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N. Ellis who won the Intermediate High Jump at the School Sports, 1957

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EDITORIAL

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This has been the examination term. Many boys deplore the fact that G.C.E. and School examinations are held in the Summer term, but most of us are reconciled to Summer exams. because we find that in spite of, or perhaps because of, the warm weather we are able to work much better in Summer than at any other time of the year.

To be able to shoulder a bursting satchel and wander into the fields to work is, so our town-bred fellows tell us, a great delight. The countryside, they add, has a way of calming nerves shattered by the jazz and "rock" which blares out continuously from the radios and record-players within "a cool five-mile radius" of their homes. Apparently the only way to work where such conditions prevail is to retreat to the bedroom, lock the door and hurl the key out of the windows, close the window, applying shutters if available, then climb into bed and bury oneself with book and lamp beneath a specially prepared heap of "extra-thick" blankets.

Studying, then, is, even for us, a formidable business but to those juniors who find that already their "prep." interferes with their "viewing" the prospect of ever reaching the Upper School must be quite terrifying.

We personally prefer the open fields in which to work rather than the suffocating, locked and bolted bedroom. On the other hand, some may object, the soft, warm breezes of the June-July countryside tend to induce sleep rather than work.

Fortunately, not all of us are fanatically studious. When the "examination fever" is with us, however, it manages to shake us all, penetrating even the maelstrom depths of the Lower School. Perhaps those eleven-year-olds who have till now persisted in watching television will be persuaded at last, by the prospect of their own exams. to turn their able hands to more serious work.

Last date for contributions to the Autumn Term issue of "The Frestonian" is 15th November, 1957.

MR. H. WHITTLESTONE

At the end of the Summer Term, 1957, Mr. Harold Whittlestone, B.Sc., retires from the Staff, of which he has been a member for 37 years.

Now Senior Mathematics Master, Mr. Whittlestone joined this School in September, 1920, having held a previous appointment at Kent College, Canterbury, and having served in the 1914-18 War.

Educated at Mexborough Grammar School and Sheffield University, Mr. Whittlestone has long been interested in the teaching of Mathematics and is an examiner for the Joint Matriculation Board.

Many generations will recall his kindly methods in the classroom and he will also be remembered by many for the Assembly music for which he was responsible.

Old boys, colleagues, boys, parents and friends of the School will all join with the Governors and me in wishing Mr. Whittlestone a very pleasant retirement.

H.H.

VALETE

IVC—A. R. Alderson (to Royston Secondary School).

IA—P. Allen (to Nunthorpe G.S., York).

DE OMNIBUS

On Tuesday, 19th March, a Grammar Schools' Music Festival was held in Leeds Town Hall. The first part of the programme included the first movement of each of two Piano Concertos in A major by Mozart, the Overture "Oberon" by Weber, a Suite for flute and strings in B minor by Bach, and "Kol Nidrei" for 'cello and orchestra by Max Bruch. The main part of the programme, however, was devoted to Mendelssohn's Oratorio, "Elijah." The first part of the oratorio was sung by a combined Schools' choir, some of our own boys taking part.

An Old Boy, Mr. J. Halling (1940), talked to the Sixth Form, on 2nd May, about University life. Mr. Halling is a Lecturer in Applied Mechanics at Liverpool University.

Mr. A. Roberts, M.P., who represents Normanton in the House of Commons, addressed members of the senior School and the Parents' Association on 10th May, in the School Hall. Mr. Roberts gave an interesting and witty talk, which was well received by his audience. A vote of thanks was proposed by C. P. Couch. M. J. Vonemloh presided.

In contrast, on 27th May, we were addressed by the Rt. Hon. The Lord Savile, D.L., J.P., who spoke on "The House of Lords." Lord Savile, who is one of Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants for Yorkshire, was thanked by D. J. Hopwood. W. R. Dyson presided at this meeting. The Chairman of Governors, Canon Orgill, introduced Lord Savile to the School.

The Lower Sixth visited a mobile exhibition prepared by N.A.T.O. at Leeds on Thursday, 23rd May. The exhibition was opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds.

On Ascension Day, Thursday, 30th May, a service, which was attended by the whole School, was held in Normanton Parish Church. The service began with a short Introit from a Mass by William Byrd. The lesson Acts I 1-11 was read by W. H. A. Major. After the Anthem, "Deal with me thy servant," by Thomas Morley, the Vicar of Normanton, the Rev. C. A. O. Warman, M.A., preached a sermon on "The importance of the Ascension in everyday life." During the service a collection was taken for the Church Building Repair Fund and amounted to £3 15s. 7d.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of "The Savilian," "The Silcoatian," and the magazines of Aireborough Grammar School, King's School, Pontefract, Batley Grammar School and Rishworth School.

On 1st May, we saw the film of the 1956 Olympic Games which took place at Melbourne.

The 1956-7 President of the O.F.A., Mr. J. S. Baker (1920-24), has kindly presented to the School a book, "The Historic Homes of Yorkshire," by G. Bernard Wood.

OLD FRESTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

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

Officers for 1957-8 are:—

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

Vice-President: H. White (1937).

Chairman: J. H. Short (1942).

Treasurer: G. W. Fieldhouse (1940), 6, Newlands View, Altofts.

Hon. Secretary: W. Smith (1934), 39, Illingworth Avenue, Altofts.

Hon. Secretary, A.F.C.: J. Richardson (1939), 24, The Grove, Normanton.

The Annual General Meeting of the O.F.A. was held in the Black Swan Hotel, Normanton, on Saturday, 23rd March. Membership for 1956 totalled 172 and a credit of about £240 was shown by the Treasurer's statement.

The Headmaster was appointed Convener of a sub-committee, consisting of A. Metcalfe (1944), J. Bird (1936), R. Law, R. Hunt (1936) and himself, whose terms of reference are to investigate the arms and history of the School and its founder. The sub-committee has met and has consulted with some of the older Old Boys, including H. Kirk (1909), A. W. Appleyard (1908), father of E. T. Appleyard (1935), who was killed in the last war, J. H. Easingwood (1904) and A. Lilley (1912).

After correspondence with Leeds University and the College of Heralds, it has not been possible yet to identify for certain the shield which has been used as the School crest through most of this century. The identification, however, is only a matter of time (and money), and the sub-committee is proceeding. What is certain is that the shield is not John Freston's coat-of-arms.

The Annual Dinner of the O.F.A. was held at School on 6th April, H. Harrison (1914) being guest of honour. J. S. Baker (1926) presided and other speakers included Canon Orgill, A. M. Smith (1924), the Headmaster, R. Hunt, H. White and C. W. Nuttall, a School Prefect. Mrs. Walker provided an excellent meal once again.

The O.F.A. Golf Tournament for the J. H. Holden Trophy is being played at Pontefract Golf Club on 19th June. Other events include:—

- 18th July —O.F.A. v. School at Tennis.
- 20th July —O.F.A. v. School Cricket Match (2 p.m.).
- 16th Sept.—O.F.A.'s Social Evening for boys who have just left School.
- 12th Oct. —Old Boys' Supper and Social.
- 13th Nov. —O.F.A. Invitation Dance.

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- 1st Mar. —School v. O.F.A. (Football).
- 15th Mar. —Annual General Meeting.
- 29th Mar. —Annual Dinner and Re-union.

F. E. Easingwood (1919) is Headmaster of Kirkheaton Church of England School.

H. Easingwood (1947), son of J.H., is now in South Africa.

J. Farrell (1912) is Headmaster of Thorne County Primary School, having formerly been Head of Normanton Common R.C. Senior School. His brother, Joseph (1919), lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

G. Senior (1923) is Works Engineer at Lumb and Co., Bottle Manufacturers, Castleford. His son, John, is in his 3rd year at N.G.S.

D. Lumb (1948) is in the 3rd year of his B.Sc. Mining course at Nottingham University.

We congratulate Squadron-Leader E. H. Burgess, D.F.C., R.A.F. (1940) on receiving the M.B.E. in the Queen's recent Birthday Honours. This award was for his services in the Suez operations. Squadron-Leader Burgess was trained at Saltley College, Birmingham, for the teaching profession, but he has made the R.A.F. his career. He was a war-time winner of the D.F.C., having flown in Europe and the Far East. He has fairly recently taken part in a survey flight over the North Pole and has acted as liaison officer for Transport Command in N.A.T.O. exercises. He is now at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell. He is married and has two children.

J. Halling (1940) was also at Saltley Training College, but, after his war-service in the Army on Radar, he attended Imperial College from 1946-8 and obtained the B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, with 1st Class Honours. He spent two years as a Senior Scientific Officer in the Civil Service, returning in 1950 to Imperial College for two years as a Research Fellow. Since 1952, he has been a Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at Liverpool University, specialising in Applied Mechanics. He and his wife and three children live on the Wirral peninsula.

J. Spencer (1939) and C. Richardson (1938) have passed the final examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (A.R.I.C.S.). Congratulations!

Congratulations also to M. Nichols (1949) and his wife, of Vale View, Harley, Melton Mowbray, on the birth of their son.

E. H. Beedle (1957), moving in February with his parents to Blackpool, has decided to change, not his School, as was intended at first, but his status. He is now a Local Government official. Further details are awaited. His address is 2, Woodridge Avenue, Little Bispham.

P. E. Robinson (1946), who was at Leeds Training College, is on the staff of Stourton Primary School.

Another interesting family story is contributed by F. Spencer (1921), who is on the staff of the "Wakefield Express." His brother, M.H. (1929), is engaged in specialist nursing of the mentally ill, at Birmingham. John (1934) is employed by the National Coal Board at Kippax and Joseph (1935) is a Surveyor with the N.C.B. at Oulton.

J. W. Broadbent (1923) is Headmaster of Sandal Junior School.

One result of the vigorous work of the new School R.U.F.C. in season 1955-56 was an Old Boys v. School Rugger

Match played at Methley on 23rd March, 1957. Six of the School 1955-56 1st XV played in the Old Boys' XV, who were assisted also by Messrs. Moreton, Cooke and James of the staff. School, however, won handsomely, in spite of the scintillating talent on view. The Old Boys' side was:—T. M. Clark (1956), G. Brookman (1953), T. K. Paley (1956), B. Searby (1956), B. Quarmby (1956), R. A. Crane (1955), A. P. Cooke, G. M. Fryer (1956), K. D. James, W. F. Moreton, M. R. Wallace (1956), J. S. Rowley (1953), F. A. Benton (1953), A. V. Brookman (1956) and G. B. Jackson (1955).

G. E. Watson, B.Sc. (1928) has been Headmaster of Alexandra Grammar School, Singapore, since April, 1954. His school contains 350 boys and girls. Previously, he was a Flight Lieutenant in the R.A.F., having served in the Meteorological Service and in the Education Branch.

R. A. Brighton (1952) is a Corporal in the R.A.F. recruiting office in Leeds. His brother, J.H. (1955), who is a member of the Stanley firm, F. Wood and Co., Corn Merchants, is doing his National Service in the Coldstream Guards at Caterham. A younger brother, Peter, is in 1a.

G. Selby (1953), after a period with the Yorkshire Penny Bank, served in the R.A.F. as a Senior Aircraftman Radar Mechanic, near Doncaster. Demobilised in May, he now hopes to go to Training College, probably Culham, in September. He is A.S.M. with the 3rd Normanton (St. James') Troop.

P. Howorth (1953) is on National Service in Germany as a Corporal in the R.A.F. His civilian employment is in the accounts department of British Jeffrey-Diamond, of Wakefield.

J. P. Cork (1955) is also in the R.A.F., as a Senior Aircraftman, near Oldenburg, in Germany. He services wireless sets. He is to enter the College of the Venerable Bede, Sunderland, later this year, to begin his training for the teaching profession.

R. Clarke (1938) is moving from his post as Senior Maths Master at King's School, Pontefract, to a similar post at Bede Grammar School, Sunderland. Good luck!

Representing the Edmonds family at the 1957 O.F.A. dinner was Dr. O. P. Edmonds (1939), who is Area Medical Officer of the N.C.B. with his H.Q. at Nottingham. J.V. (1928) is Education Officer at Scunthorpe. E. L. Edmonds (1934) is Inspector of Schools to East Riding County Council. F.F. (1936) is a Doctor, practising in Redcar.

The East Riding is indebted to N.G.S. for at least six of its Headmasters! These are S. Ballance (1920), Thorn-

gumbald Primary; R. Murdoch (1934), Wilberfoss Church of England; W. M. Bolton (1935), Peripatetic Head Master; R. S. West (1932), Moorfield Primary, Bridlington; T. T. Wall (1922), Flamborough Church of England; and G. H. Fisher (1928), Lockington Primary.

E. Warrender, B.Sc. (1942) is conducting research at Fryston Colliery Laboratory on disease affecting miners.

J. C. Atkinson, B.Sc. (1948) has just been awarded his M.Sc. degree in Textiles at Leeds University. He proposes to do further research at Leeds for his Ph.D. degree.

M. D. Atkinson (1951) has been awarded his B.A. (Hons.) in Economics, at Leeds University.

P. Brennan (1954) hopes to begin a "Sandwich" Course with G.E.C. at Wembley. He will take a course of study leading to the new Dip. Tech. in Applied Physics.

G. A. Rummings (1926) and J. L. Wilby (1934), both working with the National Coal Board on the administrative side, have sons in the second year at School.

P. Carr (1952) is in the second year of his B.Sc. course at Nottingham University. G. Carr (1952) is a Fleet Air Mechanic stationed at present at Nuneaton. They have a brother at School in his 1st year.

G. B. Wilson (1949), after three years in Local Government, entered Sheffield Training College and, after one year as a qualified schoolmaster at Corby, Northants, is going to Canada to take charge of a two-room rural school.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

By the time this magazine is published there will have been resolved some of the uncertainty surrounding our "end-of-the-term-fling" — a flannel dance in the School Hall strategically timed to coincide with the end of the examinations. The idea was to get together parents, old boys and senior pupils with their friends, the younger element to be the guests of the Parents' Association for the evening.

It was something new, which factor alone gave rise to a degree of uncertainty over its appeal. We hope, in the next issue, to be announcing that the dance was sufficiently successful to become a "must" in next year's calendar.

No doubt, many of you took advantage of the refreshment facilities provided at Sports Day, and, perhaps, this is as good a medium as any through which to acknowledge the generosity of parents contributing edibles, and those who gave up their day's pleasure to staff the marquee and soft

drinks stall. We would like to point out that this service was organised by members of the Refreshment Committee of the Parents' Association.

When the holidays are over our attentions will be directed to two other major events, both due to take place in October.

The first is a "repeat" of the popular film show and commentary of last year by Yorkshire and England cricketer, Johnny Wardle. This time he will be presenting his film of last winter's M.C.C. tour of South Africa, in which he played no insignificant part. We hope to be able to invite boys free of charge. Then, there is the second Autumn Fair—a combined effort with the School which could be even bigger and better than a year ago.

EASTER IN SAVOY

The night before School was dismissed for the Easter holidays, our party assembled on Normanton Station for the beginning of the long journey to Haute Savoie. After passing through London, Newhaven and Dieppe, we discovered Paris, where we were entertained at the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe. The following night was spent on the train. When we awoke, we were in Haute Savoie.

On leaving the train at Evian-les-Bains (a sort of Continental Harrogate), a bus completed the journey into the Alps, to Châtel, our village of residence for the holiday. The bus ride itself was quite enthralling. Valley followed valley, mountains followed mountains; scenes of intense grandeur. The bus sped on through quaint villages and picturesque Alpine pastures, seemingly racing with the clouds in the sky, until at last Châtel was reached.

The proprietor of our hotel, the Beauséjour, met us with his car, and we were taken to the hotel. Châtel was found to be a small, well set out village nestling in the palm of a mountainous hand. There was a church at its heart, with gaily decorated chalets about it. Up the hill from the church was the hotel. We were thankful for our arrival, and spent the afternoon in welcomed slumber.

During the evening an exploration of the ski-equipment shops was carried out in preparation for the morrow.

Next morning, equipment was hired, together with a ski-instructor and his lorry, which whisked us off to some snow-covered slopes where we were taught the rudiments of ski-ing. After a time, most of the party had mastered their balance, and were able to waddle up the slope and then

gracefully(?) descend. Everyone came away from the scene with a thrilling feeling of being a pioneer—we were the first ski-ers of N.G.S.

That afternoon, ski-ing was put aside, and we traversed the Franco-Swiss border on foot, arriving at the typically Swiss village of Morgins.

Monday morning found the ski-bug still biting, and, in answer to it, the party took up its equipment and made the climb up a nearby mountain to the Lac de Conches. Up there a hotel was found, near to which were suitable slopes for ski-ing. The whole day was devoted to the sport, and by tea-time most of us were fairly accomplished.

On one of the ensuing days, a car was hired to transport us to Geneva. Again we passed through the mountain scenery which had so intrigued us on the bus, and came down to the shores of the Mediterranean-like Lake of Geneva. The exploration of the city was fascinating beyond all measure. The combination of old and new styles of architecture gave the place an elegant and élite atmosphere. Here there was no grimy fog to tint the white-stoned buildings. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the United Nations European Headquarters.

During the stay, many new varieties of food were introduced to us. The extensive use of butter was noticeable. One day steaks would be grilled in it, and the next we would find it being used as cake-icing. On the whole, the Continental food was good, nourishing and enjoyable.

Saturday found us again in the car which had taken us to Geneva, but this time it was to take the party to Evian-les-Bains. There, on the shores of Lake Geneva, the Lake itself was explored on rather weird swan-craft.

The next day, Easter Day, was spent "at home." Our stay was now coming to an end. The car arrived on Monday evening, and, with much regret, Châtel was left behind as we began the first stage of the return. At Thonon, a train was boarded. That night the rhythm of the lines became our lullaby.

By Tuesday evening we had arrived in London and "had a last fling" by going to see the Crazy Gang at the Victoria Palace.

We arrived home early on Wednesday morning.

Never before have I spent such an enjoyable holiday. It was a valuable experience.

D. HOYLE.



The beginning of a ski expedition:—
Left to Right: J. Senior, D. Hoyle, M. D. Gee, C. Hough, J. A. Bennett

ON BEING ILL

How hard the bed is! How lumpy the pillow! How I itch! Tuesday, Tuesday, Tuesday; I should be taking Latin in Room 8. Oh, my head! How I itch; my throat does ache. How quiet the house is; where is everyone? A drink of cold water would help; can't be bothered to crawl to the bathroom; can't shout for someone—throat's too sore. Oh, these spots! Mustn't scratch, mustn't scratch. Oh, how I itch! My head does ache; how uncomfortable the bed is. Oh, dear!

Voices from the region of the kitchen; yes, someone coming . . . "Now, dear, can I get you anything?"

"Drink of water, please."

"It's at your bedside, dear."

Can't be bothered, mouth's horrid, like furry flannel—tongue feels too big. Tuesday, Tuesday, ought to be doing Latin; try to sleep, sleep, sleep. I'm driving a tractor: it's huge: oh goodness, I'm driving it into the Hall; please, someone, stop me, stop the tractor, stop me!

"Are you asleep, dear?"—mother's voice.

Where is the tractor? Where am I? Oh, my head, my throat; how I ache! I've been here for days—it must be days; no one ever felt so ill before. These lumps in my head, hundreds of them, all itching; hundreds of wrinkles in the bed, all hurting my back. Someone else coming; voices on the stairs; why don't they leave me alone?

"Now, young man, undo your pyjama jacket."

It's all very well for him standing there fit and well: he doesn't know how wretched I feel; he doesn't care. What's that he's saying?

"Just chicken-pox, nothing to worry about. Mustn't scratch those spots . . . Yes, he's certainly got a crop . . . plenty of drinks . . . Good morning."

Doctors! Inhuman, cold-blooded slot-machines, turning out white pills, red pills, yellow pills, nasty medicine . . . Drink, that's what I want—a sparkling, icy, thirst-quenching drink. No one near, no one cares; I must be ill—I feel so awful.

Footsteps along the landing; turn my head in the direction of the door. My burning, itching head! A tray appears. Surely they wouldn't bring a hot meal; not a pile of steaming vegetables and horrible meat, please. I must be dreaming: I see—ah! blessed, blessed lemonade — cold, sparkling; the glass so fresh on my hot lips. I lie back gratefully, but I am not left in peace. No! I am turned this

way and that way, I am dabbed here, dabbed there. Soon each spot is hidden under smears of lotion. I look like a witch doctor in festive dress, yet I feel more comfortable. I do not itch quite so much.

This, then, is chicken-pox—a child's ailment. The light is fading; my brother runs up the stairs. He has an annoying glint of only half-concealed amusement in his eye. Do I want his "Eagle Annual"? I tell him what to do with his wretched Annual and he dashes off casting a last covetous glance at the lemonade.

Slowly, so slowly, the long night merges into dawn. When I awake, I discover that my head and throat no longer ache. True, I still itch a little, but not much. Heigh-ho! No lessons today! Perhaps that doctor knew what he was talking about after all.

G. J. Makin.

SOLIDS PREFERRED

When the idea of aero-modelling first comes to you, it is best to consider the "pros" and "cons." Is it worth buying that glider? "Built in two hours," but how many hours will you spend on it before it is ready? Are you prepared to sacrifice that precious time, left after the two to three hours' homework, on building the beginners' model?

The advantages are numerous; the disadvantages are even more numerous. You will love to see your glider go soaring up into the sky and be able to say, "I made that, first attempt." But what happens if the glider goes up and then falls miserably to the ground, a tangled wreckage of balsa wood, cement and paper, with one wing stuck up at an alarming angle from the fuselage?

When you "wangle" more money and time, you may decide—that is, if the glider flew—to buy an engine. Again a problem arises, free flight or control-line? Would it be wise to let your 'plane go sailing off over the countryside? When you find it, if you do, there may be nothing left but a wreckage. Even control-line flying has its snags. The 'plane may whizz round too fast and you may be wound up like a mummy with the 'plane's propeller parting your hair into some devilish sort of crew-cut.

Radio-controlled 'planes are the most expensive, costing upwards of £5, but you are safe; they are "remote-controlled." Did I hear a hollow laugh? As you vainly turn the controls backwards and forwards, the aircraft keeps flying onwards to an unknown destination. Engines? No, perhaps it is better to stick to gliders.

In the competitive types of gliding, with "tooth-picks," gliders with pencil-slim fuselages and big wings, Wakefields and square-fuselaged gliders, the finer details arise. Is such a wing-cord better than another? How long must the fuselage be, or is the wing-loading too high? Too technical? Yes.

I have tried only one kind of aero-modelling—solids. These are the most rewarding—no smashes, no paper to get torn, no diesel oil to buy and no rubber to wind. While the keen men fly their latest 'planes outside, I will be content to mount my new solid on its stand.

D. K. Benton.

DUST AND DIAPASON

Exactly three days after my election as Church Organist, I climbed up to the organ loft, with considerable pride, and a certain amount of nervousness, and took my seat at the organ.

The time was 5.45 p.m. and the service was to begin at 6.0 p.m. I unlocked the instrument, pulled down the music stand, and prepared to begin my first voluntary. Reaching beneath the Choir Organ, I pressed the blower switch and listened for the low-pitched whine of the motor, but no sound was to be heard except the rustling and coughing of the congregation. I tried the switch again—no result; so despairingly I unhooked the key of the blowing chamber and went inside the organ. The motor looked all right, but it was rather dark inside, and full of dust and cobwebs. The fault, however, was easily traced; the main switch had been left off after the organ builders had been the day before.

Five minutes after his disappearance inside the organ, a very dusty, but triumphant, young organist again took his seat at the organ.

Beginning my voluntary, I played without mishap until the Minister took his place in the pulpit. "Plain sailing, now," I thought, as I was given the evening's hymns. How wrong I was!

Hurriedly I found the opening hymn and discovered to my horror that we did not know the tune; it was, however, a common metre and an alternative was easily found.

"Oh, well, it never happens twice in the same service." No sooner had the thought passed through my mind than a strange sense of foreboding struck me. Feverishly I searched through the hymns to discover that all but one of the remaining tunes were unfamiliar. Luckily for me, the Minister's Bible reading was very long and I had time to find

tunes which we knew. The next hymn and the offertory passed off without incident. I had noticed that "He Who Would Valiant Be" was the fourth hymn, and, determined to make myself heard, I pulled out a few stronger stops; the pedal organ lacked weight, so naturally I added a 32 foot Harmonic Bass. During the first verse of the hymn, a strange rattling became audible, and much to the surprise of the Minister, the congregation and myself, the front display pipes fell out and landed in the choir stalls with a terrible clatter. It must have been the vibration of the 32 foot pipes which shook them out of their sockets.

The service then continued without further interruption until I began to play my concluding voluntary. Suddenly the great organ went dead. Quickly I brought in the Swell, and Choir, finishing the service on a rather quieter note than I had intended.

Later, in the vestry, the Minister explained the cause of the accidents. The organ builders had not quite finished their repairs and had left the organ fastened together temporarily. The fastenings had not held.

To my amazement, several people congratulated me as I left the Church, on my playing and quick thinking in the difficulties.

A. D. Burton.

SOCIETY JOTTINGS

WOODWORK CLUB

Continuing to meet even in the warmer weather, the Club has provided opportunities for the enthusiast. A 1A boy, J. M. Cook, for example, has produced a space-ship table lamp, and J. D. Winter, of 1B, was highly elated to take home his sea-grass stool, which in normal lessons would probably not have been made until the 3rd year. The one and only lathe is in constant demand, chiefly for the turning of table lamps at the present time.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

The number of instrumentalists continues to rise. In the embryo orchestra, brass, recorder, and strings now blend with the new piano. The choir has also met frequently, though rehearsals have occasionally clashed with cricket and athletics practices this term.

AQUARIUM

The two tanks are now very well stocked with fish. The latest additions include four species which give birth to live fish instead of laying eggs. These young fish are able to

swim soon after birth. Three of the fish are Guppies and the fourth a Sword-tail. Other interesting fish are a pair of "Penguins" and a pair of Tiger Barbs.

One of the Guppies was put into the breeding trap so that the other fish, and the Guppy herself, could not eat the young ones when they were born.

Five young Guppies were born in the breeding tank. They were only about a quarter of an inch long at birth, and had to be fed on liquid food for several weeks.

We now have a small library of books dealing with the care and breeding of tropical fish.

CLUB FRANCAIS

Last term the Club elected M. le Hir as its President, and M. Munton and J. Myers as joint Secretaries.

On 9th May, the boys who had accompanied the Headmaster to the French Alps, during the Easter holidays, gave the Club an account of their adventures, which proved to be very interesting and amusing.

On 4th June, the School's French masters each gave a lecturette on various aspects of French life. Mr. Harrison talked about French sport, Mr. Young gave an exposition of French commemorative stamps, M. le Hir spoke on camping in France, and Mr. Machin talked of modern French art, dealing particularly with the Impressionists.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The subscription fee has been reduced from sixpence to threepence; the weekly payments have realised a total of 21/- and a Gnome developing tank has been bought. Here is a plan of a typical weekly meeting:—

1. Exposure meter (talk and demonstration).
2. Enlarging.
3. Recruiting.

Mr. Machin brought his own Weston exposure meter to School to be examined by the boys.

A discussion took place on the "rights and wrongs" of enlarging.

The chairman has asked all members to encourage Third and Fourth form boys to join the Society.



THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY

At the end of last term a "quiz" was held between teams from the Grammar School and High School. After quite an exciting battle of wits, the boys scraped home to a narrow victory by half a point. Mr. James prepared the questions.

On 9th May a party paid a visit to the Civic Theatre, Leeds, to see a production of Sheridan's play "The Rivals," which was quite enjoyable.

A General Meeting was held on 21st May in the Grammar School Library. The meeting was supplemented by a talk on "Weight Training"

given by an "expert," M. V. Miller. Miller gave us a very interesting and amusing talk, during which he demonstrated to us the correct method of lifting a chair over one's head . . . He also informed us of several expensive methods of muscle building, and ended by giving a few confidential tips to the ladies. This levity was followed by the more serious business of the General Meeting. No agenda had been prepared, and, though many suggestions were put forward, no measures were agreed upon.

EUROPE IN THE YEAR 2000

It is hot! So hot that the air seems to shimmer as wave after wave of panting heat falls upon the earth.

Nothing moves.

Europe's broad, proud highways and noble cities are gone. In their place is a brown and parched desert.

There is not a sign of life anywhere. Sand gives way to sun-baked rocks and ruins. A hill lifts its blunt head above the parched earth; a hill pitted with holes; holes which look man-made; holes with nearly smooth sides. They have been dug by someone—but by whom?

Before a cave something in the sand glitters. A small golden ring reflects the merciless glare of the sun. The bright little object must attract any living being to it.

Something moves.

Out of the caves crawls a pitiful being. Thin, white-haired, wrinkled, dressed in rags, he slowly rises to his feet and feebly grasps the ring. A smile flits across the creature's face as he fits the yellow circle on to his finger. A bauble left out of atomic chaos.

The man shambles slowly over a rise in the ground, and, pausing in the shade, he stands and gazes at the soil.

Not far away is a small pond and in the irrigated soil green vegetation is springing up, the crop of men who still have the will to live.

As the sun sinks slowly toward the horizon, the man turns and trudges back to his cave. The shadows lengthen and night's clammy fingers reach out and engulf the land.

In the wasted ruins a baby starts to cry. A healthy, lusty cry.

Life is born again.

D. Wilkinson.

N.A.T.O.'S MOBILE EXHIBITION AT LEEDS

This year the N.A.T.O. Information Division has launched a very novel campaign for instructing people about N.A.T.O.'s aims and advantages. The campaign has taken the form of mobile units touring the principal towns and cities of the N.A.T.O. countries—the United Kingdom being the seventh country to be visited and Leeds being the 9th British centre which the exhibition has visited.

The exhibition was opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds and the School's Lower Sixth was there to hear him, and, indeed, attracted the attention of the Lord Mayor who referred to former struggles on the football field against Normanton. There was quite a large crowd at the opening ceremony, which was not surprising since the gaily painted trailers carrying the exhibition, with large flags on the roofs, attracted the attention of every passer-by.

The first part of the exhibition consisted of a series of panels on the walls of a trailer giving pictorial history of N.A.T.O. from the initial signing of the treaty by 12 nations, including the United Kingdom, to the admission of Western Germany. These and other milestones in the history of N.A.T.O. were well portrayed in words and photographs.

Another part of the exhibition showed what the organisation was up against and a very striking stand, which consisted of a number of models on a conveyor belt, showed how Russia, depicted as a large bear, had, by her aggression, converted free countries into satellites and made herself a major

threat to Western security. A panel showed the strength of Russian forces in 1949 and 1956 by means of models of soldiers, ships and aeroplanes, and showed that, whilst Britain had begun to cut down her armed forces after the war, Russia has been continuously expanding and modernising her forces.

The other trailer was even more attractive and a series of coloured photographs succeeding each other on a screen depicted how N.A.T.O.'s 165 airfields had come into being, from the choice of a site to build each on, to the actual construction of the airfields by the chosen contractors.

How Britain benefits from N.A.T.O. in the fields of defence and communications was the subject of one panel, whilst the next showed how much we pay for these benefits and the benefit of security. Last year Britain contributed £86,000,000 to the N.A.T.O. funds—almost one-eighth of the total contributions.

Two short films, one coloured and the other in black and white, illustrated the lives and work of the N.A.T.O. peoples and last year's meeting of the Ministers of N.A.T.O. countries.

A juke-box which had records of the popular music of all the N.A.T.O. countries attracted many people.

On leaving the exhibition, visitors were given a pamphlet. "Insurance for Peace," and a paper flag depicting the flags of all the Organisation's members. Outside they could see films on a special screen mounted on a truck, about all the different N.A.T.O. countries and some of the Organisation's activities.

This mobile exhibition was much more interesting and informative than any other means of advertising N.A.T.O. that I have come across, and I am sure the campaign will prove more successful than all previous ventures.

J. P. Aldridge.

NOCTURNE

Faster the wheels whirred, the rope sliding over like a serpent—

Up rose a black shadow, like a cage-load of souls from Hell—
Pinpoints of light glinted piercingly, cleaving the blackness—
A hiss, a clang, and out they stumbled,
Black devils with lined faces like crumpled paper.
Another shift stood by with smooth, white faces,
Soon to descend the bottomless pit
And pay the price in toil and blood for coal.

W. J. Davies.

ECLIPSE TROPICAL

The sun hung lazily in a hazy Caribbean sky, beating down unmercifully on the people below. It was a perfect day with no sign of rain or storm. On a hill outside the town several groups of people were gathered, all busily engaged in erecting tripods, telescopes, and cameras. Away from these stood a tall, white building, its roof in the form of a half sphere. Two enormous doors slid apart, revealing yet another telescope, but this one was larger and more efficient.

A dark object loomed up against the rays of the burning sun and started to edge its way across it. The men below, who had not yet erected their instruments, worked feverishly, while everyone else looked towards the fast-disappearing sun. Already it was half-covered by the moon. The incessant singing of the many brightly coloured birds was gradually diminishing in volume: the men on the hill and in the city became still, as if death had overtaken them. All eyes were now on the sun's eclipse: waving tongues of fire showed bright around the perimeter of the moon as it obscured the sun. Everybody and everything were deadly quiet: nothing broke the silence except the crash of the breakers against the sandy beach. After a few moments the surroundings began to lighten, the sea became a lighter blue, and the birds began to sing again.

All things seemed to breathe a sigh of relief as the life-giving sun shed a steadily stronger light across the scene. Not, perhaps, for another hundred years would the eerie solemnity of an eclipse hold creation silent under its awesome spell.

D. K. Mounty.

A.F.C.

Captain: M. V. Miller.

Vice-Captain: G. Cooper.

Secretary: K. E. Phelps.

The results of the 1956-57 season which were published in the last issue of "The Frestonian" are proof that the 1st XI and 2nd XI can be proud of their successful and strenuous season. The 1st XI soon found its feet and gained confidence as the season progressed. The highlight for them was a successful tour in the South of England when they showed they could play good football under any conditions. The 5-2 defeat of Balliol College, Oxford, after being 2-0 down ten minutes from the start, proved the sterling qualities of every member and made the happy band of School spectators proud to be associated with them.

Praise must certainly be given the 2nd XI which suffered only three defeats. The old stalwarts, who maintained team spirit throughout the season, despite the fact that the 1st XI had cause to use the services of several members after Christmas, and on occasions when regular members were injured, can rest assured that their efforts were not unnoticed.

A keen and sportsmanlike spirit along with strictness within the club will always produce winning teams, as the 1st XXII have shown this season.

It is pleasing to note that only a few 1st XI members will be leaving this term, and with several 2nd XI members knocking on the door, I feel sure that next season holds greater success and pleasure in store for us. The club would like to thank its retiring members for loyal support and wish them success and happiness in the future.

1st XI Results

v. Leeds Central High School (a) (G. Cooper 4).	4-2 WON
v. Castleford Grammar School (h) (G. Cooper 3, C. Rummings 2, T. A. Hardcastle).	6-0 WON
v. O.F.A. XI (h) (E. M. Ellis 2).	2-2 DRAWN
v. Barnsley Grammar School (h) (G. Cooper 4, K. Blakeway).	5-0 WON
v. Masters' XI (G. Cooper).	1-1 DRAWN

2nd XI Results

v. Leeds Central High School (h) (J. M. Cooper 3, P. J. Arscott).	4-0 WON
v. Castleford Grammar School (a) (J. M. Cooper).	1-4 LOST
v. Barnsley Grammar School (a) (A. R. Hirst 2, B. L. Lumb 2, W. S. Hayle).	5-3 WON

U.-14 XI Results

v. Central High School (a) (J. Strutt 2, D. M. Cooper 2).	4-7 LOST
v. Castleford Grammar School (h) (G. Sleight 3, N. Ellis, D. A. Gibson).	5-0 WON
v. Barnsley Grammar School (h) (G. Sleight).	1-8 LOST

The 1st XI

M. V. MILLER (goalkeeper) captain. A very agile and fearless keeper who has helped to lay the foundation of a strong and confident defence. He has played for the Yorkshire Grammar Schools for the past two years.

- B. W. ENGLISH (right back). A greatly improved player. His speed, ball control and positional play improved considerably after a few games with the 2nd XI at the beginning of the season. The short ground pass to the half-back was the mark of an accomplished and confident player.
- H. I. ATKINSON (left back). A strong defender who has amazed several wingmen with his turn of speed and the ability to kick effectively with either foot. His covering up has saved the defence on many occasions.
- C. TUCKER (right half). A very cool and efficient player who came into the team after Christmas. His positional play and distribution of the ball have been the hallmark of an intelligent player.
- K. E. PHELPS (centre half). Secretary. The tower of strength in the team, able to head with precision, kick first time with either foot, and to make a quick recovery. His cool and effortless manner has caused several opposing centre-forwards to leave the field looking rather dejected.
- K. BLAKEWAY (right half). Another hard tackling half-back with a powerful shot. His ability to "turn on a threepenny bit" has sent many bewildered opponents running in the wrong direction.
- E. M. ELLIS (right wing). After a successful run at centre-forward with the 2nd XI he has played the last few games with the 1st XI and shown exceptional promise. His speed and ability to shoot on the run were outstanding.
- T. A. HARDCASTLE (inside right). A tireless worker who has been an inspiration to the team. He is always up with the play and his hard tackling, turn of speed and controlled long passes into a space have been very noticeable, along with his willingness to change positions in order to play with a new member and give him every support.
- G. COOPER (centre forward). Vice-Captain. A hard working and thrustful player with a terrific turn of speed and the ability to beat a centre-half in the air. He takes every opportunity and has been the true spear-head of the attack. Surely his 71 goals this season is a School record.
- M. FROST (inside left). A hard-working forward who distributes the ball intelligently. His combination with the left wing has been the source of many goals.

C. RUMMINGS (left wing). The schemer of the attack with superb dribbling skill and the ability to cut in and unleash a powerful shot. His skilful approaches and accurate passing have made numerous "easy" goals this season.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Junior Soccer this season has had on the whole varying fortune, with a comforting credit balance of success. The only regular team is the Under-14 XI, but an Under-15 XI has played six games, and would have played more had there been equivalent teams in other schools. An Under-12 team, drawn from both first forms, has had four matches, all against local school teams. Unfortunately, few schools have regular Under-13 XI's, and so members of this group have had only one game, against Cockburn High School.

Results of the four junior teams are as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
Under-12 XI	4	4	0	0	27	6
Under-13 XI	1	0	1	0	2	3
Under-14 XI	15	8	7	0	52	48
Under-15 XI	6	5	1	0	34	4

The Under-12 team promises well for the future—W. S. Harris, T. Bolton, A. E. Horner, P. Brighton, G. S. Dobson, M. A. Morley, M. Mitchell, A. Close, C. T. Spencer, J. P. Walton, and A. H. Morgan have represented the School. The attack is keen and fast-moving, especially on the wings, where Mitchell and Morgan have scored 19 goals between them. Harris has performed competently in goal, and Dobson is a strong centre-half, but the defence as a whole should tackle more quickly and more strongly.

One of the disadvantages of not having an Under-13 team is that selection of the Under-14 XI in the first two or three weeks of the following year depends rather on form shown during normal games afternoons, and this, of course, can often be misleading. After several trial matches and games, the following U.-14 XI was found to be the strongest:

R. Williams, K. Wilson, D. Lumb, N. Ellis, A. Nicholson, W. R. Watson, D. M. Cooper, G. Sleight, M. D. Horner, J. Strutt, D. A. Gibson.

A. M. Ritson, P. Hudson, J. Mitchell, C. Buckle, and B. Williams have proved to be capable deputies when called upon.

The team is rather smaller in stature than one would like, and this has been only too evident on heavier grounds, where weight and size count more than skill. Thus it was that, while the grounds remained soft and even, the team won six consecutive matches, scoring 25 goals against 5.

Strutt, the captain, and Sleight have combined well at inside-forward; Ellis has used his height and weight at wing-half to assist both defence and attack, while Nicholson has performed creditably in his unaccustomed position of centre-half. Wilson has played well in either full-back position, and R. Williams has shown remarkable agility at times in goal. Both wingers, Cooper and Gibson, have made steady improvement throughout the year, and the two members of the second form, Lumb and Watson, should be able to use their experience of this season to lead next year's team.

The Under-15 team, captained by E. M. Ellis, has played only six games this season, but this has not prevented the players from striking good form in every match. They are at last realizing that they each have a rôle to play within the team, and that, only when each rôle is being performed correctly, can the team as a whole succeed. The climax of the season was a tour with the First Eleven, when two matches, against Hove Grammar School and Christ's College, Finchley, were played—and won, 11-0 and 8-1 respectively. The quality of the football and the spirit of the team were both very high, and it is comforting to think that the majority of these players will be available for the First Eleven in a year or two.

The team has been as follows:

D. K. Watts, N. Ellis, M. G. Bell, M. F. Hough, E. M. Ellis, K. Barnes, G. Sleight, D. Bradley, P. Williams, R. Harrap, J. Strutt.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the year has been the standard of the turn-out of all teams, and this has certainly not gone unnoticed by other schools.

The end of the 1956-7 season, then, provides us with a double pleasure: we look back on a season of good football and enjoyable games, and look forward in keen anticipation to an even more successful year. D.H.

COLOURS

The full list of Colours awarded for season 1956-7 is as follows:—

1st XI

Miller, M. V.
(Capt.)
Cooper, G.
(Vice-Capt.)
Phelps, K. E.
(Sec.)
Bullingham, J. M.
Hardcastle, T. A.
Frost, M.
Atkinson, H. I.
Rummings, C.
English, B. W.
Tucker, C.
Blakeway, K.

2nd XI

Hopwood, D. J.
(Capt.)
Binns, E.
Hirst, A. R.
Cooper, J. M.
Hayle, W. S.
Lumb, B. L.
Arscott, P. J.
Cooper, B.
Ratcliffe, R.
Barnes, K.
Ellis, E. M.

U.-14 XI

Strutt, J.
(Capt.)
Sleight, G.
(Vice-Capt.)
Ellis, N.
Nicholson, A.
Cooper, D. M.
Williams, R.

R.U.F.C.

This was the second season for the Rugby Club, but it was a much fuller one than the first. There was one great advantage—every sports afternoon from thirty to sixty boys had the benefit of a full training session at the Castleford R.U. Club's ground at Methley. The results of this were noticeable; some boys who had hardly seen a rugger ball at the beginning of the season had had a game with the 1st XV by the end of it; 3rd and 4th form boys of little previous skill had formed a useful Under-15 XV and showed up creditably in the matches they played; the 1st and 2nd forms were learning fast and will be the better for their early experience.

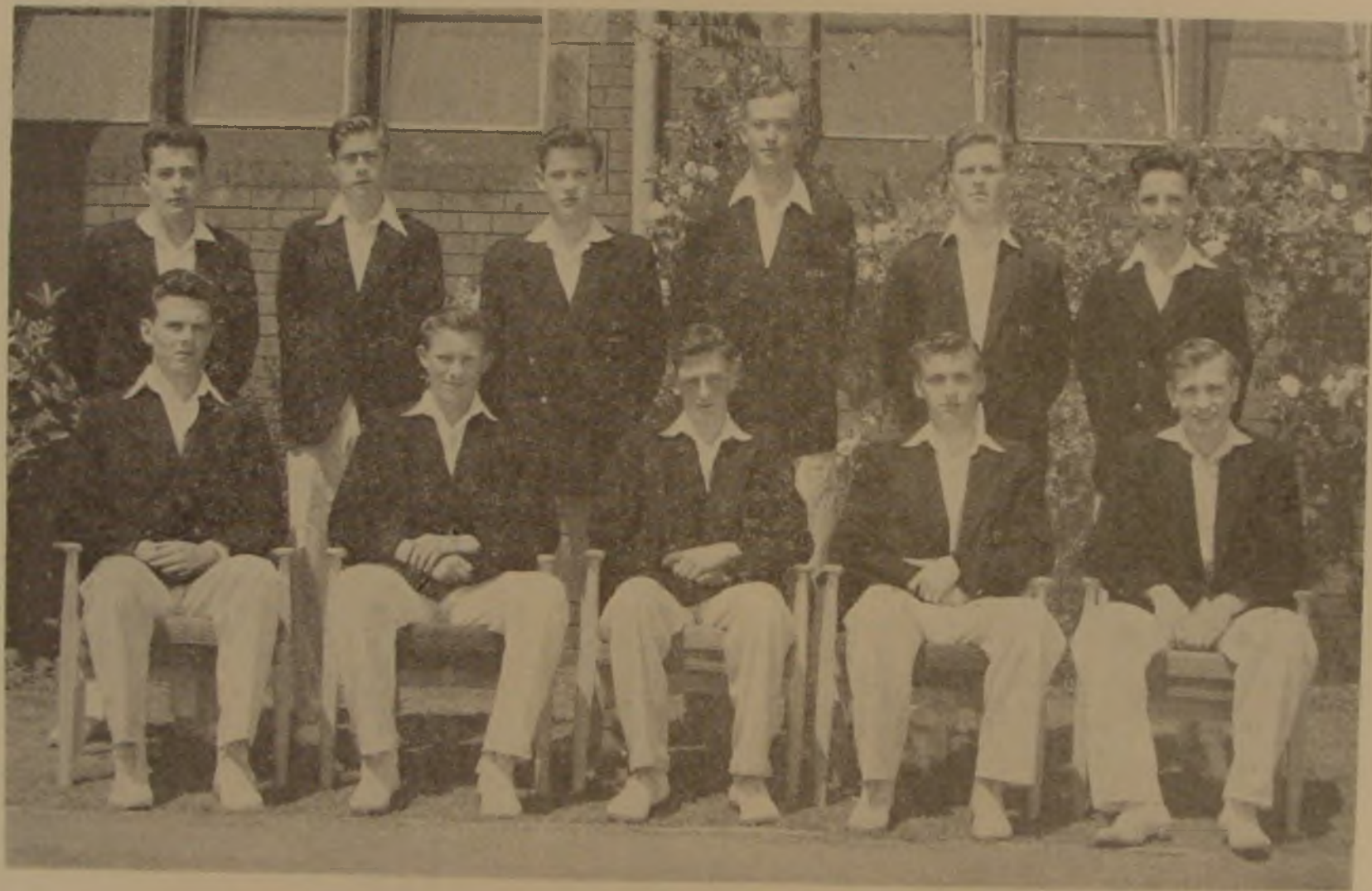
1st XV

With J. A. Shaw as captain, the team had a comparatively successful season. There was one run-away victory, but, otherwise, all the matches were fairly evenly fought and the biggest margin against us was 12 points. It often seemed as though the School side would do well, but a lack of finish usually prevented the expected domination. This characteristic was very marked in the last match, against Barnsley, where it seemed at first as though the School would run through their opponents' 1st XV as they had run through their 2nd XV. The result was, in fact, a draw.

The pack was quite a heavy one, and, led stylishly and energetically by the vice-captain, J. D. Newton, it did a great deal of hard work. Its best work was in the set scrums where Newton hooked extremely well. The two "props," W. H. A. Major and C. P. Couch, showed improving form, but have still to learn such elementary defensive tactics as dropping on the ball. M. J. Vonemloh did some good covering, and was frequently partnered in the second row by D. Rose. J. A. Lyon, lock-man, was a difficult player to stop when he got going, and had a successful season as the side's goal-kicker with 10 goals to his credit. M. Farrell showed much promise as a wing-forward.

The half-back positions were difficult to fill, the slowness in this quarter frequently resulting in a tackle in possession. A distinct improvement was felt when J. F. Sabey moved from stand-off to scrum-half, and D. K. Benton came in from centre to stand-off. These two young players combined fairly well and succeeded in doing their job of getting the ball to the three-quarter line.

Here S. Nicholson proved a better defensive player than an attacking one, for, while he kicked well in defence, he too often tried to go through on his own. B. Mountain was



1st XI, 1957

Front row (left to right): J. M. Bullingham, S. Nicholson (Secretary), W. S. Hayle (Captain),
E. Binns (Vice-Captain), G. Cooper

Back row: J. F. Sabey, P. Rhodes, K. Barnes, D. S. Atkinson, B. Cooper, C. Rummings

really a wing, but he played a number of games in the centre. He tackled strongly and used his speed well, but should learn to swerve and side-step. R. D. Roydhouse played at centre or wing and had a good eye for an opening, scoring some useful tries. He should improve his defence. At full-back, C. W. Whale had one or two brilliant games—the first against the Yorkshire Copper Works, for example—but he was not consistent. He was courageous when dropping on the ball, but should improve his touch-finding both in its length and accuracy.

A. Womersley played regularly on the wing during the Spring Term, C. W. Nuttall several times as a second-row forward, while J. Brennan, M. C. Clayson, A. Jenkins, E. Proctor, B. P. Ryder and E. H. Beedle appeared on one or more occasions

1st XV colours were awarded to J. D. Newton, J. A. Lyon and C. W. Whale.

2nd XV colours were awarded to D. K. Benton, C. P. Couch, M. Farrell, W. H. A. Major, B. Mountain, S. Nicholson, J. F. Sabey and M. J. Vonemloh.

Results

- v. O.F.A. XV (h) 24-6 WON
 (Tries: R. D. Roydhouse 3, J. A. Lyon 2, Conversions: J. A. Lyon 3).
 v. Barnsley Grammar School (a) 8-8 DRAWN
 (Tries: W. H. A. Major, R. D. Roydhouse, Conversion: C. W. Whale).

				Points	
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
12	4	6	2	148	85

Colts XV

The fourth form and below played a good deal of Rugger from September to March, but there were only five matches against other schools, all under-15 games. Two were won and three lost; the detailed results have been printed in earlier issues. Colts' colours have been awarded to

Abbott, T. (Capt.).
 Wilkinson, D. (Vice-Capt.).
 Trigg, D. M.
 Moorby, K.
 Clayton, J. K.
 Johnson, A.
 Walters, R.

All these seven were very reliable throughout a season which lacked the stimulus of regular inter-school matches, and I do not think they missed a game or a practice amongst

them. Spirit and keenness were of a high order. One constructive criticism, however. A player, temporarily crocked, or convalescing from a cold, is always very welcome (well wrapped up, if necessary) on the touch-line, supporting the team if he is unable to turn out himself. If a boy finds himself dropped, not even put down as reserve, it shows a fine spirit for him to be there, supporting the side. We have seen some good examples of sportsmanship amongst the Colts, and no doubt they will bring their team-spirit up the School with them.

P. Williams was a very promising wing three-quarter who would have had his colours, but for the fact that he had already obtained Junior Soccer colours. He showed great dash and change of pace and direction. I hope, and think, he is beginning to tackle correctly too! K. Barnes and E. M. Ellis, on occasional visits from the Soccer field, showed courage and ability. Both are games-players of a high order. G. J. Copley is perhaps the neatest ball-player in the Middle and Junior School and would have been a great asset at scrum-half or full-back, but for injuries and other problems, which prevented his playing often enough to win his colours.

J. Senior, C. Hough and R. Griffiths were the outstanding players from the 3rd year. All would have qualified for Colts' colours in a less competitive year, but they should do very well in season 1957-8. Hough must practise his passing and not "die with the ball," while Griffiths must build up confidence in his own powers of penetration which are considerable. Senior's tackling is very much improved. L. R. Brannon, J. F. Fairclough, A. P. Gates, C. Hebden and R. Hunter are others who will still be eligible for the Colts next year and who should do well.

T. D. Hirst (handicapped by injury), D. K. Mounty, J. R. Nicholson, A. E. Roberts, A. Scholes, T. Taylor (a good stand-off at his best), R. Harrap, J. R. Hanson (a fine "team-man," and useful at scrum-half or wing-forward), R. Dawson, R. Lord, M. F. Hough and D. Bradley all took a useful part in games or practices.

CROSS-COUNTRY

We omitted to state the times for the Cross-Country Championships last term. These were:—

Junior: R. B. Beckett, Bennett House, 6 mins. 53 secs.

Intermediate: T. D. Hirst, Hanson House, 13 mins. 25 secs.

Senior: I. W. Oxley, Bennett House, 17 mins. 22 secs.

1st VIII v. Rishworth

On 27th March, for its visit to Rishworth, the School VIII was weakened by the absence of some of the original team, but found willing substitutes in C. W. Nuttall, A. Jones and K. Preston.

The Rishworth secretary described their course as "one fairly steep uphill slope and two fairly steep downhill slopes." As the train neared Sowerby Bridge, the meaning of the Rishworth secretary's letter became more apparent to School's team. The land seemed to rise almost vertically on either side.

It was not very long before the train arrived at Sowerby Bridge and eight hungry boys soon found a café.

On arrival at Rishworth, the team was greeted by a member of their team and escorted to the changing rooms. School's team was shown part of the course and asked not to trample over the daffodils on the way to the finishing line.

At last, it was time to start the race. The runners lined up and almost immediately had to jump for the safety of the grass verges as a motor-van came down the hill. The course lay along roads, cart-roads, beside a river and through a farm-yard where some of the runners had to "hurdle" over hens and a cat.

The two runners in the lead, both Rishworth boys, went round a bend in the road and almost flew down a steep slope. It was on this slope that they gained a lead which they never lost. Rishworth boys took six of the first eight places.

The School team cannot be blamed for this defeat because the conditions were vastly different from those of the School's course and the Rishworth team is in the habit of training two or three times a week, whereas some of our team were sadly out of training because of trial examinations.

I. W. Oxley.

CRICKET, 1957

1st XI Results

School 86 (S. Nicholson 21, C. Rummings 17, J. M. Bullingham 17), King's School, Pontefract 57 (K. Barnes 4 for 11, J. M. Bullingham 3 for 5).

Percy Jackson's Grammar School 88 (J. M. Bullingham 6 for 11), School 45 (E. Binns 17).

School 133 (W. S. Hayle 39, D. S. Atkinson 25, L. Dunn 17), Castleford Grammar School 87 (B. Cooper 3 for 14, S. Nicholson 2 for 11).

Bretton Hall 59 for 5, School 56 (C. Rummings 15).

Rishworth School 131 for 5 declared, School 34 for 3 (D. S. Atkinson 16).

2nd XI Results

King's School, Pontefract 50 for 9 (B. L. Lumb 3 for 13, M. I. Frost 4 for 13), School 48.

Castleford Grammar School 57 (B. L. Lumb 6 for 11), School 38.

U.-15 Results

School 99 (M. Fox 21, G. Sleight 22, E. M. Ellis 25 not out), Rishworth School 37 (E. M. Ellis 7 for 14).

U.-14 Results

School 64 (A. Nicholson 19), Wakefield Tutorial 28 (A. Nicholson 3 for 2).

School 39 for 5 declared (G. Sleight 18), King's School, Pontefract 26 for 7 (W. R. Watson 5 for 1).

Woodhouse Grove School 42 (W. R. Watson 6 for 14), School 36.

Leeds Grammar School 127 for 6 declared, School 6.

School 73 (J. Senior 33), Wakefield Tutorial U.-15 XI 63 (W. R. Watson 6 for 9).

U.-13 XI

School 48 (J. E. Ritson 19), Q.E.G.S., Wakefield 51 for 2.

House Matches

Senior:

Frobisher 48 for 9, Hanson 49 for 1.

Freeston 67 for 5, Bennett 50 for 9.

Junior:

Bennett 50 for 4, Frobisher 51 for 9.

Hanson 38 for 5, Freeston 37.

HOCKEY

Last term the annual hockey match was played against Normanton Girls' High School. Although the School team were inexperienced, their superior speed and strength were more than a match for the girls. School won by 4 goals to nil, M. V. Miller scoring all four goals.

GYM COMPETITION

Recent results have been:—

March, 1957			May, 1957		
1st	Vb	81 pts.	I Ib	81 pts.	
2nd	Ia	79 pts.	IVa	79 pts.	
3rd	IIb	78 pts.	IIIa	77 pts.	

Congratulations to IVa, IIb and Ia on obtaining a place in the first three, three times in the five months the Competition has been held. No-one yet has been 1st on two occasions....

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