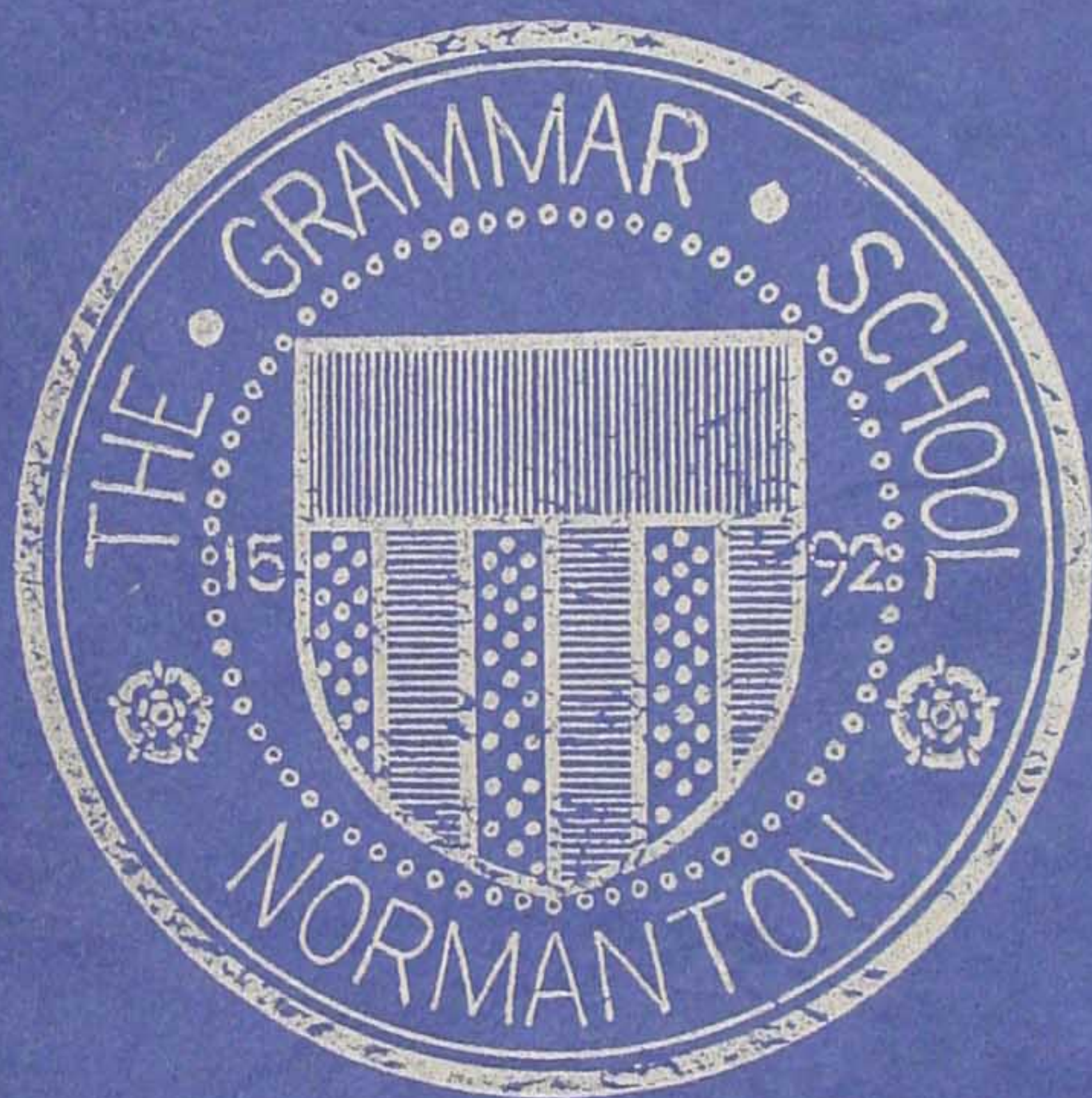


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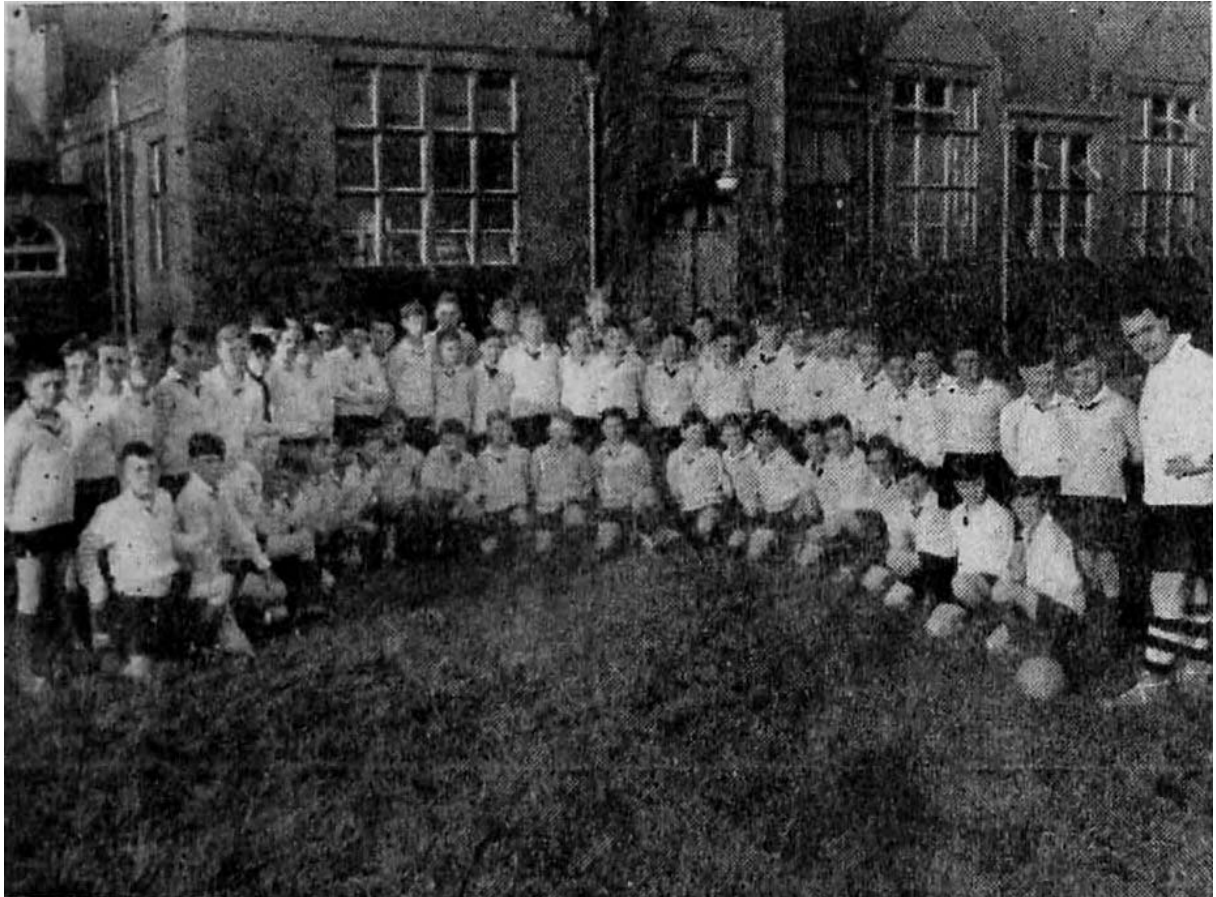
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The First Year about to begin a games afternoon with
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SOME OF THE PRIZE WINNERS AT SPEECH DAY,
1956.

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Left to right:- N.H. Lee, D. Hoyle, C. Tucker, J.P. Aldridge,
K Holroyd and D. Ashton (both behind), D. Lumb and P.A.
L. Routledge (both in front), I.W. Oxley

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EDITORIAL.

EDITOR: K. HOLROYD.

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Sub-editor: G. B. Milner.

Is work the be-all and end-all of our grammar school existence? Editing a Magazine; bawling for Bingo clients at an Autumn Fair; chasing a Rugby ball at Methley instead of lying in bed on a Saturday morning; arguing about N.A.T.O. at Grantley Hall; organising a jazz-band for the end of term Concert ; rushing off to Manchester to interview a computer; are such activities worthless intrusions on our studying time? Or are they as important as the lessons themselves?

Certainly boys are not encouraged to attend this school merely to acquire a qualification. While they are frequently, sometimes forcibly, pressed to study very hard, they are also expected to lend even a moderately skilful hand papering a proscenium far into the night or preparing the magazine-scripts for our patient printer.

Now we are committed to one magazine a term. The last date for contributions to the Spring Term issue is 15th February. Study hard from now until then, but don't study so hard that you leave the magazine to a devoted quartet from VI Arts.

DE OMNIBUS

The Head Boy this year is J. M. Bullingham. He is supported by the Senior Prefect, W. R. Dyson, and by D. J. Hopwood, M. V. Miller, G. Cooper, W. S. Hayle, K. Holroyd, N. H. Lee, B. Mountain, J. D. Newton, C. W. Nuttall, E. Proctor, J. A. Shaw, M. J. Vonemloh, C. P. Couch and G. B. Milner.

The House Captains are—M. V. Miller (Freeston), B. Mountain (Hanson), D. J. Hopwood (Bennett) and J. M. Bullingham (Frobisher).

The School's French has had the expert aid of M. Le Hir this term. A genuine Frenchman, he is the first French assistant ever to teach in Normanton Grammar School. M. Le Hir comes from Chauvigny in the Département of Vienne and is a graduate of Poitiers University.

On behalf of the School we gratefully acknowledge a gift of some Brain Coral from the Gold Coast, sent to us by Mr. R. E. Rossall.

We offer our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Periam on his marriage to Miss T. McNicholas at Redcar, on August 18th.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of magazines from the High School, Normanton, King's School, Pontefract, Batley Grammar School, Percy Jackson's Grammar School, Thornes House Grammar School and Martin Frobisher Primary School.

On Monday, 16th July, Captain Gittins, R. Signals, visited us and gave a talk entitled "Life in the Army" to senior members of the School. Squadron-Leader E. R. Morris, R.A.F., came on Monday, 8th October and devoted himself to the subject of National Service.

V. J. Gerner Esq. visited the School on Wednesday, 17th October and spoke to the fifth year on the subject of Careers. It is to be hoped that his talk helped the puzzled and bewildered Fifth. Mr. Gerner was thanked for his services by D. Ashton.

As is usual at the end of a School Year the Old Frestonians' Association entertained boys leaving School last term. Are our Old Frestonians aware that some of the boys who partook of the sumptuous repast which they provided have not yet left School?

The Armistice Day Service was celebrated this year on November 12th. We remembered with sorrow those boys and masters who made the supreme sacrifice in the two World Wars as the Head Boy read out the Roll of Honour and placed a wreath of poppies on the Memorial Plaque.

Mr. Menzies attended our morning assembly on Friday, 13th July, and was presented with a Pye Jewel Case portable wireless set as a mark of the School's appreciation of his long service as Handicraft master.

THE STAFF

We have been delighted this term to welcome back to the School Mr. J. Malpass (O.F.), who has succeeded Mr. Williams as master-in-charge of Physical Education. Mr. Malpass passed from this School to Trinity College, Carmarthen and thence to Carnegie College, Leeds. He then served as a R.N. Officer before joining the staff of Cudworth Secondary School.

Mr. A. P. Cooke of Chester College joined the staff in July as Handicraft master, succeeding Mr. Menzies. Lively and hard-working evening Woodwork groups have been among the most striking of Mr. Cooke's innovations.

Mr. D. Harrison B.A. was one of a trio of masters who were appointed to the Staff for the new School year. He read Honours French at University College, Durham, where he obtained his Palatinate for Soccer. He is also very keen on Cricket and Boxing.

Mr. E. Pate B.Sc. is also from Durham University, but his College was King's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He read for the Diploma of Education at Manchester University. His special subject is Biology.

Mr. K. D. James B.A. has come from Balliol College, Oxford, where he read Honours Modern History. He has served as a Flying Officer in the R.A.F. The School Rugger Club does not need to be told that Mr. James hails from Wales.

MAN CANNOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE

"The customer is always right" is a slogan more appropriate for a technical than a grammar school. Always willing to learn, however, we who edit this publication, if we have not yielded to public demand in reducing the volume of sporting material, have at least relegated it to the nether regions.

Furthermore, persistently soliciting the support of senior (note how we avoid the word "senile")Frestonians, we have advanced the Old Boys' News by at least thirty pages.

We trust that contented clients will recommend our unrivalled news-service. We hope that discontented readers will still renew their subscription—3/6 a year, post free for two copies. The third copy is covered by your O.F.A. subscription. Debtors please note! The only address we have printed is that of the Treasurer . . . Petrol-rationing should easily save you the requisite 5 /-.

OLD FRESTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

"For we were nursed upon the self same hill"

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS for the current year are as follows:—

President: J. S. Baker (1924).

Vice-President: J. T. E. Akers (1914).

Chairman: H. White (1937).

Treasurer: G. W. Fieldhouse (1939),
6, Newlands View, Altofts.

Hon. Sec : W. Smith (1934).

A. M. SMITH (1924) has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the School Governors. His father, A. Smith, was Vice-Chairman from 1947-1955.

WING COMMANDER J. W. E. HOLMES D.F.C., A.F.C. (1934) has been Mentioned in Despatches for services in Malaya.

P. L. NOAKES B.A. (1949) proceeded from Trinity College, Cambridge to undertake two years research in social psychiatry at Belmont Hospital Social Rehabilitation Unit, Surrey. He is now at Bristol University, reading for his Certificate of Education.

P. BRENNAN (1954) is in his last year of National Service as a Junior Technician in the R.A.F. at Shawbury, Shrewsbury.

N. HOPWOOD (1925) has been Headmaster of Martin Frobisher Junior School, Altofts since 1949. His son, D. J. Hopwood, is at present Head of Bennett (Mr. Hewson's) House.

S. STONE (1933), with a score of 66, was a clear winner of the J. A. Holden Trophy at the annual Old Frestonians' Golf Tournament played at Pontefract Golf Club on 20th June. At the excellent supper, which followed the tournament, the Headmaster presented the trophy. H. SYKES (1926), A. CARTWRIGHT (1925) and R. BROWN (1950) were runners-up, each returning a card of 71.

D. ARMSTRONG (1942) Is Headmaster of Warmfield Heath School. Having trained as a schoolmaster at City of Leeds Training College, he served as a pilot in the Glider Pilot Regt. from 1944- 47. He then spent eight years as an assistant master in Wakefield, before being appointed to his present Headship at Heath.

W. D. DRAKE (1951) is on the staff of the Coal Tar Research Association at Gomersal. He has recently obtained his Higher National Certificate and aims to proceed to the A.R.I.C. Although he himself left school in the 5th form, he is certain that he could have gone very much farther, had he stayed to the 6th. He volunteered the information, "Every grammar school boy I meet, I urge him to stay on."

M. N. TARPEY (1953), having spent his national service in the R.A.F., in radar, has recently completed his first year at Worcester Training College. He hopes to teach in a Modern School, specialising in History and Geography.

A. BROWN (1951) completed his course at Carnegie College, Leeds this year and is now on the staff of Bournemouth School as Physical Education master.

R. CLARKE (1938) is now Mathematics master at King's School, Pontefract.

W. SHEARWOOD (1954) is an apprentice armature-winder with British Jeffrey Diamond of Wakefield.

R. MARSHALL (1943) has served as an Instructor- Lieut., R.N. and as a schoolmaster at the R.A.F. School, Fontainebleau. He has also been an Assistant Purser, Merchant Navy and has visited, with few exceptions, every country in the world.

C. MARSHALL (1955) shortly after having returned from Osnabruck, Germany, left for Cyprus with the Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry.

J. E. ROBERTS (1925) is Joel Professor of Physics at London University. He is attached to Middlesex Hospital.

A. GREEN L.R.A.M. (1918) is a well-known teacher of music, practising in Wakefield.

W. DAWES (1906) has written describing the events that led to the closing down of the London Branch of the O.F. A. His address is 10, Daryngton Drive, Guildford, Surrey and he has promised to send "The Frestonian" regular news of Old Boys in the South. Will O.F.'s continue to keep in touch with Mr. Dawes or with the Editor, when they have interesting news-items? Mr. Dawes* telephone number is Guildford 5607.

S. W. PEARSON (1924) is Deputy Works Manager at John Lumb and Co., Bottle Manufacturers, Castleford. He has a son in L VI S.

H. H. PEARSON (1917), brother of S.W., is a sweet-manufacturer in Huddersfield.

T. WATSON (1927) is an engineer at E. Green and Son Ltd., Fuel Economisers, Wakefield.

D. BLAKEWAY (1951), a nephew of T. Watson, is a statistics and accounts clerk at the N.C.B., based on Old Roundwood.

A. V. SCHOFIELD (1951) is an Assistant Inspector of Police at Ndalo, N. Rhodesia.

Aid. W. D. CARTWRIGHT (1916) is the second Mayor of the new borough of Castleford. Headmaster of Temple St. Junior Boys' School, Castleford, Aid. Cartwright was President of the O.F.A. when it reformed in 1930. He was formerly a prominent member of the O.F.R.U.F.C., now defunct.

B. K. BOOTH (1950) is now in his final year at Leeds University reading for the B.Sc. in General Fuel. He is hooking for Sandal 1st XV. In many respects, Booth is particularly to be admired for his achievements because he left School in the Fifth Form to work in the Leeds University Laboratories. He has certainly come up the hard way.

G. A. JONES (1952), having served as a Cpl. in the R.A.O.C., is back in the West Riding Architect's Dept. at Wakefield.

A. H. WARBURTON (1951) is now in his second year at Hertford College, Oxford, reading Psychology, Physiology and Philosophy. He is cox of his College's 1st VIII.

I. SHEPHERD (1955), after a year's teaching at Darton Secondary School, is going to St. Paul's College, Cheltenham.

F. MORTIMER (1947), of Wakefield Trinity Football Club, has had the distinction of being chosen to play full back with Great Britain's Rugby League team.

D. WRIGHT (1951) is Secretary to the Divisional Engineer of British Waterways, Castleford.

J. WRIGHT (1951), his twin brother, is a clerk in the Yorkshire Copper Works and is shortly to undergo treatment for his leg.

R. W. WARBURTON (1937), who is another O.F. with a son at present at N.G.S., is Head Clerk at Bankhills Station, Pontefract.

W. A. D. LAWSON M.D. (1917) is an ophthalmologist in Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.

W. E. L. LAWSON (1922), his brother, qualified as a doctor, after graduating M.Sc. in Colour Chemistry.

A. DUNFORD (1917) was represented at the Autumn Fair this year, when his wife kindly opened the Fair.

J. R. DUNFORD (1918), his brother, is another O.F., who is prominently associated with local industry.

P. FRETWELL (1948) is now on National Service in Malta.

G. G. KIRKHAM (1946) has recently been described as the "most travelled man from Normanton." After training for teaching at St. John's College, he has taught aborigine children in the

Northern Territory, Australia and is now going round the world, collecting material for a book on ecology.

RONALD HOLMES (1937) has been appointed Senior History Master and Divinity Master at Etwall Grammar School, Derby, which is to be officially opened in December. Since the war, during which he was commissioned and served with the Army in India, he has been on the staff of Raistrick Grammar School. Holmes was a war-time Soccer Blue at Oxford.

JAMES THOMAS CLEMENTS (1951) is thoroughly enjoying life as Inspector of Police (Traffic Dept.), Kenya. He was allotted extra duties recently in connexion with Princess Margaret's tour of East Africa.

KENNETH AMES (1942), ex-Editor of the School Magazine and formerly Librarian at Normanton Public Library, has just returned from America where he has worked as Senior Grade Librarian at Akron Public Library, Ohio, for 18 months. He has thoroughly enjoyed travelling America extensively and has visited his cousin's sheep ranch in West Utah. He is soon to be Senior Assistant at Sheffield Public Library.

R. MILES (1955) writes from Devonshire Hall, Leeds University to say that the 25 Frestonians in residence include two lecturers, six first-year, seven second-year, four third-year, two fourth-year and three research students. F. E. TOMLINSON (1951) is now in his final year of Medicine.

D. DEVEY B.SC. (1952), in addition to his research in mining subsidence, has had the honour of being chosen to play soccer for the Universities' Athletic Union.

J. S. LEE B.A. (1953), having obtained high Honours in English, has just embarked on the first year medical course.

B. SCHOFIELD B.SC. (1953), after graduating in General Fuel, has started the Honours course in Gas Engineering.

ELEVEN MEMBERS of last year's Upper VIth began courses this October, spreading themselves over five Universities. In addition to Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, London and Nottingham were fortunate enough to receive a transfusion of Frestonian blood. The courses chosen included Geography, Mining, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, English, Theology and Medicine.

J. E. GOVER (1924), commonly known as "Joey," writes from 97, Westland Ave., Hornchurch, Essex:—

I am a teacher and often wonder why. Three years ago, I had 700 boys in roll—now down to 400 but with the threat of a steady increase to about 600 as the "bulge" passes through.

Association of ideas—bulge—my middle age spread is far removed from my N.G.S. physique. Then list, now 15st. and mostly in the wrong places.

I do have happy memories of N.G.S. and Charles Edward Brittain. Shakespeare was wrong about the evil that men do living after them etc. Any evil done to me has been completely forgotten and, as I say, many and only happy memories remain, e.g. my first cricket score in the Red house match as a very small junior. Later creating a new school record by scoring 237? runs in one season (I wonder if this still stands—it would be summer 1923). Billiards in the Physics lab. Soccer—lots of it—and the "outings" we had as a result. Tram rides from Castleford. The friendliness of some of the staff. The various "characters" in one's own Form, etc. etc. etc.

For the present generation—work hard and play hard. Trite but true. I believe I played hard and found work somewhat difficult.

I'd better not bore you any more. My sincere good wishes to my class mates of 1918-24 with emphasis on the '22-'24 years.

R. BANKS M.B.E., B.A. (1930) has sent us, from his home at 28, Pytchley Crescent, Upper Norwood, London, the article which we are delighted to publish below, "Looking Back."

LOOKING BACK

It was with a sense of real pleasure that I accepted the invitation of the Headmaster to write a few words for inclusion in this issue of the "Frestonian." It has served as a timely reminder of the real debt which I, in common with so many others, owe to the School.

I am now forty-four, and it is some twenty-six years last July since with a heavy heart—yes, a heavy heart—that I became an Old Frestonian. There are some among you who, even at this moment perhaps, are yearning for the day when you are entitled to leave. If you read to the end of this you may understand why, when the moment of "freedom" came for me, the gates no longer seemed inviting.

Many of you will be familiar with these lines from Wordsworth's "Ode on Intimations of Immortality."

"O Joy that in our embers
Is something that doth live,
That Nature yet remembers
What was so fugitive!"

So "fugitive"—so fleeting! After all, six years in a school is no great portion of our lives. Yet these are the years which above all others live long and vividly in the mind. And, believe me, if you love your school, if you give to her one tithe of what she gives to you—your future memories of her will be pure gold.

I was not in the least outstanding at school. On only three or four occasions did I experience the thrill of walking up to the platform on Speech Day to receive a prize. Superficially, like the general run of you, I led an undistinguished, mundane existence for six years. But there was within me, as no doubt there is within each of

you, something which raised my school life far above the dull monotonous plane on which I appeared to live. I was proud to attend the school; privileged to be the first in a large family to win a "scholarship;" delighted to be admitted into the fellowship of those whom we all considered the "élite" of Normanton's youth.

I recall from my first few days our being placed into Houses. Then, perhaps as now, we were paraded in the Hall before the Housemasters and House Captains who surveyed our physical proportions with critical or appreciative eye . . . One by one the choice was made until only I remained. The indignity of being the last—an object of amusement, four feet three inches and under five stones! And yet I became a member of the mighty Buffs' senior football eleven from the moment I entered school. I could smile tolerantly on those who had despised my lack of bulk.

I wonder whether Mr. Hewson ever realises how much joy he gave one small boy when he wrote in the School Magazine at the end of my first term: "His toes are full of football"; or whether you have longed, as I did, to see your name among those selected to play for one of the School teams and danced all the way home when the longing became reality.

Have you a "hero" in the Upper School whom you may worship from afar! I had. He was in the Lower Sixth when I started school and already Captain of Football and Cricket. I don't think he would mind my suggesting that he was not brilliant academically. At the same time he was nobody's fool either and he was a magnificent games player and a born leader. I tried to set my standards by him, hoping that one day I might be held in the same high regard—and for the same reasons. I never was. But I am sure that in trying to be like him I made my own school life much more worthwhile. Finally a word principally for those who wish to be gone from school as soon as they are legally free to do so:

Don't!

Why? Well, in my view, until we reach the age of at least sixteen we are merely technicians, as it were, working for a firm. At the age of sixteen and beyond the school takes us into partnership. An invisible, intangible fusion takes place between us and all that the school stands for. We begin to realise, however dimly, that education is in truth a "drawing-out" of all that is best in mind and heart. The masters no longer "order"; they "suggest" and "advise"; and gradually we come to know just how human, how friendly, how "normal" they are. And if to this relationship we can add a recognition of our own responsibilities and a kindly tolerance towards the juniors, the "wild ecstasies" of our early days "shall be matured into a sober pleasure" and, like Wordsworth's memories of early childhood, our years in school will "breed perpetual benediction."

R. Banks

(1925-1930)

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The other evening, at the first meeting of the new committee, a suggested function was discussed for the better part of an hour, at the end of which there was still considerable uncertainty over a question by no means new to us. It was: "Will the general body of parents support such an event?"

We have, indeed, known the satisfaction emanating from events vigorously supported by the parents, the latest instance being the joint School-Parents' Association promotion—the Autumn Fair. This effort realised £140 for the School Fund.

It was most encouraging to have found the means of realising so handsome a total, and also of being the medium through which so many parents expressed their good-will towards the school.

Incidentally, we would like to extend congratulations to the students and staff for their improvisation and imagination which contributed so notably to the wide range of the fair.

One point raised by the success of the event. If such results can be achieved under the limitations of somewhat hasty organisation—the idea was only conceived in mid-summer—the possibilities of longer planning must be considerable.

We know we will be on good ground when, possibly early next year, we turn our thoughts to another Autumn Fair. In the meantime, however, we would like to know from parents what they think we might also attempt during 1957 in pursuit of our ideal, which is the enrichment of the boys' life at school.

We would most certainly welcome any suggestions made through the school or officers of the association.

Our first annual meeting took place in November, presided over by the Headmaster, who is president.

It was revealed that the membership stood at 198 and that during our initial year we handed over to the School Fund just over £20 in cash, exclusive of the income from the Autumn Fair.

All the officers were re-elected, namely, Mr. H. Harris (president), Mr. J. T. E. Akers (chairman), Mr. H. Pyrah (vice-chairman), Mrs. E. Ryder (secretary), Mr. W. Major (treasurer), Mr. G. Cudworth (minutes secretary) and Mr. H. Gott (Liaison Officer).

We were happy to welcome a number of additional parents to our General Committee. To some of you this may seem to be an unwieldy body, but we have found satisfaction in numbers plus the fact that the committee is representative of the very extensive "catchment" area of the school.

THE FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

Congregations today are not always favourably impressed by the sermons which they hear in Church. On many occasions the Minister's words make little impression on the vast majority. A sermon is traditionally expected to be dry, very pious, and very boring. If it is dry, few people care; if not, then the congregation is mildly shocked; it murmurs in wonder; then sits up and proceeds to take notice.

The congregation by which the Rev. Canon F. T. Horan M.A. was confronted at the Founder's Day Service on 17th July was of comparatively tender years. In spite of their immaturity, however, the young audience soon realised that this was a time for sitting up and taking notice.

The Canon, who is Vicar of Huddersfield, chose for his text a passage from Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, as recorded in St. Matt. v., 41: "Whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him twain."

He presented his material in a manner calculated to catch the attention of young and old alike, and he was successful. So much so, indeed, that even now, several months after the event, his message of living 'in the spirit of the second mile' is still with us. It is not and we hope never will be forgotten.

The Service, which was held in the Parish Church, was conducted by the Rev. C. A. O. Warman, Vicar of Normanton. The Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill, Chairman of the Governors read the Prayers, and the Lesson was read by the Head Girl of the High School. The Choir's performance of Weelkes' "Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord," and the Anthem "Almighty and Everlasting God," by Orlando Gibbons added considerably to the impressiveness of the Service.

The strains of the School Hymn concluded what must surely have been the finest Founder's Day Service in recent years.

FAIR WEATHER FOR AUTUMN

The Autumn Fair was held on Friday, 25th September. It was a combined effort of parents and members of the School and its great success did credit to their effort.

Members of the Parents' Association concentrated on the stalls which were set up in the Hall, while the boys were left to conduct various types of activities located in the different form-rooms of the School. These ranged from gym. displays to puppet shows.

The School was a hive of activity for several hours, but our patience and industry were well rewarded since the venture realised nearly £140 for School funds.

Occasions such as this which bring parents and School into closer contact are always worthwhile, even if only as an opportunity for exchanging gossip. The Fair was much more than this, however, and the ingenious, if curious, activities of the Lower School at least, gave pleasure to our visitors.

Mrs. A. Dunford opened the Fair; J. A. Roberts presented her with a bouquet, and she was thanked, on behalf of the School, by M. V. Miller.

EXHIBITION—INDUSTRY AND GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A very pleasing feature of this novel idea was the response of many firms to our invitations. Included in the exhibition were concerns varying from Imperial Chemical Industries to Normanton Brick Works, from the Central Electricity Authority to Arnold's, Publishers.

The exhibition was opened by Mr. J. Maddocks, head of the Staff Department of the I.G.I. Dyestuffs Division.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, the proceedings were conducted almost entirely by the boys themselves. The topics differed widely from film shows to discussions of visits made by boys to various firms. Boys of the Science Sixth Form performed experiments to demonstrate the principle of the electric motor.

Also included, by way of lighter entertainment, were gymnastic displays and "Music in Miniature."

J. A. Shaw.

N.A.T.O. COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL

Perhaps this course was a foretaste of University life, for thirty or so Sixth Formers, from different schools, lived and learnt together for four days at the West Riding Adult College, Grantley Hall. The course was intended to give a survey of N.A.T.O. and its work.

The method of presenting information was refreshingly different from that of school life, for seated in luxurious arm-chairs, the student could learn in comfort.

Considerable freedom of speech was enjoyed and often informal discussions would continue, after the lecture had finished, in the well-appointed library or common room of this Georgian manor.

The climax of the course was a debate, attended by Air Commodore W. F. Langdon, on the motion that "The freedom of Europe is at stake." This was proposed by J. M. Bullingham and opposed by M. V. Miller and the Headmaster.

The course dispersed the following morning leaving an indelible impression on many minds.

A VISIT TO FERRANTI WORKS, MANCHESTER

On a sunny Wednesday morning in September, N. H. Lee and I set off to Wakefield, on the first stage of our attempt to delve into the mysteries of the Electronic Computer.

After a pleasant car journey over the Pennines, we arrived at the Ferranti Works, at Manchester.

The first surprise we encountered lay in the size of the machine, which was approximately twenty feet in length.

The machine incorporates many ingenious technical devices, including cathode-ray tubes and literally thousands of complex valve circuits, but depends upon two essential principles.

The computer abandons the normal numerical system of "radix 10" and uses numbers to "radix 2". This means that only two digits, 0 and 1, exist, whereas our system of numbers to "radix 10" employs ten digits.

Counting to radix 2 would be very simple:

0, 1, 10, 11, 100, 101, 110, 111, 1000, 1001, and so on. Place value indicates a power of 2, instead of 10. Thus the number 1,111 would be $15 (2^3 + 2^2 + 2 + 1)$.

This system the machine can deal with, since while it may encounter a number of a dozen digits, each digit is either 0 or 1,

and it is not necessary for the machine to distinguish between electric impulses of varying magnitudes.

The other salient feature of this invention is its ability to store knowledge.

We saw the machine put through its paces, by being asked to factorise any number of less than a dozen digits, and to evaluate the constant "e" to one-thousand decimal places, which it did as quickly as an automatic type-writer would allow.

We were then reluctantly obliged to leave the works, which is the only one in Europe which builds the computer, at a cost of £30,000.

Our thanks were due to Mr. Whittlestone, whose kindness had made our visit possible.

J. A. Shaw.

SWITZERLAND, 1956

Our first glimpse of Switzerland was in the murky half-light of the dawn of a rainy day. It was not very inspiring. However, the glories of the mountain scenery seen during the journey of some three hundred miles from Basle to Lugano made up for this, and even the memories of a long sleepless night were soon forgotten. No matter how awe-inspiring the mountains seemed from the train they looked even better from the 'bus, in which we travelled to see such wonders as the Rhone glacier, the Gotthard Pass (with its forty-one hairpin bends) and beautiful Lake Lugano.

On such an excursion we visited Milan and Lake Como in Italy. In Milan the temperature was 99°F. in the shade, and we returned home hot and sticky just as a hailstorm was breaking. The hailstones were as big as golf-balls and were a foretaste of the night's weather. Lightning and thunder moved round the mighty mountain peaks throughout the night and we woke next morning to find the mountain tops covered with snow. The walls of the hotel at which we were staying were adorned with exquisite pictures, many of which were originals and valued at about £100,000.

The hotel was admirably situated on the very shore of Lake Lugano, and even on the coldest mornings we would dash out at half-past six and plunge with Spartan courage into the icy water of the Lake. Perhaps the excellent swimming facilities were the greatest attraction of the place. Wherever we went either by coach or on foot we were always eager to return in time for a swim.

The splendour of the Swiss scenery did not fail to impress us. The Lakes were wonderfully blue, just as they appear on the postcards, and the mountains, fir-studded and snow-capped, seemed to give paternal shelter to the tiny hamlets which we passed. How different from the treacherous home of the devastating avalanches which they become in winter!

All was scrupulously clean in Switzerland; the road-side cafes made the streets look bright; the Swiss extended a cordial welcome to us wherever we went, and in spite of our limited knowledge of the Italian and, I hesitate to say it, the French languages, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

OUR MUTUAL FRIENDS?

During the past few months the School has become the home of a large number of fish and other living creatures. The aquarium has increased in size and now embraces two tanks. Segregation is practised in order to protect the smaller fish from the more vicious varieties. The collection now includes: Angel fish, Beacon Tails, Black Mollies, Zebras, Guppies, Firemouths, Neon Tetras and transparent X-ray fish.

Although the tanks are well set out with rocks and water plants growing in the gravel, decorative alterations are expected soon. Both tanks are equipped with air bubbles and electric heaters which keep the water at a temperature of about 80°F. They are illuminated from above for display purposes.

Strictly for scientific research, "pets" are being kept in the Biology Lab., which was once the exclusive home of the School's junior science. Although the School has always housed its fair share of mice, a litter has just been bred in captivity. Several young newts have replaced the frog which seems to have escaped.

A tarantula spider, captured from a crate of bananas, is kept in ajar and is fed on flies. Even common worms are cared for and live in a tank filled with soil.

These livestock have not the leisurely life of the tropical fish, for recently several "chopping boards," and sharp scalpels arrived, whilst in a cupboard there is a kitten, preserved in formaldehyde solution. George—beware!

N. H. Lee.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The purpose of the society is to further interest in photography and help boys to acquire greater skill in that art. Since it was founded, the society has fulfilled this twofold purpose in every way.

The chief instigator in the society's foundation was B. P. Ryder, now Treasurer. Meetings are generally conducted under the auspices of Mr. Machin, himself a keen amateur photographer.

A small attic near the Headmaster's study serves as a makeshift dark room. The hatch in the ceiling of the lobby is the only entrance to this retreat, and can be approached only by ladder. Members find a basket and pulley helpful for hauling their equipment aloft. A weekly contribution of sixpence helps to provide that equipment.

Meetings are usually held on Mondays and vary from discussions and lectures on theory to attempts to put theory into practice in the dark room.

On Thursday, November 13th, B. P. Ryder staged an exhibition of colour transparencies in the Senior Physics Lab. The first section of the display was devoted to photographs which he took during the School holiday in Switzerland. Mr. Young and W. H. A. Major assisted Ryder in his commentary on the various transparencies. The slides included shots of the Rhone glacier, Lakes Lugano, Como and Bellagio and the lakeside from Agnuzzo.

The Inland Waterways Association's Rally, held at Lincoln in August, was the subject for the second half of the exhibition. The Brayford Pool at Lincoln, the Humber, Goole and Selby were put into the picture and compared not unfavourably, we hope, with the breath-taking vistas of the Swiss mountainsides.

If younger members of the society catch some of their Treasurer's enthusiasm and initiative, they may one day aspire to colour photography and show their juniors shots of their riotous sojourn in Naples, Cannes or Paris.

A. Paul acted as chairman; W. R. Dyson proposed the vote of thanks and D. Cliff seconded it. The Photographic Society seems at last to have found its feet.

B. W. Hardcastle.

F. H. Pugh.

GENERAL SCHUYLER VISITS LEEDS

On Thursday, 4th October, a party of about fifty seniors travelled to Leeds, in a hired double-decker bus, to hear a lecture by General Cortlandt Van R. Schuyler, Chief of Staff to the Supreme Commander, Allied Powers, Europe. General Schuyler was speaking at the invitation of the British Atlantic Committee, in whose activities the Headmaster takes a keen interest.

The lecture was held in Leeds Town Hall, and when the 'bus arrived, the boys were conducted into the hall where they were to act as stewards. At 7-30 the platform party—supporting the British Atlantic Committee—appeared on the stage. They were followed by the Lord Mayor of Leeds and the General, who is six feet six tall and of a commanding appearance. Any apprehensions the boys may have had about the topic quickly vanished as the General began to speak. Here was no dry, monotonous lecture, but a brisk and witty address, illustrated by lantern slides. Soon all were listening intently.

It is to be hoped that schools will take note of General Schuyler's method of approach. Perhaps many lethargic pupils would be shocked into a strange state of wakefulness if a film projector were to be introduced into the classroom.

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY

July 11th, the day chosen for the Society's annual outing, proved to be one of the warmest days of the month, and so, for once, the weather helped to ensure a successful trip. Thirty-four members went by private bus, first to Harewood and then to Knaresborough where a few pleasant hours were spent in sight-seeing and boating. The journey became a tour when we decided to include a visit to Stump Cross Caverns where the famous stalactites and stalagmites were seen.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, 13th July. E. Proctor was elected Treasurer and Miss D. Crossley Secretary. Miss J. Harper and Miss A. Maleham were chosen to represent the High School's Lower Sixth.

It is to be hoped that each of the above members, together with J. P. Aldridge and J. Glaze, who were later elected from our own Lower Sixth, will endeavour to exert a vigorous influence in the Frestonian Society.

A dance took place on July 24th, and in spite of the Committee's controversial decision to admit only Sixth Formers it proved to be an enjoyable and successful evening.

The first meeting of the new School year was held in the Grammar School music room on the 20th September. A selection of records was played, and a panel consisting of four members from each school discussed them. The general atmosphere of the meeting was good. There were amusing contributions from the audience, in strong contrast to the panel's dignified appraisal of each record.

On 10th October, members crowded the Grammar School Library for a discussion on the subject of films. E. Proctor presided. The panel on this occasion consisted of Gillian JVfat thews, Noire en Hunt, K. Holroyd and W. H. A. Major. They considered, with varying success, many aspects of films and the motion picture industry. Gillian Matthews made a particularly sparkling contribution which was greeted with spontaneous applause from the audience. We are pleased to be able to publish some brief extracts from Miss Matthews' speech:—

"The cinema-addict is completely satisfied by love films, oozing with sentimentality, in which both acting and production are poor. Many 'stars' become the idols of millions though their acting ability is non-existent."

Of "Rock Around the Clock," which is said to reflect the savage, uncivilised aspect of human nature, Miss Matthews said:

"It is not in the interests of progress to drag man back to his original uncouth state when he took part in horrible religious orgies and executed wild dances round the village fire."

Miss Matthews' list of 'pet-hates' includes two blonde ladies of world fame, horrible scaly monsters, and the member of the panel who suggested that films should be set for G.G.E.

The next meeting was in the form of a Hallowe'en social and in the dim light of glowing, leering turnips, ghost stories and dancing proved enjoyable. After an excellent supper supplied by the High School, all members went their ways feeling thoroughly satisfied.

After this new lease of life, which had invigorated the Society's meetings, there was a lapse to the old, amateurish state of affairs with a play reading. "The Distant Drum" is an unsatisfactory play for this purpose and for the first time this year, members were glad to hear the President closing the meeting.

If this sorry state of affairs continues and unless the committee-members consult their form members, they might find themselves faced with a rival society.

AN APPENDIX TO "COAL IS OUR LIFE"

by Dennis, Henriques and Slaughter.

The "Stupendous" is the only picture house in Ashton, and on almost every Saturday at a quarter past two in the afternoon, there is a children's matinee. Children of all shapes and sizes, clean and unclean, begin to queue up early, and before long there is a mob of shouting, pushing kids, sucking lollipops or chewing vigorously. When the doors are finally opened, there is a mighty roar and the mob begins to pour into the cinema to enjoy a Saturday afternoon cowboy session.

The first fifteen minutes after one enters the cinema are absolute murder. There are apple cores whizzing about, pellets from catapults and other assorted missiles. The kids squash into a seat with someone else, rarely managing a seat each, and from then on are on guard, finding many targets among the heaving throng. When the lights go out, a great cheer again rises from the mob, and they settle in their uncomfortable wooden seats, moving now and then to jettison a lollipop stick.

The curtain draws back and the performance begins, usually with a comic film such as Mickey Mouse." This picture is received with a prolonged, harsh laugh, with everyone, including the attendants, enjoying himself. Following this comes the cowboy film. Nearly every week this is either "The Durango Kid," or "Johnny McBrown," and it is certain that these films have been seen by the same throng several times before. The kids get out their guns and use the seats as horses, shooting the badmen and cheering the sheriff.

After this film comes the serial. Part of this is shown each week and it is always gauged to finish at a point of suspense. This is the highlight of the matinee and the part for which everyone is waiting. At the beginning of the film, the characters who take part are shown on the screen, and the commentator describes what they did last week. This produces a series of deafening cheers and boos. At the end, the lights come up again and the National Anthem is played, but I am afraid the majority of the children race out heedlessly.

Compared with the matinees at the "Crescent" in Pontefract, this matinee is a riot and the picture house, littered with fruit, pellets and gum looks utterly chaotic.

I know all about the matinees at the "Stupendous," because for three years I went there every Saturday afternoon. I finished when I came to the Grammar School, and I have seldom looked back.

J. M. Frankland.

♦"Coal is our life" is a description of a mining town called "Ashton," which has been identified with a nearby town.

THE BLIZZARD

Last winter, I went for my holidays to my grandparents. They live in a small cottage on Ogden Moors, beyond Halifax.

One morning, my brother and I were sent to a cottage on the other side of the moor, with some Christmas puddings for a friend of Grandma's. Unfortunately, Grandfather who was to have accompanied us was in bed with a chill.

The snow lay thick upon the ground; so we took the sledge with us. It was down-hill most of the way to Mrs. Grantley's cottage. The snow, though frozen, gave under our feet in places where it lay thick, and several times we had to heave the sledge out of deep drifts.

We reached Mrs. Grantley's cottage after a cold and arduous journey and were warmly received.

It was snowing when we left and after about half an hour we looked like animated snowmen. The weather rapidly grew worse.

We reached the slopes of the small hills which separated the cottages. It was tough going from here, for on the slopes the snow was deep and treacherous. More than once we went up to our thighs in the drifts. If the snow had held off we could have seen the tracks which we made on our outward journey. Now we were relying solely on my sense of direction. When at last we topped the ridge, we were met by the full force of the blast of driving snow. We were in a world of whirling whiteness. It dazzled our eyes and made them ache, and we were forced to bend to the impact of the stinging flakes.

I knew that my brother was relying on me to lead the way home, but in this world of swirling snowflakes, which limited my vision, how sure could I be of travelling in the right direction?

We plodded steadily on. The sound of our feet, and the sigh of the sledge runners gliding over the snow was scarcely audible. Suddenly a wall loomed up in front of us. If we were travelling in the right direction the cottage should be directly to our left.

We succeeded in finding the gate and staggered towards the door in a state of exhaustion.

A hot bath and a good sleep soon revived us, and we were none the worse for our adventure.

D. A. Firth.

THE U-BOAT

"Ware submarine to starboard," came the raucous shout from atop the bridge. Jamming binoculars to my eyes I swept the grey waves. Then I saw it, the slim, black form of a periscope.

Something gushed from the side of the submarine leaving a silver-white trail behind it. Somehow I managed to find a voice and screamed, "Hard t' port," and slammed the register over. The white thing sped nearer; an eternity seemed to pass before the stern began its long swing . . . "Ka-boom!" The stern completely exploded; red flame belched forth; the deck lurched to an angle of about thirty-five degrees. All went silent. My head was reeling. I

yelled out something (I think it was "Abandon ship!"), and then the world spun round into a well of blackness.

Consciousness drifted back to me and I dragged myself to my feet. The boats were well away; they must have left me for dead. The ship was slowly sinking, the deck tilting to an increasing angle. Then something caught my eye—a grey form heaved itself from the depths, a conning-tower appeared, then the slim lines of the U-Boat, water gushing from her side. The conning-tower was flung open and men appeared. A big gun was set up, a flash followed and a shell whined overhead. They were trying to sink her by gunfire! Our own light gun was still intact as I wriggled along the deck. I gained the shelter of the gun shield, and then a Lewis gun stuttered forth. I waited for the sound of bullets but nothing happened. Feverishly I looked over the shield. They were firing on the unarmed boat. Anger surged through my veins as I rammed a shell into the breech, adjusting the range-finder accordingly. I pressed the firing button. The gun recoiled, flame spewed from the stocky barrel, dulled by the curling, black smoke. A blast ensued and a glance told me that the U-Boat had been hit. Foolishly I stood up to obtain a better view. White flame gushed from the submarine's guns, and something ripped into my shoulder, the impact swinging me round to the left. My uniform was wet with blood and I fell to the floor.

Somehow I managed to regain my balance; pivoting myself on one knee I glanced rearwards.

No more a lurking monster; no more a terror to shipping the massive U-Boat lay on its side like some crippled animal, oil and fuel flooding from her shattered side; slowly she went down, slowly the bulk disappeared until only the patch of oil and wreckage was left to mark its destruction.

J. F. Fairclough.

THE LIBRARY

The librarian wishes to acknowledge the receipt of books from the Headmaster, W. F. Moreton, E. B. Haslam, J. L. Akers and UVI Arts 1955-56.

CRICKET, 1956

1st XI

Although last season was not a very successful one from the point of view of the results, it has served its purpose in giving the very young players good experience. It is hoped that with the experience gained they will fulfil the promise shown. Of the team last year only four were in the sixth form; the rest were drawn from the IVth and Vth forms, and some of these had quite a good season, notably Nicholson whose performance with the bat and ball was very good and Beck whose batting was successful in the 1st XI after he had been promoted from the 2nd XI.

Next season should be a good one. The team should be well-balanced and there will be a number of all-rounders to strengthen it. Two experienced opening batsmen are available in Hayle and Binns, whilst Bullingham and Nicholson are two medium fast opening bowlers. Rummings, Cooper G., Nicholson, Proctor E. and Barnes have the ability to score plenty of runs and Hayle, Proctor K. and Rummings should be able to capture wickets. The team will have a very experienced wicket-keeper in Cooper G. and his brother, Cooper B., has already proved a very reliable deputy.

It has been most gratifying to gaze over the fence in Dalefield Road and see the grass growing green and lush. We anticipate a reasonably good wicket ; surely, we may expect a "cricketer's summer" in 1957.

2nd XI

The results last season were fair. Next season we hope will be a good one. Many of the players will move up into the 1st XI, but it is hoped that these will be replaced from last season's Under 15 team.

Several members of last season's team gave very competent performances; notably Rummings, who did well with the bat, and Frost whose performances with both bat and ball were very promising.

Junior Cricket

The inter-school fixtures which were arranged late in the season were very much appreciated by the boys concerned. Nicholson S. proved a very responsible leader of the U.15 XI and Fox did very well as captain of the U.14 team.

The enthusiasm among the U.14 age-group was very high and the second match against Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, was distinguished with a fine sixth wicket partnership between Rhodes and Ellis E. M. It yielded 59 runs. Sleight's wicket-keeping and batting were extremely promising throughout.

STAFF v. SCHOOL

The weather, once more, ruined an eagerly-awaited sporting event of the school year. School opened the batting, but with the score at only 29 for 4, rain stopped play.

The Headmaster broke the opening stand by Cooper G. and Brookman and took another of the wickets. The others were taken by Mr. White.

RESULT

School 29 for 4, Match abandoned.

COLOURS

A. V. Brookman, the Captain of Cricket, having been awarded his own 1st XI Colours for season 1956, awarded colours as follows:

1st XI	2nd XI	Junior XI
Beck	Abson	Atkinson
Binns	Akers	Barnes
Bullingham	Cooper B.	Fox
Hayle	Dunham	Harrap
Nicholson S.	Frost	Nicholson A.
	Lumb B. L.	Rhodes
	Proctor E.	Sleight
	Rummings C.	
	West	

1st XI RESULTS

School 49 (Proctor E. 15), Leeds C.H.S. 50 for 3.

School 70 (Binns 19, Beck 19), St. Michael's, Leeds 56 (Bullingham 4 for 24).

School 61 for-9 dec., Rothwell G.S. 61 for 8 (Nicholson S. 4 for 14).

School 29 for 4, Staff did not bat (Match abandoned owing to rain).

School 102 for 8 dec. (Beck 23, Brookman 20, Mr. Harris 15, Nicholson S. 14), O.F.A. 42 for 5 (Smith 14, Mr. Beddows 13 n.o.).

2nd XI RESULTS

School 73 (Barnes 25), St. Michael's, Leeds 36 for 4.

Under 16 XI RESULT

Wakefield Tutorial School 1st XI 56 (West 4 for 2), School 58 for 6 (Beck 26).

Under 15 XI RESULT

School 52 (Nicholson S. 40), King's School, Pontefract 53 for 9 (Nicholson S. 3 for 5).

Under 14 XI RESULTS

King's School, Pontefract 51 (Ward 6 for 8), School 36 for 9.

Q.E.G.S. Wakefield 52 (Fox 3 for 8), School 24.

School 100 for 5 dec. (Fox 31 n.o., Sleight 26), Wakefield Tutorial School 35 (Nicholson A. 5 for 2).

School 79 for 7 dec. (Ellis E.M. 33, Rhodes 28 n.o.), Q..E.G.S. Wakefield 34 for 8 (Harrap 3 for 7, Barnes 3 for 11).

HOUSE MATCHES

SENIOR: Bennett 66 for 4 dec., Freeston 59.

Bennett 55 for 8 dec., Frobisher 30.

Hanson 51, Frobisher 53 for 8.

JUNIOR: Hanson 25, Bennett 28 for 7.

Frobisher 60, Freeston 43.

Bennett House were Cricket Champions.

A.F.C.

Captain 1st XI: M. V. Miller
Vice-Capt : J. M. Bullingham
Captain 2nd XI: D. J. Hopwood
Hon. Secretary: K. E. Phelps

During the last few years many articles have been written on Soccer which seemed designed to spread alarm and despondency through our soccer-loving community.

I have never agreed with the idea that the boys of today are not as good as those of twenty or thirty years ago. They have better facilities and more opportunities for playing. They are well equipped; many are well coached and practically all have seen the world's greatest players through the medium of television.

Last year the 1st and 2nd XI's had rather a lean time. Although they tried to play good football the results were disappointing. A glance at this term's results will indicate to a small extent how much progress has been made. What the results do not show is the high standard of performance and the excellent team spirit prevailing in the XI's.

In seeking the reasons for our successes, I feel that there are several contributory factors. This season the Head Master arranged the timetable so that Forms V and VI had the whole of Tuesday afternoon on the games field. The masters in charge have had ample opportunity for coaching in individual skills and team practices. In addition our home games and practices have taken place at Altofts Welfare to whose committee and groundsman we send our grateful thanks. The boys have responded excellently and have welded themselves into two workmanlike and well-disciplined teams.

The 1st XI is selected from Miller, West, Atkinson, English, Hardcastle T., Phelps, Blakeway, Bullingham, Frost, Cooper G., Beavors, Rummings.

The following boys have played for the 2nd XI: Cooper B., Lumb B. L., Ratcliffe, Barnes, Tucker, Binns, Cooper J. M., Ellis E. M., Hirst A. R., Arscott, Bradley, Hopwood, Hayle, Riley.

It is worthy of note that Stokes D., Caldwell T., and Johnson R., three old boys who were contemporaries of the above, have been selected to play for the County Youth XI v Leicestershire and Rutland in the third round of the National County Youth Tournament. We offer them our congratulations and best wishes for a successful game.

J. B.

UNDER 14 XI

The following boys have played for the Under 14- team this term:—

Williams R., Hudson, Wilson K., Lumb D., Nicholson A., Hough C., Ellis N., Watson, Mitchell J., Williams B., Gibson, Cooper D. M., Sleight, Buckle, Ritson A. M., Strutt (Capt.).

The Under 14 XI has so far lost four of its five matches, but fortunately the standard both of football and sportsmanship has not declined. Strutt has captained the side well, and has been able to add a little weight to a rather small forward-line, while Ellis at centre-half has tried hard to use his speed and height in both defence and attack. The team is gradually settling down, and it is hoped that next term the standard of the football will be reflected a little more honestly in the results.

D. H.

1st XI RESULTS

OSSETT GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Beavers, Cooper G. 2)	3—3	Drawn
THORNES HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Cooper G., Rummings 2, Frost)	2—4	Won
BATLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Blakeway, Cooper G. 4)	2—5	Won
BARNESLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Cooper G., Bullingham)	0—2	Won
PERCY JACKSON'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Cooper G. 6)	1—6	Won
ST. MICHAEL'S, LEEDS v. SCHOOL (Frost, West, Rummings)	3—3	Drawn
LEEDS UNIVERSITY v. SCHOOL (Cooper G., Ellis)	2—2	Drawn
HOLME VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Cooper G. 2, Bullingham, Rummings)	0—4	Won
LEEDS UNIVERSITY v. SCHOOL (Lumb, Cooper G.)	3—2	Lost

2nd XI RESULTS

OSSETT GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Ellis E. M. 3, Cooper J. M. 3, Arscott 2)	0—8	Won
THORNES HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Ellis E. M., Cooper J. M., Barnes)	0—3	Won
BATLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Hopwood)	1—1	Drawn
BARNESLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL (Cooper J. M. 4, Ratcliffe, Ellis E. M., Binns)	3—7	Won
ST. MICHAEL'S, LEEDS v. SCHOOL	2—0	Lost

HOLME VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL
(Bradley, Cooper J. M., Ellis E. M.) 3—3 Drawn

Under 15 XI RESULT

BATLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL 0—5 Won
(Bradley, Sleight, Ellis E. M., Hough M. F., o.g.)

Under 14 XI RESULTS

THORNES HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL
(Sleight 3, Watson 3, Cooper D. M. 2, Strutt) 2—9 Won

BARNSELY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL
(Sleight, Strutt, Cooper D. M.) 4—3 Lost

PERCY JACKSON'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL
(Cooper D. M., Strutt) 6—2 Lost

ST. MICHAEL'S, LEEDS v. SCHOOL 6—0 Lost

NORMANTON SECONDARY SCHOOL v. SCHOOL
4—0 Lost

SENIOR HOUSE MATCH RESULTS

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

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Frobisher	3	3	0	0	15	6	6
Hanson	3	2	1	0	17	10	4
Bennett	3	0	2	1	5	12	1
Freeston	3	0	2	1	3	12	1

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCH RESULTS

Bennett	6	Hanson	0
Freeston	5	Frobisher	3
Frobisher	4	Hanson	4
Freeston	2	Bennett	3
Frobisher	1	Bennett	4
Freeston	2	Hanson	5

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Hanson	3	1	1	1	9	12	1½
Frobisher	3	0	2	1	8	13	½
Bennett	3	3	0	0	13	3	3
Freeston	3	1	2	0	9	10	½

FINAL POSITIONS

1. Frobisher 6½
2. Hanson 5½
3. Bennett 4
4. Freeston 1½

PLEASANT WAYS OF WASTING TIME

From time to time in the history of this ancient grammar school there have arisen masters and boys, who, not content with the distinguished Soccer reputation of the School, have initiated experiments in the formation of a School Rugby Union Club. There has even been an Old Boys' R.U.F.G., in which it is understood that the present Mayor of Castleford was once a leading light.

Our reputation as a nation among our fellow-Europeans is of having introduced numerous pleasant ways of wasting time. Golf and lawn tennis, boxing and Rugby football are only some of the distractions which we have taught Europe and it is perhaps not surprising that 400 English boys in a school should feel the need to try their hand at more than one winter sport.

Even the Basques have taken up Rugby football and one writer claims that as a result bull-fighting is threatened with extinction in the Basque country.....

N.G.S. present Rugby Club is two seasons old. The 1st XV is chosen after the School 1st and 2nd Soccer XI's have had their pick of the available games-players. As a result, our 1st XV is about the equal of the 3rd XV of a good Rugger school and can match the 2nd XV of an average Rugby school.

The only other team that has played other schools so far is the Under 15 (or Colts') XV. This side, chosen from the whole age-group, proved much too strong for Q.E.G.S., Wakefield Reserve Colts' XV and shortly has a fixture with the full Colts' side of Q.E.G.S. No doubt, it will receive a salutary lesson, but at the present, since, with some of the best Under 15 footballers playing for the School 2nd XI, our Colts managed to beat the full Under 15 side of Castleford G.S., their morale is high and they are looking for fresh fields to conquer.

The Captain of the 1st XV this season is J. A. Shaw; J. D. Newton is Vice-Capt. and J. A. Lyon Secretary.

T. Abbott is Captain of the Colts and D. Wilkinson Vice- Captain.

1st XV RESULTS

CASTLEFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XV v. SCHOOL (h)		
(Tries: Shaw, Newton, Beedle)	17—9	Lost
CASTLEFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XV v. SCHOOL (a)		
(Try: Sabey, Conversion: Lyon)	6—5	Lost
ROUNDHAY SCHOOL 3rd XV v. SCHOOL (a)		
(Tries: Newton, Roydhouse; Conversion: Lyon)	5—8	Won
QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S., WAKEFIELD 3rd XV v. SCHOOL (h)		
	3—0	Lost
YORKSHIRE COPPER WORKS v. SCHOOL (a)		
(Try: Proctor ; Conversion, Lyon ; Penalty goals: Lyon, 3)	14—14	Drawn

Under 15 XV RESULTS

CASTLEFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. SCHOOL

(Tries: Williams P., 2, Clayton) 0—9 Won

Q.E.G.S. WAKEFIELD RESERVE COLTS v. SCHOOL

0—40 Won

(Tries: Williams P. 4, Ellis E.M. 4, Johnson 1, Harrap 1;

Goals: Johnson 1, Abbot 2, Barnes 2)

THE ATHLETICS CLUB

Season 1956 ,was marred by rain but the Club was able to record a number of satisfactory achievements. E.M. Ellis was selected to compete , for Yorkshire in the English Championships at Plymouth. He came third in the junior hurdles and was presented with his medal by Lady Astor. He also ran for and captained the County Junior relay team, receiving the shield from the Duke of Edinburgh.

On July 17th, the School competed in the West Riding Grammar School Sports at Fartown Cricket Ground, Huddersfield. Last year we had failed by half a point to win the W.R.C.C. shield but this year we were successful. Our points were scored mainly in the sprints, where the Athletics Captain, M.E. Brogden, J.M. Bullingham, B. Mountain, Ellis and J. Senior were prominent. We should have won the Championship comfortably but for a sad tangle with the baton in the Senior Relay, in which our most distinguished athletes were robbed of their crowning triumph.

Unfortunately, our Triangular Match with King's School, Pontefract and Percy Jackson's, Doncaster was one of the victims of the wet summer.

ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS, 1956

The swimming Sports were held as usual in Normanton Baths. There was a large gathering of parents and boys on the balcony. The nineteen events were all very interesting and though only one record was broken everyone swam well.

The winning House was Hanson. The senior championship was won by Dixon M. and the junior championship by Johnson A.

The prizes were presented by Mr. A. Hawkins, Clerk of Normanton Council, a School Governor and an Old Boy of the school. He commented on the progress of the school and was thanked by Mr. Harris.

RESULTS

Event 1: Senior, One Length Breast.

1. H. Ellis (H.); 2. M. Dixon (B.); 3. D. H. Benton (Fro.):

Time 18.2 secs.

Event 2: Junior, One Length Breast.

1. J. Strutt (B.); 2. A. Johnson (Fro.); 3. R. Lethbridge (B.):

Time 23.1 secs.

- Event 3: Senior, Two Lengths, Free Style.*
 1. M. Dixon (B.); 2. S. Nicholson (H.); 3. K. Moorby (Fre.):
 Time 33.7 secs.
- Event 4: Junior, One Length, Free Style.*
 1. P. A. Johnson (H.); 2. R. Lethbridge (B); 3. A. Johnson (Fro.):
 Time 17.7 secs.
- Event 5: Senior, Neat Dive.*
 1. C. P. Couch (B.); 2. R. Hopwood (Fre.); 3. K. Proctor (Fro.)
- Event 6: Junior, Neat Dive.*
 1. A. Johnson (Fro.); 2. B. Greatorex (H.); 3. P. Brown (Fre.).
- Event 7: Senior House Squadron (4 Lengths).*
 1. Hanson, 2. Frobisher, 3. Bennett.
 Time 59.5 Secs. (New Record).
- Event 8: Junior, House Squadron (4 Lengths).*
 1. Hanson, 2. Freeston, 3. Bennett.
 Time 1 min. 21.9 secs.
- Event 9: Novices' Race.*
 1. G. Kyte (Fro.); 2. R M. Harrison (H.); 3. M. D. Gee (B.).
- Event 10: Open, 4 Lengths Free Style.*
 1. M. Dixon (B.); 2. K. Moorby (Fre.); 3. S. Nicholson (H.):
 Time 1 min. 20.3 secs.
- Event 11: Junior Plunge.*
 1. D. Hoyle (Fre.); 2. A. Nicholson (H.); 3. A. Johnson (Fro.):
 Dist. 36 ft. 2 ins.
- Event 12: Senior Plunge.*
 1. P. G. Taylor (Fre.); 2. M. V. Miller (Fre.); 3. K. Proctor (Fro.):
 Dist. 42 ft. 6 ins.
- Event 13: Junior, One Length Back.*
 1. R. Lethbridge (B.); 2. A. Johnson (Fro.); 3. D. Cooper (Fre.)
 Time 23.7 secs.
- Event 14: Senior, One Length Back.*
 1. M. Dixon (B.); 2. H. Ellis (H.); 3. C. Tucker (H.);
 Time 18.3 secs.
- Event 15: Junior, One Length Breast. Best Style.*
 1. D. Hoyle (Fre.); 2. A. Johnson (Fro.); 3. B. Greatorex (H)
- Event 16: Senior, One Length Breast. Best Style.*
 1. C. Tucker (H.); 2. A. Asquith (B.); 3. A. Jenkins (Fro.).
- Event 17: Junior, Two Lengths Free Style.*
 1. A. Jackson (H.); 2. A. Johnson (Fro.); 3. V. L. Carter (Fro.):
 Time 40.8 secs.
- Event 18: Senior, Medley Race.*
 1. Frobisher, 2. Hanson, 3. Freeston:
 Time 54.4 secs.
- Event 19: Junior, Medley Race.*
 1. Hanson, 2. Bennett, 3. Freeston:
 Time 67.7 secs.
- The events were rounded off by a polo match between the

Old Boys and the School.

RESULT

Old Boys 1 School 1.

Mr. Hawkins at the end of the Sports called for three cheers for Mr. H. White, organiser of the Sports.

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS

The following R.L.S.S. Awards have been presented this year:

Award of Merit:

H. Ellis.

Bronze Cross:

D. K. Benton, M. Hill, K. Proctor, H. I. Atkinson, S. Nicholson, C. Tucker, F. H. Pugh.

Instructor's Certificate:

A. Jenkins, C. P. Couch, J. D. Newton.

Bar to Bronze Medallion:

M. Hill, K. Proctor, C. Tucker, D. K. Benton, S. Nicholson, F. H. Pugh.

Bronze Medallion:

K. Copley, J. Strutt, D. Bradley, D. Harrison, M. Asquith, P. G. Taylor, R. N. Lethbridge, B. Pollitt, J. Crossley, R. L. Scott, J. M. Frankland, D. A. Worth, A. Johnson.

Intermediate Certificate:

R. A. Hadley	A. Nicholson	J. A. Cudworth	P. Brown
V. L. Carter	G. T. Burdon	J. E. Ritson	P. G. Taylor
D. Powers	D. M. Cooper	E. J. Webster	B. Pollitt
S. F. Shaw	C. Bell	M. Powell	
L. R. Brannon	J. Baxter	A. P. Jackson	

SPEECH DAY, 1956

Speech Day this year was held on Wednesday, 7th November, and many members of the audience, which packed the Baths Hall, were agreeably surprised by the refreshing variety of the Programme.

After the School Hymn which opened the proceedings, members of the late Fourth form took the stage and presented several "flash-backs" of Henry V. In spite of the fact that these were performed in ordinary dress, they were very successful. A preview of "The Pirates of Penzance" followed and the "constables" of the Sixth caused considerable amusement with their "rock'n'roll" antics on the platform.

The Governors then took their places on the stage and the Headmaster gave his report. He thanked members of the Parents' Association for their help at School functions, and also for their untiring support of the School in other fields of its activity. The Head acknowledged the hardships of the student life and emphasised the need for parental encouragement. Last year's examination results were above average, the Headmaster felt, but he added that in his opinion monetary grants for Universities and Colleges

alone were not sufficient and should be extended on a much bigger scale to further education at Secondary Schools. All Grammar School boys who had the strength of character to profit, and some from the Modern Schools, should be offered a free place at a University or College.

After presenting the prizes, Mr. A. B. Clegg M.A., chief education officer of the West Riding County Council, addressed the assembly. He maintained that the School, while teaching the usual subjects, should also concern itself with other aspects of a child's life. He said that the school might have to repair damage caused by a lack of proper discipline in the home and argued that children should have specific jobs to do about the house, providing that these were not allowed to interfere with study. Mr. Clegg maintained that although the School was in charge of the child's academic education, the responsibility for the enthusiasm and standard of values which enable the child to lead a full and useful life rested to a large extent with the parents.

Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill M.A., presided, and Mr. Clegg was thanked for his kindness in visiting us by Mr. A. M. Smith and the Head Boy.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Charles Brotherton Scholarship, University of Leeds:

Butterfield, J.

State Scholarship:

Cooksey, E. H.

Miners' Welfare Scholarship:

Brogden, M. E.

National Coal Board Scholarship:

Paley, T. K.

W.R.C.G. Major Scholarships:

Bluck, M., Brogden, M. E., Cooksey, E. H.

W.R.C.C. University Exhibitions:

Akers, J. L., Brookman, A. V., Bullingham, J. M., Butterfield, J., Fryer, G. M., Paley, T. K., Searby, B.

W.R.C.C. University Bursary:

Turner, T. E.

Wakefield City Scholarship:

Dunham, P. G.

W.R.C.C. County Continuation Scholarship (Architecture):

Clark, T. M.

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Brookman, A. V.	Miller, M. V.	

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Barraclough, J.M.	Greig, A.	Watson, R.E.
Clayson, M.C.	Hopwood, R.	West, K.
Dews, M.E.		

PRIZE LIST

	Form 1.B.		Form IV.B.
First Prize	Lumb, D.	Form Prize	Ashton, D.
Second Prize	Wilby, R.	Hon. Mention	Blakeway, K.
Hon. Mention	Barr, R.	Hon. Mention	Jones, A.R.

	Form	I.A.
First Prize		Routledge, P.A.L.
Second Prize		Nettleton, B.
Third Prize		Shaw, J.H.
Hon. Mention		Hall, P.M.
Hon. Mention		Herrell, D.

	Form	IV.A.
First Prize		Tucker, C.
Second Prize		Maskill, A.
Third Prize		Pugh, F.H.
Hon. Mention		Lorriman, B.
Hon. Mention		Bailey, A.

	Form	II.B.
Form Prize		Dyas, L.
Hon. Mention		Pickup, G.B.

	Form	V.C.
Form Prize		Watson, R.E.

	Form	II.A.
First Prize		Hoyle, D.
Second Prize		Senior, D.
Third Prize		Gayton, R.C.
Hon. Mention		Lealman, G.T.
Hon. Mention		Mitchell, J.R.
Hon. Mention		Holland, E.

	Form	V.B.
Form Prize		Oxley, I.W.
	Form	V.A.
First Prize		Aldridge, J.P.
Second Prize		Preston, K.
Third Prize		Hutchinson, K.
Fourth Prize		Jenkins, A.

	Form	III.C.
Form Prize		Hauber, H.
Hon. Mention		Taylor, T.
Hon. Mention		Williams, P.
Hon. Mention		Harrap, R.

	Form	L.VI.A.
Form Prize		Holroyd, K.

	Form	III.B.
Form Prize		Burton, A.D.
Hon. Mention		Shepherd, D.N.
Hon. Mention		Eastwood, G.A.
Hon. Mention		Swallow, D.A.

	Form	L.VI.Sc.
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Third Prize		Nuttall, C.W.

	Form	U.VI.A.
First Prize		Bluck, M.
Second Prize		Fryer, G.M.

	Form	III.A.
First Prize		Brown, D.
Second Prize		Atkinson, D.S.
Third Prize		Makin, C.J.
Hon. Mention		Popplewell, J.B.
Hon. Mention		Nixon, M.E.
Hon. Mention		Frankland, J.M.

	Form	U.VI.Sc.
First Prize		Cooksey, E.H.
Second Prize		Butterfield, J.
Third Prize		Brogden, M.E.
Fourth Prize		Dunham, P.G.

SPECIAL PRIZES

E. B. Haslam Junior Prize for Magazine	Fairclough, J. F.
Gimblett Prize for Magazine	Bluck, M.
A. M. Smith Prize for English	Glaze, J.
Form V.A. Mathematics Prize	Preston, K.
Swallow Prize for History	Aldridge, J. P.
Forster Prize for Physics	Hutchinson, K.
Royce Prize for Chemistry	Parkin, R.
McKinnon Prize for History in Form V.B.	Gray, R. B.
George Pearson Memorial Prize (Presented by Mrs. Munn for Courtesy and Good Manners)	Paley, T. K.
Charles Pearson Memorial Prize (Presented by Mrs. Munn for Sportsmanship)	Brookman, A. V.
Headmaster's Prizes for Service to the School	Bullingham, J. M., Proctor, E.
E. H. Dixon Memorial Prize	Brogden, M. E.
C. E. Brittain Memorial Prize	Butterfield, J.
J. A. Holden Memorial Prize	Bluck, M.
T. W. Freston Memorial Prize	Cooksey, E. H.
Prizes for the encouragement of School Cricket	Nicholson, S. Rummings, C. Sleight, G.

HOUSE TROPHY—HANSON HOUSE

SALVETE

IA.—

Agg, J. R.	Fish, J. A.	Parkinson, J.
Allen, P.	Gilmore, J. F.	Preston, P.
Bolton, T.	Gummerson, J.	Richardson, A. P.
Booth, R. W.	Harrison, J. S.	Roberts, J. A.
Brighton, P.	Horner, A. E.	Spencer, C. T.
Busby, R. H.	Howell, A.	Stephens, A. K.
Close, A.	Hoyle, A. N.	Teasdale, C.
Craven, K.	Jenkins, K.	Walton, J. P.
Cresswell, W.	Mitchell, M.	
Dobson, G. S.	Morgan, A. H.	
Dodd, N. D.	Morley, M. A.	
Fenton, J.	Norton, K.	

IB.—

Arandle, D.

Atkinson, B. D.

Baker, B.

Bennett, J. A.

Box, W.

Brown, K.

Carr, R.

Clark, F.

Cook, J. M.

Copley, R.

IIA.—

Warner, J. S.

IVC.—

Dickens, R.

Jones, A.

Scholes, A.

Cullimore, J. R.

Dawson, J.

Dickinson, J. H.

Easter, N.

Ellis, B.

Gardham, R.

Green, P. J.

Harris, W. S.

Hunter, D.

Kinsey, G.

Lyman, J.

McInnes, R. M.

Moore, R.

Spires, R.

Sylvester, R. B.

Walkington, I.

Watkins, I.

Webster, S. H.

Wroe, M. R.

IIB.—

Conboy, T. M.

VALETE

UVISc.—

Akers, J. L.

Brogden, M. E.

Butterfield, J.

Cooksey, E. H.

Dunham, P.

Paley, T. K.

Sadler, C. M.

Searby, B.

Speed, C. R.

Turner, T. E.

UVIA.—

Bluck, M.

Brookman, A.V

Fryer, G.M.

Kirk, P.J.

LVIA.—

Blackburn, C.

Clark, T.M.

Donohoe, T.

VA.—

Abson, R.

Bond, A.

Harris, R.

Hope, D.G.

Jones, A.

Nodder, J.F.

Staples, K.

VB.—

Cleaver, D.

Dovey, C.N.

Powers, D.

Powis, R.D.

Storrs, N.

Thompson, A.N.

Waite, G.

Wallace, M.R.

VC.—

Auty, D.

Barracrough, J.M.

Beck, G.A.

Dews, M.E.

Dixon, M.

Dutton, C.A.

Ellis, H.

Fenton, E.C.

Hill, B.

Oliver, W.

Stainton, J.

Wilby, J.T.

IVA.—

Holden, P. G.
Rossall, C.

IVB.—

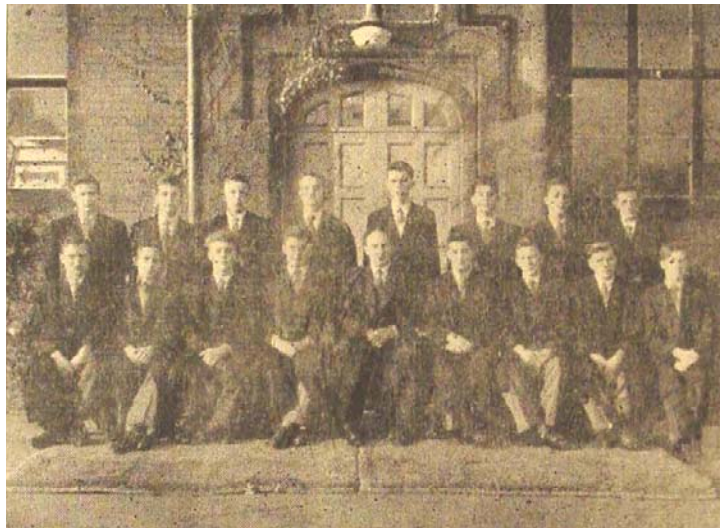
Teasdale, R.

IIIB.—

Backhouse, P. M.
Cheeseborough, T. F.
Copley, K.

IIB.—

Stone, D.



THE SCHOOL PREFECTS, November 1956.

Front Row (left to right) :—C. W. Nuttall, J. A. Shaw, M. V. Miller, J. M. Bullingham (Head Boy), The Headmaster, W. R. Dyson (Senior Prefect), D. J. Hopwood, G. Cooper, G. B. Milner.

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