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There is always something sad about performing a task for the last time and it is with mixed emotions that the present editor sits down to write his last editorial.

However difficult and arduous their labours, those who assist in the compilation of the Magazine derive a real and lasting pleasure from their endeavours to be worthy to carry on the high traditions of the past.

The pleasure derived from work well done is more rewarding than any eulogy. We should like, however, to offer a word of praise and thanks for the unflagging efforts of all who have helped in the production of the Magazine.

Since our last publication, a new Elizabethan era has dawned, an era whose spirit the boys of the school will help to determine. They may well gain inspiration and ardour from the glorious epoch of the first Elizabethans, when men's minds were awakening to the wonders and marvels of the universe and seeking to enlarge the confines of human knowledge.

It seems appropriate to close this last editorial with an exhortation to the present members of the school to emulate the great achievements of the contemporaries of our Founder and uphold the high repute which the School enjoys.

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SUMMER TERM, 1952.

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NEWS.

DE OMNIBUS.

THE LATE KING.

On the 13th February a memorial service was held in the School Hall in commemoration of his late Majesty, King George VI. On the following Sunday the Headmaster, members of the staff and a party of senior boys represented the School at a memorial service held at Normanton Parish Church.

STAFF.

We extend a cordial welcome to our new P.T. master, Mr. D. H. Williams, an old boy, who took charge of the school's physical activities at the commencement of the Summer Term. We also express our thanks for the valuable services of Mr. K. McClellan who assisted us during the second half of the Spring Term in the absence of a P.T. instructor, and Messrs. Green, Grace and Seddon who helped with the teaching of English, Mathematics and Geography.

PLAY.

On the 15th May Mr. Hewson and Mr. Snape and a party of Six Arts saw a performance of Christopher Fry's play "The Lady's not for Burning" at the Little Theatre, Wakefield.

LECTURE.

On 11th February, Upper Sixth Science attended a lecture on "Soaps and Detergents" given by Mr. Virgo at Whitwood Technical College.

NATIONAL SAVINGS.

Since 8th January, 1952, the Savings Movement has been more active. During this period the 54 members have saved a total of £51-7-6 which brings the grand total for the Group since its formation to £6,918-19-6.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS.

The School photographs were taken on the 3rd April. This year each form was photographed separately. Photographs were also taken of the masters, the prefects and the Football XI's,

SCHOOL CHOIR.

In the Spring Term the Choir made a recording of "The Silver Swan" by Orlando Gibbons.

The Junior Choir was placed second in the Pontefract Music Festival with 91 marks out of a maximum of 100, one mark behind the winning choir. The Choir sang "Will O' the Wisp" by Stuart Young.

ART SCHOLARSHIP.

A West Riding County Continuation Scholarship (Art), was awarded to R. W. Goodall this term ; he will begin his course of five years at Wakefield College of Art in September.

ROAD SAFETY.

On the 7th July a Road Safety Lecture was given in the School Hall by Mr. Blackden.

LECTURE ON CAREERS.

On the 8th July Mr. Cockerham, a representative of the Youth

Employment Service, gave a short lecture on "careers" to members of the senior school.

COUNTY TRIALS.

On Thursday 3rd April, D. Devey and P. Kirk were selected to play for the Leeds and District Grammar Schools in the Yorkshire Grammar Schools' Trials.

D. Devey was chosen to play left-half in the County team.

CAREERS IN THE R.A.F.

On Monday 14th July, Squadron-Leader Richardson gave an address to the senior members of the School on the methods of entrance into the R.A.F.

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE.

The annual Founder's Day Service was held in Normanton Parish Church on 16th July. The Vicar of Normanton, the Reverend C. A. O. Warman, M.A. conducted the service and the sermon was preached by the Reverend Canon H. G. G. Herklots, the Vicar of Doncaster. The Grammar School Choir, conducted by Mr. Addy, sang the anthem "Rejoice in the Lord alway," (Purcell). The soloists were C. P. Salisbury, R. W. Goodall and M. Marsh. The organist was an old boy, Mr. A. Hanley Lawrence, Mus.B. (Dunelm), F.R.C.O.

O.F.A. SOCIAL.

A social organised by the Old Frestonians Association was held in the School gym on the 21st July. Prospective members from the School were invited and a gratifyingly large number attended.

THE LIBRARY.

Naturally, the Summer Term is not a time when the Library has much appeal to boys, but the annual check of books has been done and all things got ready for the next term. We thank the Assistant Librarians, R. Skinner and B. Ward (Senior Library), W. R. Harrison and N. Williams (Junior Library) for their efficient help during the year.

TENNIS MATCH.

The sixth form played their annual tennis match with the High School. The sixth form team convincingly defeated the girls by seven rubbers to two.

STAFF.

This term we are losing Mr. A. H. Melinsky and Mr. A. Palmer who are going to the Royal Grammar School, Lancaster and Batley Grammar School respectively. We say goodbye with regret and wish them good fortune in their new posts. Their successors are Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. G. Austwick.

MUSICAL CONCERT.

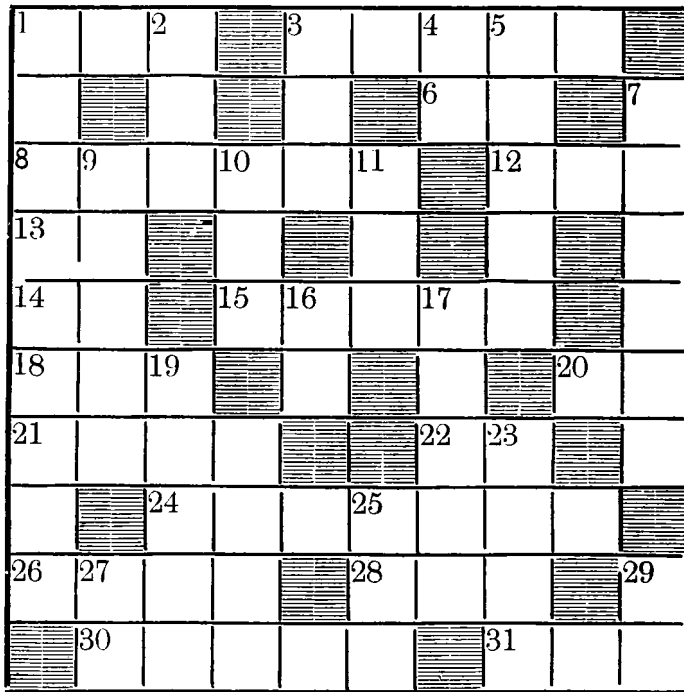
On Wednesday, the 2nd April, the West Riding Orchestra, conducted by Miss Spence, gave a concert in the School Hall.

The main orchestral items in the programme were "Trumpet Voluntary" by Purcell, "Clarinet Concerto" by Weber and Symphony No. 29 by Mozart.

Also included in the programme were two solos, which were sung by Miss Mary Worth. They were "Where e'er you walk" by Handel and "In Verdure Clad" from Haydn's "Creation."

Finally Form Ic, accompanied by the Orchestra and conducted by Mr. Addy, gave a delightful performance of "Jesu Joy of man's desiring" by Bach.

MUSICAL CROSSWORD.



CLUES.

ACROSS—1 Le.....des cygnes. 3 Wine with solemnity. 6 15
across would say 'yes' in this way. 8 Mozart's God of Fertility.
12 Musical instrument lacking one note, or an American tramp

not all there. 13 Abbreviation of an early piano? 14..... Boheme. 15 His dance was full of fire. 18 There's a nurve in Berlin. 20 Part of an alto oboe. 21 Can you 'cotton on' to this dance. 22 Slow? not quite. 24 ".....and Ludmilla" (Glinka). 26 A somewhat warmer creation of 19 down. 28 Bach's was on the G string. 30 It sounds as though there's music in the Goon. 31 Our reverse in Paris.

DOWN—1 The only composer according to "Everybody's," to live 300 years. 2 This Russian composer regards us all. 3 Antonym of Triste. 4 Domenico's pa is so short. 5 William Walton wrote a Concerto for this instrument. 7 The composer of "Bastien and Bastienne." 9 Peter's surname twisted for a reserve. 10 An arab song from "Desert Song." 11 Ionic..... Fah. 16 How does a YBAB say 'thank you'? 17 Did this French composer send me to sleep 19 Had this composer's creation need of gloves? 20 This, shaken, would begin to grace any meal. 28 Almost Peter's surname. 25 Father of Samson? 27 Initials of the composer of "Fire Bird." 29 "To sleep.....: ay there's the rub." (Hamlet). What are his initials?

R.W.G., U.VIA.

The first boy to solve the Crossword should hand his solution to the Editor as soon as possible. A prize of two shillings will be awarded for the first correct solution received.

ART EXHIBITION.

On Monday the 21st July, an Art Exhibition was opened to the School. There were examples of water colours, poster colours, pastels and oil paintings, also Five Sculpture works by R. W. Goodall; they were in clay, simulated bronze, plaster and stone, which showed good understanding of the mediums in which he had worked.

Particular mention should be made of the imaginative paintings of Price D. and the lettering of Smith F. Va.

Turner T. E. IVa., entered works in oils, water and poster colour, which showed originality and promise.

Good work was also displayed by Toddington P. T., Woodhall K. H., Greenhalgh A., Brighton J. H., Brogden M. E., Nettleton T. and many more.

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY.

The Frestonian Society has continued since Christmas in a rather uncertain manner, owing to numerous school activities and the annual examinations. However, the committee managed to arrange five meetings.

- 10th Jan. A talk was given by Mr. J. B. Suart on "Bird Displays." It was an enjoyable talk and well attended.
- 1st Feb. A party went to see a local presentation of W. D. Holme's "The Chiltern Hundreds;" an amusing political comedy.
- 29th Feb. A "Record Evening" was held at the High School. A large interesting variety of records was presented.
- 11th July A talk on "Art" was given by Miss P. Bolton, an open discussion followed.
- 14th July The Annual General Meeting was held. Next year's officials were elected. The Head Girl and Head Boy will, as usual, be the joint presidents. Miss J. Bennett was elected secretary, Mr. J. S. Lee treasurer and Miss L. Wilkinson and Mr. J. B. Suart were elected to the committee.

The Frestonian Society wish to thank Mr. Melinsky for all the help and guidance he has given during the last three years.

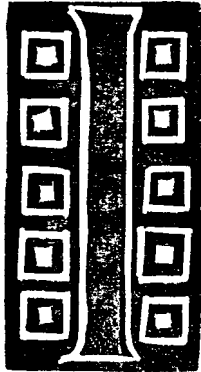
CONTRIBUTIONS.

TO WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

Greatness does not describe thee.
 No one thy fame can touch.
 In reading thee we find the world.
 But why did you write so much ?

J.S.L., L.V.I.A.

HOOK MOOR



It is general knowledge that Hook Moor is situated at the point of intersection of the Great North Road running from London to Edinburgh, and the main Leeds-Tadcaster road. That bare fact however tells us nothing of Hook Moor at week-ends.

In its pleasant surroundings Hook Moor is a meeting place for motorists, long distance lorry drivers, motot-cyclists, cyclists, and hikers trying to thumb a lift. On Sunday afternoons these spectators arrive from various districts, and take up their stands which they usually occupy most of the afternoon. Some people remain in their cars and watch the traffic speeding past on the busy road, while most sit chatting on the grass,

It has been known for four or five shooting-brakes to pull up complete with a couple of cricket teams.

The scene provides rich contrast—the tall, sturdy English trees with leaves rustling softly but melodiously in the breeze, men and boys with a healthy colour in their cheeks, playing their own hilarious brand of cricket on the green grass—while a few yards away, the heavy thunder of ceaseless traffic continues the whole afternoon.

Only those who have visited the Moor on a hot Sunday afternoon in summer can understand why people enjoy going there. How interested one can become watching heavy long-distance lorries with their mighty loads, plying between the greatest cities in England; the streamlined buses flashing past at an incredible speed, with an occasional glimpse of some wearied passenger's head lolling against the window; the club cyclists pedalling past as hard as they can go—they always seem to make a special effort to quicken their pace as they sweep past. The motor cars hurtling down the hill from Micklefield, using their horns vigorously at some unfortunate cyclist; the swashbuckling motor-cyclists snugly wrapped in dirty oilskins and stormguards, with heavy side panniers slung at the back of the bike—suggesting extensive touring.

This traffic lends a certain amount of enchantment, which is hard to explain. The noise of the traffic, the colour of the scene, the smell of petrol, oil and smoke, the sun beating down on naked arms, and the laughter of joyful people are typical of Hook Moor.

As might be expected, wherever people congregate, there are traders who take advantage of the fact. Thus fruit and lemonade stalls, ice cream vans, and small snack bars are established there every sunny weekend throughout the summer. All tastes are catered for, from tea-drinking parents down to small children sucking ice lollipops.

Hook Moor during the week however has practically no visitors, and apart from the steady rumble of lorries which continues right through the night, the place is deserted.

But at weekends when the weather is fine, people flock to the moor to spend a pleasant afternoon lazing in the sun. So the next fine sunny weekend—hop on your bike and pay Hook Moor a visit, to see life in the raw and raucous.

M.N.T., L.VI.A.

SHOOTING STARS.

Last term an Aero Club was begun for boys of the first and second forms. One of the main items in its programme was the visit to Yeadon Air Display on the 2nd June.

On entering the aerodrome we began to walk towards the distant

hangar. As we walked I was fascinated by the zooming of numerous planes carrying passengers on pleasure flights. On the way to the hangars we saw a portable radar pickup, two anti-aircraft guns, and a Vampire jet plane, which a number of us examined on the way back. We had a very interesting time in the hangars looking at a number of solid models.

Soon it was time for us to leave the hangar to watch the display from a hillside, where we had an excellent view of the runway.

The first thing on the programme was aerobatics by an ancient Hawker Tomtit, which looked as though it had been stolen from some museum. Looking up into the clear blue sky we saw three women of the W.R.A.F. flying Chipmunks. These performed aerobatics and formation flying. I thought the formation flying was very good. While this was taking place a Slingsby Sail Plane was being towed by a Tiger Moth to gain sufficient height to do its act. Suddenly, a loud, shrill, whining noise was heard, heralding a Sabre Jet Plane doing a breath-taking act. The Sabre created a shock-wave which when it hit the ground made a noise like a thunder-clap. When the jets vanished out of sight, the sail plane was cast off from the tow plane and started to descend. The pilot of the glider demonstrated how the glider could do spirals and loops without losing height. How the glider could loop the loop without losing height was wonderful.

The next act was by a man in an ancient plane, which he had made from bits and pieces off junk heaps. He demonstrated how sound it was, and it did look quite good.

This was followed by a comparison between a Bristol Helicopter and an Auto-Giro. A whining noise heralded the performance of seven Meteors; these zoomed over the heads of the breath-taken people. Then we saw two distant specks; two Vampires which performed formation flying.

The Royal Navy performed a rescue at sea of the station commander (but the sea was the tarmac of the runway). The United States Air Force, represented by the Sabre Jets did some formation flying.

A loud drone in the air signified the approach of three Canberras of the English Electric Company. These performed stupendous acts of flying wing to wing and zooming over the heads of the spectators. The pilots of the Canberras then demonstrated the terrific speed of the Canberra Jet plane.

As a climax came a death-defying act by a Yugoslav, who hung by his teeth to a leather strap. This leather strap was suspended from a ladder, dangling from a plane.

This was the best act of all, and unfortunately the end of the show.

K.H.G., la.

THE CHURCH.

It stands so solid and alone,
So mellow, grey and made of stone,
A landmark for miles around
Its equal yet I have not found..
O church, so silent and alone
O church of this old Featherstone
What can you hear, what can you see ?
I wish that you could tell it me.
I am so young and you so old
What tales to me you could unfold.
Of the village where I was born,
Where fields of barley and of corn
Grow in the shadow of the mound
Of dirt that once was underground.

J.B., lb.

THIS MODERN AGE.

This modern age is fast and furious,
What we like is the new and curious.
The atomic bomb is terrible and bad,
When we read the news it makes us sad.

A war in Korea, a battle in China,
Why can't the world be a little bit finer ?
The radio hums, a century by Hutton.
Australia's sending us EVEN LESS mutton.

Oh, why can't this Age be more or less human,
With the running of Bailey, or the bowling of Trueman.

A.J., IVc.

ALARM IN THE NIGHT.

I woke up with a start. It was still dark. I switched on the light and looked at the clock. It was half-past two. I lay still and tense, listening. I was gripped with an uneasy feeling that something was very much amiss. Yes, someone was definitely stealthily moving around in the living room.

I moved myself cautiously into a sitting position on the edge of the bed, and groped for my slippers. I was working out a plan of action. I wondered what sort of weapon I should use against the supposed intruder, and then I remembered the cricket bat that was in my cupboard. I crept over to the cupboard and retrieved the bat without making any noise. Then I walked stealthily down the stairs, bat in hand. I could still hear noises proceeding from the living

room, so the intruder was still there. Then I plucked up my courage, flung the door open and shouted, "What do you think you're doing here?" Then with a gasp of astonishment I saw that the 'intruder' was my father. I will refrain from telling you what he said to me.

E.W.M., IVa,

"PATRICE."

Looking like a gentle owl with his large round spectacles and his hair cropped short, Patrice, the French boy, along with two boy friends from London, came to stay with us.

We knew little French and he just a few words of English. The big problem at first was feeding him. On one occasion when visiting my aunt we came into the room to find her confronting Patrice with an egg in one hand and a frying pan in the other. The look of bewilderment on his face made us roar with laughing, in which he joined. My aunt then rushed into the kitchen and returned with the same egg this time with a small saucepan. When we asked for the reason for these antics we were told that she wanted to know if Patrice wanted a fried egg and bacon or a boiled egg for his meal.

Fortunately the presence of Patrice plus a French dictionary had brought back to life the almost forgotten French lessons learned by my parents.

As the days went by we realised that we were speaking more and French, and Patrice even less English.

What a grand time we had with "ma machine a vapeur" and "mon mecano." Ham was now "jambon," jam "confiture" and cocoa "chocolat."

When our friends set off back to London, we were very sorry indeed to wave goodbye to Patrice, our little French "hibou," sorry! owl.

W.H.A.M., IIa.

MY DETECTIVE STORIES.



HAVE always had the desire to write a really baffling detective story. It must be a story to hold the reader in his arm-chair until two o'clock in the morning despite his wife's reminder that he must catch the 8-10 to town; it must be a story that the family quarrel over in an inability to decide priorities of opportunity for reading it; and it must be a story, the success of which relieves me from the necessity of writing further detective stories.

Altogether I have written twelve detective stories, but each time the plot has been so complex that the solution to the mystery has even evaded myself.

One of them dealt with the death of a very well-

known and popular Cabinet Minister, who for no apparent reason suddenly slouched across the table, in the middle of a Cabinet meeting, and with a horribly painful groan and in full view of his comrades died, strangled. After eliminating the main suspects, from the Prime Minister to the policeman on duty at the door, I found he was strangled by a tight collar, at least three sizes too small.

I thought that the story was perfect and the plot a mark of genius—with suspense even up to the last paragraph and so, into a large foolscap envelope went the manuscript and off to the publishers. But present-day publishers have no eye for the perfect story and they regretted that unfortunately they could not use it.

Undaunted I began another. I am now half-way through it—but I find myself in difficulty.

The Rev. John Fly was the rector of Bondon Parish and when one day he was found dead with a knife in his back, foul play at the vicarage was suspected.

The local police inspector hurried to the scene of the crime, and, as soon as was possible, interrogated the people who were staying there at the time of the rector's death.

There was, first of all, his sister, a woman who in her early years had been a militant suffragette. She wore very dull clothes; her hair was made up in a large unwieldy bob at the back of her head; her eyes were cold and penetrating.

Then there was his dead wife's brother, who had been quite successful in the city before he began to lose what money he had on the horses.

Next there were the servants—the butler, the maid and the cook. They all seemed sincerely sorry over the rector's death, but very worried where their back-wages were to come from.

The inspector first questioned the sister and it appeared that she had thought her brother the paragon of vicars. She then burst into tears, which was a very unusual thing for a woman of her nature.

He next interrogated the brother of the rector's deceased wife, who, it was discovered, owed his brother-in-law a large amount of money, which he had gambled away.

The natural suspect was the brother-in-law—but in the very next chapter he too was found dead with a bullet buried in his spine.

I surveyed the scene once more and decided that the butler was the only other person who could be accused. For it came out that the rector had asked the maid to help at a sale of work. This maid had been secretly married to the butler.

Jealousy was the obvious motive and so the inspector went to question the butler. However, as he was going down the servants' staircase he heard a scream from the butler's room. He ran into the room and found the poor man lying across the bed. He had been strangled with a silken cord.

The next suspect was the maid. Some silver spoons were missing from the Rectory. The rector taxed the girl about them and had threatened to bring in the police.

The rector's sister told the Inspector that she had heard the maid say, "If you do, I'll kill you!"

The Inspector decided that at last he had unfolded the mystery and so he prepared to arrest the maid.

But at this very point in the story the cook interrupts him and announces that the maid has been found murdered. Her throat has been cut and there is no sign of a razor or knife.

The Inspector is baffled, and so am I. I am worried as to whether or not I shall be able to solve the mystery before all my characters, including the Inspector, are liquidated before my very eyes.

Writing detective stories is very tiring and if you could suggest an ending to "The mystery of the Dead Fly," I would be very glad to hear of it. In the meantime murdered bodies must continue to fall, with boring regularity, at Bondon Rectory.

J.S L., L.VI.A.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

SPRING TERM.

1st XI.

16th Feb.	N.G.S. 4,	THORNES HOUSE 0	(away)	Won
	(Williams, Devey, Beddows, Atkinson)			
1st March.	N.G.S. 4,	BARNSELEY G.S. 9.	(away)	Lost
	(Cahill, Morgan, Kinsey, Atkinson)			
8th March.	N.G.S. 5,	HOLME VALLEY 6	(home)	Lost
	(Miles 2, Cahill, Beddows, York)			
29th March.	N.G.S. 2,	PERCY JACKSON G.S. 2	(home)	Draw
	(Devey 2)			
5th April	N.G.S. 4,	O.F.A. 5.	(home)	Lost
	(Beddows, Devey 3)			

2nd XI.

9th Feb.	N.G.S. 7,	LEEDS CENTRAL H.S. 4.	(home)	Won
	(Miles 3, York 2, Beddows 2)			
16th Feb.	N.G.S. 7,	THORNES HOUSE 1.	(home)	Won
	(Kinsey 4, Morgan, Miles R., Townshend)			
1st March.	N.G.S. 1,	BARNSELY G.S. 1.	(home)	Draw
	(Evans)			
8th March.	N.G.S. 2,	HOLME VALLEY G.S. 4.	(away)	Lost
	(Morgan, Kinsey)			
22nd March.	N.G.S. 3,	LEEDS CENTRAL H.S. 2.	(away)	Won
	(Miles R., Miles D., Copley)			

COLTS XI.

9th Feb.	N.G.S. 5,	LEEDS CENTRAL H.S. 3.	(home)	Won
	(Tucker 4, Goode)			
16th Feb.	N.G.S. 9,	THORNES HOUSE G.S. 0.	(away)	Won
	(Johnson 3, Atkinson 2, Goode, Tucker, Smailes, Caldwell)			
1st March	N.G.S. 2,	BARNSELY G.S. 1.	(away)	Won
	(Tucker, Atkinson)			
22nd March.	N.G.S. 2,	LEEDS CENTRAL H.S. 4.	(away)	Lost
	(Deakin, Johnson)			
29th March.	N.G.S. 3,	PERCY JACKSON G.S. 6.	(home)	Lost
	(Johnson 2, Deakin)			

HOUSE MATCHES.

SENIOR

Frobisher 0,	Freeston 4
Bennett 1,	Hanson 7
Freeston 1,	Bennett 6
Freeston 3,	Hanson 2
Frobisher 1,	Hanson 3
Frobisher 1,	Bennett 3

JUNIOR

Frobisher 3,	Bennett 3
Freeston 1,	Hanson 1
Freeston 5,	Frobisher 2
Frobisher 1,	Hanson 7
Hanson 6,	Bennett 0
Freeston 1,	Bennett 6

Points—Hanson 14½, Freeston 5½, Bennett 5½, Frobisher ½.

Final Positions—Hanson 14½, Freeston 10, Bennett 6½, Frobisher 5.

The Football Shield therefore goes to HANSON House.



“STUDY ON THE ‘STEPS’ ”

Lino-cut by R. W. Goodall, U.V.I.A.

CRICKET.

1st XI.

3rd May.	N.G.S. 49, ROTHWELL 50 for 4 wkts.	(away) Lost
10th May.	HEMSWORTH G.S. 30 (Tomlinson 3 for 9, Harrison 4 for 17) N.G.S. 22.	(home) Lost
17th May.	CASTLEFORD G.S. 105 for 2 N.G.S. 71.	(away) Lost
24th May.	N.G.S. 57 (Ward 32) ACKWORTH S. 60 for 7 wkts.	(away) Lost
14th June	N.G.S. 44 THORNES HOUSE 19 for 2 wkts.	(away) Draw
21st June	PONTEFRACT K.S. 122 for 3 dec. N.G.S. 51 for 7 wkts.	(away) Draw
29th June	N.G.S. 75 CASTLEFORD G.S. 70	(home) Won
6th July	N.G.S. 82 for 7 wkts. (Ward 45 not out) OSSETT G.S. 55 for 9 wkts. (Ward 6 for 34)	(home) Draw
12th July	N.G.S. 84 for 5 wkts (Ward 44 not out) WEST LEEDS G.S. 80 for 5 wkts,	(away) Draw
15th July	O.F.A. 116 for 6 wkts (Mr. K. Brooke 52) N.G.S. 109 for 3 wkts (Ward 33 not out, Mr. Beddows 59) (each side batted 24 overs)	(away) Lost
19th July	O.F.A. 61 (Mr. Tomlinson 34, Cahill 6 for 12) N.G.S. 97 for 2 wkts (Ward 50 n.o., Beddows 35 n.o.)	(home) Won

23rd July	N.G.S. v. STAFF.	Staff won by 5 wkts.
	N.G.S.	STAFF
Ward not out	58	Mr. Gaskell c York b Cahill 1
Furbisher b Mr. White	9	Mr. Palmer c York b Ward 9
Beddows b Mr. Law	4	Mr. White b Ward 47
Salisbury b Mr. Beddows	35	Mr. Addy c York b Ward 2
York c Mr. White, b Mr. Beddows	1	Mr. Beddows b Ward 53
Harris not out	7	Mr. Parker not out 14
Cahill b Mr. Beddows	21	Mr. Snape not out 1
Extras	10	Extras 16
Total (for 5 wkts dec.)	140	Total (for 5 wkts) 143

1st XI BATTING AVERAGES

	Total Runs	No. of Innings	Times not out	Most in Innings	Average
Ward B.	301	12	5	53*	43.
Beddows J.	61	9	1	35*	8.71
Harrison W. R.	25	4	1	18*	8.33

* indicates not out.

1st XI BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cahill	32	12	102	11	9.28
York	13	0	56	6	9.33
Ward	72	18	190	19	10.00
Tomlinson	83	25	175	12	14.58

2nd XI.

3rd May	ROTHWELL 20. (Smith 5 for 15, Wensley 5 for 1). N.G.S. 22 for 3 wkts.	(home)	Won
17th May	CASTLEFORD G.S. 106 for 8 wkts dec. N.G.S. 18.	(home)	Lost
24th May	ACKWORTH S. 91 for 7 wkts dec. N.G.S. 31.	(home)	Lost
20th June	N G.S. 61 PONTEFRAC T K.S. 62 for 7 wkts.	(home)	Lost
28th June	N.G.S. 48. CASTLEFORD G.S. 31 (Jarvis 8 for 13).	(away)	Won
12th July	N.G.S. 85 (Smith W. T. 26) WEST LEEDS H.S. 88 for 3 wkts.	(home)	Lost

2nd XI BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Runs	No. of Innings	Times not out	Most in Innings	Average
Wensley	30	4	2	16	15
Allen	28	3	1	17 n.o.	14
Ellis	18	3	1	18	9
Dunham	25	4	1	18	8.33

2nd XI BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Wensley	17.4	9	21	7	3.00
Jarvis	29.4	8	63	11	5.72
Smith W. T.	35.4	9	86	12	7.17
Hemingway	17	4	45	6	7.5

HOUSE MATCHES.

SENIOR	JUNIOR
Bennett 61 for 4, Frobisher 62 for 8	Hanson 35 for 7, Freeston 18
Hanson 33 for 3, Freeston 32	Frobisher 49, Bennett 28
Freeston 46, Frobisher 47 for 4	Hanson 60, Bennett 24
Hanson 57 for 9, Bennett 58 for 3	Freeston 58, Frobisher 41
Freeston 75 for 6, Bennett 53	Freeston 57 for 5, Bennett 26,
Hanson 115 for 5, Frobisher 116 for 6	Hanson 62 for 5, Frobisher 49

Total Points—Frobisher 7, Hanson 5, Freeston 4, Bennett 2.

The Cricket Shield goes to FROBISHER HOUSE.

ATHLETICS.

It seems fairly safe to state that the School has never had such an array of athletic talent as now. Of course, every generation had its outstanding performers and names like Denton, Crowther, Kaye, Chapman, Barker, Curtis and many others will always live in the proud history of the school. But, did any period have such a collection of athletic personalities as we now have?

With the impetus of a new, virile national interest, Athletics is becoming a major game, and very rightly so. It caters for all; the fat, the thin, the agile and the ponderous. There's a niche for everyone. With so many people clamouring to achieve a place in the sun, standards are bound to improve so that it becomes necessary to develop one's potential in order to establish oneself as a good athlete. Gone are the days when the only time one stripped for work was in the throes of actual competition. Mathematical and scientific analysis of the techniques of all events has imposed the need for earnest training all the year round.

This creates the opening for an Athletics Club. There used to be

one in the School. The war strangled it. It would be pleasing to see it revived and flourishing well. Next term will see us launching our efforts to establish the Prestonian Athletic Club for present and past members of this school. It will be for you. Will you give us your support?

D. H. WILLIAMS.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

2nd July, 1952.

Cross Country Races—

Junior—Stokes D. (Ben), Collins J. (Fre), Waites G. (Han).

Time 6 mins. 47 secs.

Middle—Atkinson F. (Ben), Goode G. (Han), Morton B. (Fre),

Time 12 mins, 40 secs.

Senior—Scranage R. (Fro), Morrell M. (Ben), Kirk P. (Fre).

Time 17 mins 4 secs.

High Jump Junior—Woods G. (Ben), Ellis H. (Han), Cooper J. M. (Fro).

Height 3 ft. 11 ins

High Jump Senior—Devey D. (Fre), Sadler W. E. (Ben) and Townshend A. A. (Han) Tie. Height 5 ft 0 ins.

Long Jump Middle—Hodgson D. (Fro), Beddows J. (Ben), Lythe D. (Fro), Distance 16 ft. 4 ins Record.

Long Jump Junior—Ward R. (Han), Jenkins A. (Fro), Roydhouse R. D. (Han) . Distance 12 ft, 3 ins.

Long Jump Senior—Devey D. (Fre), Ellis J. (Han), Kirk P. D. (Fre). Distance 18 ft. 5 ins.

100 Yards Junior—Jenkins A. (Fro), Woods G. (Ben), Wood R. (Han) and Hardcastle T. A. (Fro) Tie. Time 12.7 secs.

100 Yards Middle—Hodgson D. (Fro), Brogden M. E. (Fre), Lythe C. D (Fro). Time 11.2 secs.

100 Yards Senior—Kinsey B. (Fre), Allen D. M. W. (Fro), York D. (Fre) Time 10.4 secs. Equals record.

440 Yards Junior—Stokes D. (Ben), Hardcastle T. A. (Fro), Collings J. (Fre). Time 1 min. 9.8 secs.

440 Yards Middle—Purdy G. (Han), Smith K. (Ben), Miles R. (Fre). Time 61 secs.

440 Yards Senior—Ellis J. (Han), Devey D. (Fre), Morgan B. (Fro). Time 55.3 secs. Record.

80 Yards Hurdles Middle—Nettleton J. (Fro). Time 12.6 secs.

110 Yards Hurdles Senior—Kirk P. D. (Fre), Triggs D, (Fre), Howarth P. (Han). Time 14.3 secs.

Half-Mile Middle—Miles R. (Fre), Atkinson F. (Ben), Jenkins R. (Fro).
Time 2 mins. 26.8 secs.

Half-Mile Senior—Ellis G. (Han), Ward B. (Fro), Kirk P. D. (Fre).
Time 2 mins. 15.6 secs.

High Jump Middle—Finney J. (Ben), Beddows J. (Ben), Hodgson D. (Fro). Height 4 ft. 8 ins.

Putting the Shot Middle (8 lb.)—Beddows J. (Ben), Finney J. (Ben),
Lythe C. D. (Fro) Distance 36 ft. 1 in. Record.

Putting the Shot Senior (12 lb.) —Devey D. (Fre), Harrison W. R. (Fro),
Ellis J. (Han). Distance 36 ft. 10½ ins.

Discus Senior—Devey D. (Fre), Allen D. M. W. (Fro), Harrison W R. (Fro). Distance 122 ft. 2 ins. Record.

Javelin Middle—Beddows J. (Ben), Lythe D. (Fro), Thatcher J. (Fro),
Distance 102 ft. 1 in.

Javelin Senior—Devey D. (Fre), Haskey K. J. (Han), Morgan B. (Fro).
Distance 149 ft. 8½ ins. Record.

1 Mile Senior—Scranage R. (Fro), Cahill J. A. (Fre), Morrell G. M. (Ben). Time 5 mins. 7.9 secs.

220 Yards Junior—Jenkins A. (Fro), Woods G. (Ben), Stokes D. (Ben).
Time 31 secs.

220 Yards Middle—Hodgson D. (Fro), Brogden M. E. (Fre), Lythe C. D. (Fro). Time 27 secs.

220 Yards Senior—Kinsey B. (Fre), Allen D. M. W. (Fro), York D. (Fre). Time 23.7 sec.

Relay Race Junior—Bennett, Hanson, Freeston. Time 1 min. 21.9 secs.
Record.

Relay Race Middle—Frobisher, Hanson, Bennett. Time 1 min. 11.7
secs. Record.

Relay Race Senior—Freeston, Hanson, Frobisher. Time 1 min. 5.7 secs.
Record.

Final Positions.

Points—Frobisher 64½, Freeston 58, Hanson 49, Bennett 47½.

The Athletics Trophy goes to FROBISHER HOUSE,

ENGLISH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(Held at Bradford, 11th and 12th July, 1952).

I arrived at the Horsfall Playing Fields on Saturday in time for the March Past of the thirty-seven County School School Athletics Associations, headed by Yorkshire as host. As the representatives of each County passed, each in distinctive colours, the crowd felt that here was Young England at its best and that among these fifteen hundred competitors were many of our future Olympic hopes.

To have two representatives in such company is a high distinction for Normanton Grammar School and to see Brian Kinsey twice mount the plinth to receive medals was a memorable pleasure. As for D. Hodgson, to be eliminated in the semi-finals after winning a heat is no failure. To be chosen to run at such a meeting is a triumph.

B. Kinsey was third in the Final of the Intermediate Boys 100 Yards and a member of the Yorkshire team which was second in the Intermediate Boys Relay. D. Hodgson reached the semi-final of the Junior 100 Yards before being eliminated.

SUMMARY OF THE 15th INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

When the jumping started at Honley in the morning, conditions were ideal and our athletes soon made their presence felt. Beddows, jumping as a reserve in the High Jump, won first place for us with the bar at 4 ft. 10 ins. and ignored his chance to break the record (he had not been eliminated) in order to compete in the Long Jump. Woods, meanwhile, was 3rd in the Junior High Jump and Stokes 4th in the Junior Long Jump. Four more points were obtained by Beddows who was first in the Middles Long Jump with the very good distance of 17 ft. 9½ ins. More good news came with the result of the Senior Long Jump—1st Devey with a magnificent leap of 19 ft. 7½ ins. All the Normanton people should have enjoyed their lunch. They had good reason for so doing.

In the afternoon we were joined by a vociferous band of supporters. We did well in all the heats and grew confident of success as the finals came. Stokes was 3rd in a record breaking Junior ½ Mile. Soon afterwards the brightly coloured hair of Miles was seen to the fore of another record-breaking event in the Middles ½ Mile. He finished second.

In the 100 Yards events we were sorry for Allen, who was disqualified for two false starts, but our sorrow turned to joy with placings of Kinsey 1st in the Senior 100 Yards, Hodgson 1st and Brogden 3rd in the Middles 100 Yards, whilst Jenkins and Woods were 2nd and 4th respectively in the Junior 100 Yards. Kinsey was

1st again in the Senior 220 Yards with a magnificent record time of 23.6 secs. Hodgson and Brogden were 1st and 3rd in the Middles 220 Yards, Hodgson equalling Kinsey's previous record.

The $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile is the most gruelling sprint of all and our representatives in this event displayed magnificent pluck and stamina for although Purdy is short in the leg, he ran gamely to take 3rd place in a record breaking Middles $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile. Ellis was equally valiant. He ran himself to a standstill to take 2nd place in another record-breaking Senior $\frac{1}{4}$ Mile.

The Javelin record was shattered by a startling throw of 160 ft. 9 ins. and they were a long time in separating the first two competitors. After careful measuring a boy from Honley was declared the winner whilst Devey was placed second.

The meeting was concluded with the running of the relays and by this stage the shield had a blue brown haze around it. Yet not one of our runners relaxed his efforts. First the Junior relay record was bettered and our team was placed third. In the Middles relay we were 1st and another record was broken. The last event of all then started and our runners looked as if all the dogs of war were unleashed after them. Kinsey breasted the tape, the race won by Normanton, and another record was broken.

Caps were thrown in the air when Normanton Grammar School were announced as the winners of the Middles plaque. Those that were caught first time were lifted again when we were announced as joint winners of the Senior plaque. The final pulse of jubilation came when we were announced as winner of the Challenge Shield.

We are justly proud of every boy who ran or jumped for our team. Not one of them admitted defeat when losing, or eased up when winning.

D. H. Williams.

SCHOOL RESULTS.

100 Yards Junior—		
„ Middle—	1st Hodgson, 3rd Brogden.	Time 11.4 secs.
„ Senior—	1st Kinsey.	Time 10.7 secs.
High Jump Junior—	4th Woods.	
„ Middle—	1st Beddows.	Height 4 ft. 10 ins.
Half - Mile Middle—	2nd Miles R.	
440 Yards Junior—	3rd Stokes	Time 66.8 secs.
„ Middle—	3rd Purdy	Time 58.8 secs.
„ Senior—	2nd Ellis	Time 55.5 secs.
Javelin, Open—	2nd Devey.	

220 Yards Middle—1st Hodgson, 3rd Brogden	Time 26.1 secs.
„ Senior— 1st Kinsey	Time 23.6 secs.
Relay Junior— 3rd	
„ Middle— 1st	Time 1 min. 46.5 secs.
„ Senior— 1st	Time 1 min. 37.6 secs.

ATHLETICS.

COMPETITION FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S ROSE BOWL.

Two teams were entered from the under 15 Boys in School and these were combined with teams from the High School. The Green team was made up of boys from Hanson and Freeston houses and the Rose team was selected from Bennett and Frobisher.

The competition was keenly fought throughout, and mainly resolved itself into a struggle between our Green and Rose teams and the Modern School Blue team. The latter established a good lead, mainly due to some magnificent running by their captain in the half-mile and one mile, and some excellent hurdling.

When the individual races were finished the positions were :

School, Green 31 points, Modern Blue 34½, School, Rose 23.

Some excellent and spirited relay running by the School teams swung the balance in our favour and the final placings were :

School	Modern	School	Modern	Lee	Brigg	Sacred
(Green) 49	(Blue) 46½	(Rose) 37	(Maroon) 13½	8		Heart 2

At the conclusion of the sports the Rose Bowl was presented to our Green captains (M. Brogden and Ann Agg) by Cr. A. Clarke, the Chairman of Normanton U.D.C.

The School Individual placings were :

100 yards Senior—M. Brogden 1st, D. Lythe 2nd.

100 yards Junior—P. Oxley 2nd, T. Caldwell 3rd.

880 yards—G. Purdy 2nd, R. Jenkins 3rd.

High Jump—T. Burchill 3rd, J. Beddows 1st.

180 yards Junior—P. Oxley 1st, T. Caldwell 3rd.

220 yards Senior—M. Brogden 1st.

Hurdles Senior - M. Brogden 3rd.

Hurdles Junior—J. Banks 2nd.

Long Jump—T. Burchill 3rd, J. Beddows 1st.

One Mile—R. Miles 2nd, G. Goode 3rd.

Relay Senior—Green 1st, Rose 2nd.

Relay Junior—Green 1st, Rose 3rd.

TRIANGULAR SPORTS.

On 17th July we went to Pontefract to meet the King's School and Hemsworth Grammar School. After a drizzly morning we were fortunate that the weather cleared and became quite pleasant. Although B. Kinsey was unable to run through injury, we managed to win a very interesting match.

SCHOOL RESULTS.

100 Yards Senior—3rd Allen, 4th York.
„ Inter—1st Hodgson, 2nd Brogden. Time 11.2 secs.
„ Junior—2nd Woods, 3rd Jenkins.
Senior 110 Yards Hurdle—1st Kirk P. Time 15.8 secs.
Senior Javelin—1st Devey D. Distance 151 ft. 11 ins.
Long Jump Inter—1st Hodgson D., Beddows J. Distance 17 ft. 8 ins.
440 Yards Inter—1st Smith K., 4th Purdy G. Time 59.8 secs.
Mile Senior—4th Scranage R., 5th Cahill J. A.
Junior High Jump—2nd Woods G.
220 Yards Senior—3rd Allen D. M. W., 4th York D.
„ Inter—1st Brogden M., 2nd Hodgson D. Time 26.5 secs.
„ Junior—3rd Woods G., 4th Jenkins A.
Discus Senior—1st Devey D. Distance 133 ft. 11 ins.
High Jump Inter—1st Beddows J. Height 4 ft. 11 ins.
880 Yards Senior—2nd Ellis J.
Junior Relay—1st Normanton. Time 57.7 secs.
High Jump Senior—3rd Sadler W. E.
880 Yards Inter—2nd Miles R.
Shot Senior—1st Devey D., 2nd Harrison W R. Distance 41 ft. } in.
Long Jump Junior—3rd Stokes D.
440 Yards Senior—2nd Ellis J.
Shot Inter—1st Beddows J., 2nd Lythe D. Distance 39 ft. 10J ins.
Long Jump Senior—3rd Devey D.
440 Yards Junior—3rd Stokes D., 4th Hardcastle T. A.
Relay Inter—1st Normanton. Time 1 min. 18.6 secs.
Relay Senior—2nd Normanton.

FINAL RESULT — 1st NORMANTON 148 points.
2nd Pontefract K. S. 120 points.
3rd Hemsworth G. S. 104 points.

GYMNASTICS COMPETITION.

The Competition this year was held in front of the school on Tuesday, 22nd July.

The best performance was given by Devey D. (Freeston) with 91 points, followed by Price D. (Frobisher) 85½ and Berry J. (Hanson) 84½.

The results were :

FROBISHER	383½	FREESTON	349½
HANSON	375½	BENNETT	222

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The Annual Swimming Sports were held in the Baths on the afternoon of Monday, 21st July. Four Junior and two Senior records were broken. An excellent individual performance was given by Turton J. who broke all four Junior records, and also retained the Junior Championship for the second year.

The Senior Champion was Howorth P., and the Swimming Shield went to Frobisher House

RESULTS.

1 Length Breast Senior—Salisbury C. P. (Han), Devey D. (Fre), Turton (Fro). Time 18.5 secs.

1 Length Breast Stroke Junior—Cahill J. T. (Ben), Hirst R. (Han), Sykes J. W. (Han). Time 21.1 secs.

2 Lengths Free Style Senior—Howorth P. (Han), Cunningham A. P. (Ben), Marsh B. (Ben). Time 34.3 secs.

1 Length Free Style Junior—Turton J. (Fro), Beddis L. P. J. (Fro), Smales T. W. (Han). Time 15.4 secs. New record.

Neat Dive Senior—Townend B. (Fre), Devey D. (Fre), Howorth P. (Han)

Neat Dive Junior—Turton J. (Fro), Beavors A. (Fre), Caldwell T. (Fro).

Senior House Squadron, 4 lengths—Frobisher, Hanson, Bennett. Time 1 min. 5.1 secs. New record.

Junior House Squadron, 4 lengths—Frobisher, Hanson, Bennett. Time 1 min. 10.6 secs.

Novices Race Junior—Ryder P., Selwood F., McNamara J. P.

4 Lengths Free Style Open—Cunningham A. P. (Ben), Howorth P. (Han), Marsh B. (Ben). Time 1 min. 17.7 secs.

Plunge Junior—Turton J. (Fro), Cahill J. T. (Ben), Beddis L. P. J. (Fro). Length 46 ft. 7 ins. New record.

Plunge Senior—Cunningham A. P. (Ben), Turton E. (Fro), Salisbury C. (Han). Length 50 ft. 9 ins. New record.

1 Length Back Stroke Junior—Turton J. (Fro), Dixon M. (Ben), Smales T. W. (Han). Time 1.88 secs. New record.

1 Length Back Stroke Senior—Howorth P. (Han), Turton E. (Fro), Hall P. (Han). Time 20.1 secs.

1 Length Breast Stroke, Best Style, Junior—Cahill J. T. (Ben) and Smales T. W. (Han) Tie, Jenkins A. (Fro).

1 Length Breast Stroke, Best Style, Senior—Akers J. (Han), Turton E. (Fro), Devey D. (Fre).

2 Lengths Free Style Junior—Turton J. (Fro), Cahill J. T. (Ben), Beddis L. P. J. (Fro). Time 37.2 secs. New record.

Medley Race Senior—Frobisher, Hanson, Bennett and Freeston Tie. Time 57.1 secs.

Medley Race Junior—Frobisher, Bennett, Hanson. Time 62.3 secs.

Water Polo—School 4, Old Boys 3.

Senior Champion, Howorth P. 9 points.

Junior Champion, Turton J. 15 points.

House Championship—

Frobisher 52 pts., Hanson 38½ pts, Bennett 30½ pts, Freeston 11 pts.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

AWARD OF MERIT—Sadler W. E.

BRONZE CROSS—

Akers J. L., Barnett D. S., Cunningham A. P., English K., Kinsey B., Marsh B., Preston K., Townend B., Turton E., Wilkinson L. B.

INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATE—

Sadler W. E., Howorth P.

BAR TO BRONZE MEDALLION—

Akers J. L., Barnett D. S., Cunningham A. P., Wilkinson L. B.

BRONZE MEDALLION—

Allen A.J., Bateman D., Beddows J., Blackburn C., Brighton R. A., Cahill J. T., Evans D., Hall P., Hirst A. E., Lythe C. D., Ramsden J., Rose G. G., Tucker B., Turton J., Watson D. K., Whitworth D.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE—

Allen A. J., Allen A. G., Beddows J., Dixon M., Ellis H., Gray R. B., Hall P., Jenkins R., Jenkins A., Sykes J. W., Waite G., Watson D. K.

OLD FRESTONIANS ASSOCIATION.

"For we were nursed upon the self-same hill"

Once again we greet Old Frestonians with our main medium of contact, The Magazine.

The various activities of the Association, the majority of which of necessity are of local interest, continue to flourish, as will be observed by the various reports given in this edition.

Circulars enquiring for addresses of Old Boys have been distributed to boys at the school for completion by their parents. We hope that information obtained from this source will enable us to contact a large number of Old Boys, whose addresses are at present unknown to us.

A boy about to leave school is faced with the problem of choosing a career. The Association is going to try and help boys at School who find themselves in such circumstances. A panel of Old Boys is to be formed, representing as many trades and professions as possible. This panel will advise boys and give them first-hand information on work of all description. Will anyone willing to assist the boys by serving on the panel, please contact Mr. W. Frost,

Strathclyde, Carleton Road, Pontefract.

THE LONDON BRANCH.

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the formation of an active branch of the O.F.A. in London. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. W. Dawes for his splendid efforts in this direction.

An inaugural meeting of the branch took place on Saturday, 23rd February, 1952, at a luncheon held at the "Marquis of Granby" Hotel, Chandos St., W. The membership at present is rather small but every effort is being made to remedy that defect. It would be greatly appreciated, if anyone could forward the address of any Old Boy, at present residing in the London district, to the president, Mr. R. Law, at The Grammar School, or to Mr. W. Dawes, 15 Daryngton Drive, Guildford.

A temporary committee has been formed consisting of the following members : Messrs. Banks, Bickerdyke, Blakeley, Dawes, Fossey and Thompson, who will meet when thought convenient, to discuss matters.

The branch is very anxious to succeed and be the forerunner of many branches throughout the country.

THE O.F.A. DINNER.

This year 88 capital dinners were served by Mrs. Holden and her staff at the annual Re-union and Dinner, held in the School dining hall on 5th April. Mr. Dean Harrison, Area Production Manager of the National Coal Board, was the guest of honour.

Mr. A. Webster proposed the toast to the guest of the evening with a competent speech, a beautiful foil to Mr. Harrison's reply which was at once humorous and philosophical

With a salty wit, Mr. J. Bird toasted the School and Governors for whom replies were made by the Headmaster, Mr. J. A. Holden, laudator temporis acti, and Canon H. W. Orgill.

Late in the evening Mr. S. Barnett rose to toast the President and the Association. He did it wisely and economically, and the reply by the retiring president brought a technical close to a most agreeable evening.

GOLF.

The annual competition for the Holden Trophy took place at the Pontefract Golf Course (by kind permission) on Wednesday evening 18th June, 1952. The event as usual was a success.

The Head, in accordance with his usual practice attended to make the presentation to the winner, Mr. W. Frost, who tied with Mr. D. R. Hallett with a score of 73.

Mr. Holden, in reply to an introductory speech by Mr. R. Law, the President, said what pleasure it gave him to attend Old Boys' functions, especially the Golf Competition. He was particularly pleased on this occasion to present the trophy to last year's president, Mr. Frost, who had devoted much of his time and effort, not only to golf, but to all the aspects of the Association. Mr. Frost suitably replied to the Head's speech.

The arrangements for, and organisation of the competition were ably carried out by Mr. H. Sykes.

FOOTBALL.

In view of the outstanding success of the Old Boys' team in the '50-51 season and their consequent promotion, it was anticipated that further honours might be gained in Div. I. It is sufficient, however, to say that

the team had a very disappointing season. Only the resignation of two teams from the league enables the team to remain in Div. I for next year.

Will any Old Boys interested in playing for the team, please pay a visit to the School field or, during the winter, the School gym on any Tuesday evening, when training takes place.

DISTINGUISHED OLD BOY.

It is with the greatest regret that we have to intimate the sudden death of Frank Meynard Earle, M.Ed., D.Sc., F.B.Ps.S., at the age of 63.

Dr. Earle had a brilliant career. He left the School in 1908, obtained his B.Sc. at Leeds University and was also the quarter-mile champion here. Then he was an assistant master at Quorn and Horncastle. In 1913 Dr. Earle was appointed lecturer at Capetown University and later Professor of Education at Grahamstown University. In 1921 he visited England and obtained his M.Ed. at Manchester University. Later he was in the National Institute of Industrial Psychology and following that he was made Rector of Kirkcaldy High School. In 1950 he was Research Fellow in Psychology at Leeds University.

At the time of his death Dr. Earle was engaged in research into problems of mental deficiency. Dr. Earle wrote several books during his career and spent most of his spare time with his hobbies which were, amateur dramatics and carpentry.

With his death the O.F.A. has lost a very distinguished member.

DISTANT FRIEND.

Recently the president, Mr. R. Law, received a very interesting letter from an Old Boy in Buenos Aires. Mr. R. W. Holdsworth, our distant friend, entered the School in about 1889. He emigrated to South America in 1912, took part in the war but returned to Argentina in 1919.

We are pleased to know that it is a comforting thought to some Old Boys now "in exile" that they are Old Frestonians.

Mr. Holdsworth hopes that the Association will be successful in rounding up all Old Boys.

DANCES.

The annual Invitation Dance was held in the School Hall in early November and proved quite successful. There were about ninety present.

The Annual Dance in the Baths Hall, however, by contrast was very disappointing. The attendance was poor, and as a social function it was a failure. The committee therefore have decided not to hold a dance in the Baths Hall during the coming season but to concentrate on the Invitation Dance, the date of which has been fixed for 19th December, 1952. Every effort is being made to ensure a rousing success.

SQUARE DANCING

The now popular practice of square dancing has been taken up by the Association. In February of this year a society was formed which meets in the School Gymnasium every Friday evening. Under the direction of Mr. R. Lucas about twenty members of the O.F.A. and the Old Girls' Association are learning to perform the intricate manoeuvres of these enjoyable dances. During the summer the meetings have been suspended, but will recommence during September, each Friday evening from seven to nine o'clock. All Old Frestonians will be welcomed.

HONOURS.

Mr. G. G. Tordoff has played for Cambridge against Oxford both at cricket and football and so becomes a 'double blue.'

Mr. J. Senior has been awarded a senior scholarship at Leeds University.

APPOINTMENT.

Mr. K. Dunmore has been appointed Northern Counties instructor for Javelin throwing.

ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. K G. Tyson—Miss D. J. Woodcock.

MARRIAGES.

Mr. R. Leake to Miss B. Travis. Mr. J. Sweeting to Miss M. Jenkins. Mr. E. Warrender to Miss J. Westerman. Mr. T. Randle to Miss E Truelove. Mr. E. M. Gill to Miss B. Walshaw.

BIRTHS.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Metcalfe, a daughter. Mr. & Mrs. W. Stones, a son. Mr. & Mrs. G. Fieldhouse, a son. Mr. & Mrs. W. Wood, a daughter. Mr. & Mrs. R. Hunt, a son. Mr. & Mrs. D. Whiteley, a son.

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