeding to Birmingham University to read Chemistry.
A. SICKLING - Prefect, 2nd XV, 2nd XI, Treasurer of Table Tennis Club. Proceeding to Sheffield University to read for a General Degree in Science.

D. THOMPSON - Prefect. Proceeding to Aberdeen to read French.


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