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EDITORIAL

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"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for thee"—these words might well have been used on the first day of this, the autumn term, to the conglomeration of small boys, vaguely reminiscent in their wanderings to the "lost tribe of Israel", who were, in fact, the new first formers. This annual investment of the school by the new boys continues to be a particular source of amusement and speculation amongst the "regular inhabitants." Nevertheless, in this term of transition, the school has quickly settled down to its new routine and even the first formers have lost that look of abject bewilderment that typifies them so much in their first term.

The extensions are continuing at the "steady" pace which is the hallmark of the British workman and rumour has it they might even be completed.

Those of our readers who have managed to maintain a regular subscription to the magazine will have noted that in this issue there is a considerable increase in the number of contributions. Previous editors have bewailed the fact that boys have been reticent in producing articles for inclusion in the magazine. However, this term, the editorial "staff" have been particularly pleased by the fact that there has been more co-operation from the school and, even in those articles written by aspiring parents for their less energetic sons, there has been a marked increase in the literary scope of our contributors.

Once more the football season is upon us but, as our ardent Rugby and soccer players will affirm, the weather this term has borne little resemblance to Keats' "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness." Indeed, all admiration is due to those hardy spirits who spend much of their spare time in the rain and fog vigorously training to decimate their unfortunate opponents.

Finally, the Magazine Committee wish to offer their thanks to those masters of the school, as well as the boys whose efforts have made the production of this edition possible.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHAIRMAN

With deep regret we report the resignation through ill-health of the Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill, Chairman of the School Governors from 1946, and a member of the Governing Body for more than 30 years.

Very soon after his appointment as Vicar of Norman-ton, Mr. Orgill made himself very well known and widely popular.

He interested himself not only in the immediate affairs of his Church and parishioners but in every aspect of communal life in the district deserving the support of a devout man of the Church.

In the course of time the appreciation evoked by his untiring energy and liberal sympathy deepened on the part of almost all who knew him to a real affection. It was in consequence with a sense of loss that the people of Normanton had to part with him as Vicar of the parish when Canon Orgill, with his usual realism, decided that his age dictated that he should resign the living and make way for a younger man.

Canon Orgill's appointment as chairman was a well-deserved tribute to his experience and personality. It also recalled the earlier days of the school, when its management was in the hands of the Vicar of the Parish Church. It fell to him as Chairman to guide the Foundation and the Schools through the difficult and uncharted period of transition which followed the passing of the Education Act of 1944 and the ending of the war. More particularly he led the Governors to face the problems raised by the expansion of the school much beyond its earlier numbers and the need to bring the buildings up to present-day standards. So the Governors during his chairmanship had to deal with situations of unprecedented complexity, which laid on them a heavy burden of responsibility, and to take decisions whose repercussions were bound to be very far-reaching, yet also very difficult to forecast. They owe much to his wise, genial and impartial guidance during that very trying period.

The schools will remember him particularly for his interest in their music, and indeed all their doings, and most of all for the wit and charm with which he presided at their Speech Days. It is good to know that he is still vigorous and lively in mind: it must be a great grief to him that failing powers of body should after so long force him to sever his official connection with the schools. Let us hope that he will for many years yet be spared to follow the fortunes of the Foundation which he guided so long, so wisely and so well.



The Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill, Chairman of the Governors.
(1946-1959.)

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Mr. I. Parker.

He is succeeded as Chairman by Mr. A. Maurice Smith, himself an Old Frestonian, whose father was also a Governor and in his time Vice-Chairman of the Governors. The new Vice-Chairman is Mr. A. Hawkins, also an Old Frestonian, who entered the school in its very early days, and whose father played a large part in its re-establishment. We can be sure that they will have the interests of the school very much at heart: we offer them our congratulations, and wish them all success in guiding, preserving and strengthening the Foundation and the schools in the difficult days that lie ahead.

MR. I. PARKER

Mr. I. Parker came to the school on May 1st, 1920, and thus is leaving within a few months of completing forty years' service here.

His appointment was Junior Science and in that capacity he taught physics and chemistry, but in his earlier days, in school as on the sports field, he was an all-round man. His teaching covered almost all the subjects of the curriculum; in fact, he has been heard to say that the only subjects he has not taught are gym., woodwork and French, and he willingly admits that in Latin he relied on the best boys of the class.

At football, his characteristic little cough was usually heard in the back division, where he often suffered from the exuberance of his nominal partner as full-back. At cricket, the big-nebbed "Grimmett cap" always evoked a cheer when it appeared on the field and when, by the guile that was typical of his bowling, he took some obstinate wicket or cut to the boundary an aggressive delivery, helping himself to more runs than many masters scored with the bat.

To many of the present generation he will always be remembered as the man who carried round his roll of maps, with the frame on which to display them.

Amongst the staff he will be remembered as a willing colleague who would give his opinion on any matter he thought it worth while to do so, and who shouldered many of the less spectacular tasks with cheerful efficiency.

To the older masters of the school, he will be sorely missed and all wish him good health to enjoy a long and happy retirement.

STAFF NOTES

This term we welcomed no less than six new masters to the staff—probably a record. Mr. R. D. Oldroyd and Mr. M. Ruddock both teach mathematics, and the former

has launched what promises to be a very welcome and useful course in Geometrical and Engineering Drawing: Mr. Oldroyd comes to us from St. John's College, York, and Doncaster Training College, Mr. Ruddock from the University of Nottingham, which he represented at Rugby football. Mr. B. Squires from Leeds University, comes to teach chemistry, and will take over Mr. Speakman's work from January. Mr. V. T. J. Arkell succeeds Mr. James as second History master: he was a scholar of The Queen's College, Oxford, and is an expert musician. Mr. J. Werner is teaching English, and already planning what promises to be a very stimulating production of Shaw's "St. Joan": he comes to us from Balliol, after a year spent teaching in America. Finally, Mr. A. Palmer has returned to Normanton (he taught here 1951/2 under Mr. Holden) as Senior Physics Master: since graduating at Leeds University he has had very varied experience and we take it as a compliment that he should come here from the large city school (Hanson G.S., Bradford) where he was in charge of his subject. Those who found their way into the Physics Laboratory on the day of the Autumn Fair will know that he is a photographer of very great ability, both technical and artistic. We are also most grateful to Mr. G. Taylor for returning to the school from retirement and helping us with the woodwork.

Mr. P. G. Speakman leaves us at the end of term for a post at Finsbury, London: we shall miss his help with athletics and games, and regret that personal reasons have made his stay with us so short.

Mr. I. Parker retires in December: a full mention appears elsewhere in the issue. With his going the small band of veterans who joined the school shortly after the First World War becomes still smaller. He had hoped to see the school year out, and complete 40 years with us: as it is, his is the longest service any one master has given to the school since its rebirth at the end of the last century. He has well earned his retirement and we hope it will prove long and happy. Only when the last of his generation have left us will the school realise how valuable it is—not necessarily in terms of academic results—to have men prepared to give such long and loyal service as his has been.

SALVETE

The following boys entered this School in September:

Form IA—M. R. Aird, P. M. Ashall, J. Barlow, D. C. Bassinder, M. J. Brooks, R. Crabtree, R. Davis, M. T. Dockerty, K. M. Eastwood, J. R. Forfar, L. Goulding, P. L.

Hainsworth, M. J. Halls, C. S. Hill, D. W. Ironfield, S. Kirlow, D. Leake, T. J. Lightfoot, I. McGougan, G. Mason, G. Millard, C. M. Oxley, K. M. Peplow, J. R. Ramskill, K. I. Simpson, R. A. Smith, S. J. Spence, P. Taylor, A. Watkinson, G. W. Whitehead, A. W. Williams, D. Wilson.

Form IB—P. J. Addy, G. M. Blackburn, V. Blades, K. M. Brear, A. Briggs, T. H. Burchill, S. Couch, M. Donlan, B. V. Dutton, A. J. Eades, M. J. Evan, W. L. Francis, P. M. G. Garrad, M. Harrison, D. M. Harrison, S. M. Henshaw, I. B. James, A. Kew, G. Lofthouse, G. F. McGregor, J. Matthewman, D. J. Miller, C. Patchett, M. Patrick, J. A. Pickles, J. N. Rawdon, J. Smallman, B. Smart, B. J. Tennant, R. Toddington, C. F. Ward, J. Williams.

Form IC—D. Archer, D. S. Bailey, S. W. Beedle, A. Bradley, B. Conway, A. Cooper, S. A. Dominiak, J. S. Elsworth, J. Fitzpatrick, K. Fox, P. M. Harrison, D. L. Hartill, N. Holden, R. Horman, B. Jones, H. D. Lee, P. D. Lees, D. M. McTear, B. P. Morgan, H. Morgan, M. Morton, R. Moss, W. Padgett, J. D. Parker, N. Raybould, C. E. Smith, G. H. Soles, L. E. Tate, E. G. L. Walmsley, J. M. Watts, R. A. Williams, M. J. Wilson.

Form IVC—R. Smith.

Form L.VI.A—J. N. Howlett.

VALETE

Form U.VI.S—P. J. Arscott, A. Bailey, E. Binns, D. Cliff, P. Crawshaw, M. D. Hill, K. Hutchinson, A. Jenkins, B. Lorrیمان, H. Mayes, K. W. Pearson, K. Preston, J. H. Sabey, C. Tucker.

Form U.VI.A—J. C. Ackroyd, D. K. Benton, J. Brennan, R. Cooper, C. R. Giudici, C. J. Hunter, M. Munton, R. Ward.

Form VI.M—R. Dickens, G. A. Eastwood, D. A. Firth, I. D. Hirst, A. Jones, L. Jones, L. H. Pyrah, A. E. Roberts, M. Ross, D. Street, D. A. Swallow.

Form L.VI.Sc.—M. Taylor.

Form L.VI.A—G. I. Powell, P. Williams.

Form VA—K. A. Berridge, T. Denton, R. Hunter, A. Nicholson, D. R. Warburton.

Form VB —P. Ball, C. Bell, W. J. Davies, C. Gray, C. Hebden, C. Hough, P. Hudson, J. B. Laycock, H. Leyshon, D. L. Monks, J. C. Parker, D. M. Ritson, B. Williams, R. W. Williams, K. Wilson.

Form IVB—S. T. Mann.

Form IIC—J. Wright.

DE OMNIBUS

The School Prefects this year are F. H. Pugh (Head Boy and Captain of Bennett), D. Ashton (Senior Prefect and Captain of Hanson), J. Gaughan (Captain of Freeston), C. Rummings (Captain of Frobisher and Captain of Football), J. C. Allen, D. S. Atkinson, D. Brown, C. M. O'Rourke, K. W. Parker, J. B. Popplewell, P. Rhodes, D. K. Watts, D. A. Worth.

E. M. Ellis is the Vice-Captain of Football and J. Strutt is now the Hon. Secretary. R. Griffiths is Captain of Rugby with J. Senior the Vice-Captain. Pugh, by virtue of being Head Boy, is Joint President of the Frestonian Society and A. D. Burton has been elected the Secretary of this society. D. Senior has been appointed the School Librarian and J. F. Fairclough is his deputy. We congratulate them.

Captain M. A. Yeatman, R.A., came to the School on the afternoon of September the 15th to give a lecture on "Prospects in the Army." The Captain, being a member of the Army team of Lecturers, was well able to provide a great deal of interesting information and his talk was very well received by the Sixth Form audience.

Perhaps it was due to complaints from the High School or perhaps it was just the keenness of boys to learn ball-room dancing, nevertheless the fact remains that a Ball-room Dancing Club has been formed in the School, under the guidance of Mr. Price, and is well attended by Fifth and Sixth Form boys. There is a report on this club elsewhere in this magazine.

It is pleasing to note that a number of new societies have not only been started this term but are also functioning well. We hope that they will continue to flourish in the future. Reports of societies are to be found elsewhere in this issue.

This term has seen the introduction of a new system of milk distribution, which is organised by boys of VI Modern. Surprisingly enough, with this new system, the milk supply has not proved adequate in the case of some forms.

The maze of steel and bricks at the bottom end of the School drive is now gradually emerging into the new School Hall and the building is expected to be completed by the end of Summer Term, 1960. However, in anticipation of its completion at the beginning of this term, the Dining Hall had been partitioned into two classrooms and so the dining arrangements had to be altered accordingly. Each House now dines separately. The old School Hall has been divided into three rooms: the middle and largest

room is to be the new School Library, the other two are now Lower and Upper Sixth form rooms. At the time of writing these three rooms have just been decorated. A generator has been built at the back of the School opposite the Staff Room and it is to be used by the Grammar School and the High School.

A series of five Safe Driving Lectures have been given to the "motorists" of the School, who, not unnaturally, have found them very interesting. The lectures were delivered on Fridays, the 9th, 16th and 23rd of October, and the 13th and 20th of November, at 4 p.m. in the School Hall.

Part of the Dalefield ground has been converted into a football pitch and in the evenings at the beginning of term members of School teams made valuable use of it for after-school football practice. In addition a number of Junior games and Old Frestonian matches have been played on it.

On Monday, October 12th, a party of Sixth-formers, accompanied by Mr. Machin and Monsieur Roget, went to West Park Modern School, just outside Leeds, to see Molière's "L'Avare". This production was well performed by the "Troupe Française" and was enjoyed by the boys.

Speech Day this year was held on November 2nd in the Baths Hall and the prizes were presented by the Bishop of Pontefract.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of magazines from Morley Grammar School, Silcoates School, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, Cockburn Grammar School, Hemsworth Grammar School, Percy Jackson's Grammar School, Doncaster, Batley Grammar School, Aireborough Grammar School and Holme Valley Grammar School.

THE TUCKSHOP

The problem of establishing a tuckshop when there is no space in which to do so sounds impossible in theory, but a start has been made. In the milk break some prefects have begun to sell two kinds of biscuit at a penny each. But ambition does not stop there. Soon it is hoped to vary the kind and price of the biscuits, later to sell chocolate, sweets and even fruit pies. But progress will be slow, for by then the tuckshop will need a permanent home and not just itinerant agents.

Why should the imagination die here? If we cannot sell rival school dinners maybe we can supplement them and how attractive is the thought of returning from a cricket match on a warm afternoon to ice-cream and ice

cool drinks. Cigarettes too might well prove more profitable than marshmallows. Meanwhile, the tuckshop must stick firmly to reality: it has no space.

SOCIETY JOTTINGS

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The activities of the Society, during this autumn term, are being confined, in the main, to classes for beginners. These are being instructed in the elements of the craft—the camera and its handling, choice of film, developing the film, contact printing and choice of subject. These classes include practical work in the dark-room. During the Autumn Fair, photographs by senior members of the Society were on view in the Physics Lab. and attracted very favourable comments; a photograph by G. T. Lealman appears in this issue and has won a magazine award.

LOCOSPOTTERS' CLUB

Thursday, July 23rd, witnessed the departure of the Locospotters' Club trip to Darlington to visit two engine sheds in that district. Our party, which consisted of about fifteen boys under the watchful eye of Mr. Robinson, left on the 8.50 a.m. train to York. There we hurried to the "North Briton" express which was being held back for our benefit, and were whisked off to Darlington.

En route, great interest was displayed in the British Railways track-widening scheme north of York, even though the privacy of our reserved seats was encroached upon.

On arrival at Darlington we caught a smart Diesel train to Thornaby, on Tees-side, to visit the newest steam engine shed in Britain, completed as recently as November, 1958. The shed itself proved to be the last word in modern design. All the latest facilities were available for the staff, and the equipment for servicing of both Diesel and steam locomotives was very comprehensive. A visit to Darlington shed was also made on the return. The homeward journey was made by the 6.6 p.m. "Boat Train" which runs from Newcastle to Liverpool, and a whole coach was reserved for us. The outing was a great success and the members of the Club would like to extend their hearty thanks to Mr. Robinson for accompanying them.

At the meeting on November 19th it was decided to have a trip to Doncaster works and shed on December 19th. It is expected that between fifteen and twenty boys will be going on the trip. A quiz has been planned for November 26th.

STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club meets in greater numbers at other times than at the regulation period of Thursday, 4 p.m., in room 18b. Nevertheless, there is much enthusiasm for new mint stamps. A General Display was given to open the session in September and demonstrations of soaking stamps off paper and arranging them on the page have taken place at the regular meetings.

The next displays, which are normally held monthly, will be of Newfoundland stamps, followed by those of Luxembourg.

Old catalogues are available for borrowing, only to regular attenders at the meetings.

CLUB FRANÇAIS

The meetings this term have been held on Wednesdays instead of Fridays as stated in this term's calendar. Meetings have been very varied, and with coffee as an added inducement, have been consequently well attended. At the first "réunion," on October 7th, Mr. Machin read an out-of-season poem by Gautier—"Noel"; members then bawled their way lustily through "En passant par la Lorraine," encouraged by Mr. Young. Another poem, "Aurore sur la mer" by Paul Bourget, was read, again by Mr. Machin, and the meeting was concluded by a guessing game.

The 11th of November saw the Club's next "reunion." A film show was to have been the mainstay of the meeting, but much difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable room for the projector, because of fused lights or plugs. Whilst Mr. Machin played electrician, replacing fuses, Mr. Young acted as choirmaster, leading the members through some of the better-known French songs. The film, "Paris by night," was not a Vadim gem, but a nocturnal study of well-known Paris landmarks, such as L'Opera and the Eiffel Tower. However, owing to pressure of time, much of the film could not be shown, and will form the basis of the next meeting on the 9th of December

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

An attempt has been made this term to establish table tennis on a broader and more organised basis. Boys from the junior and intermediate classes have been encouraged to play by the provision of special practice sessions from which the seniors are excluded.

The initial response has been encouraging, but the prospects for expansion are, unfortunately, not promising. The problems involved are easily stated, but not so easily resolved.

The main one is the dearth of suitable equipment: present stock is one second table, one raggedly forlorn net, and four bats. The gymnasium, due to the demands of other activities, is not always available at times suitable for practice: at present we are restricted to a half-hour spell in the lunch break each day, and one hour after school on Thursdays. However, the solution of the first difficulty would really solve both problems, for with proper equipment we should have the incentive to take the trouble involved in using one of the bigger classrooms for practice.

Ways and means of obtaining the necessary equipment are being investigated, and we hope to have some progress to report next term. If facilities do not improve there is quite candidly no future for the game in the school. The nucleus of enthusiasts will continue to endure the present difficult conditions, but expansion will be impossible. If not quite tragic, it will be a pity if, because of the lack of the necessary money, the game cannot be made available to all who wish to play.

CHESS CLUB

This term the number of new boys which joined the Club was very disappointing. Ten boys originally joined, but unfortunately five of them have dropped out. In Mr. Holland's previous school a hundred out of the seven hundred boys were in the Chess Club; this proves how poor twelve out of five hundred really is.

We are trying very hard to increase the numbers of the Chess Club. Late passes can easily be obtained for the boys who use school buses. It would seem that many junior boys drop out because their parents do not like them to be at school late on these dark nights. There may be an excuse for those who live some distance away; but surely, those more fortunately situated could find their way home.

We are very grateful for Mr Oldroyd's assistance in teaching the new boys the fundamentals of the game. The older boys, under the tuition of Mr. Hollands are at present playing games to decide the championship of the Club. A demonstration board has been bought to help in the teaching and to demonstrate games played by the world's greatest chess masters. Games have been played against Mr. Hollands and Mr Oldroyd. Jones was successful

against Mr. Hollands and Miles and Beckitt were successful against Mr. Oldroyd. A chess team is going to visit Silcoates School, Wakefield, for a challenge match. Even though our numbers are small, our hopes are high.

Problem: What is it that the Rook, King, Pawn, Bishop and Knight can do that the Queen cannot do? NOT a catch question.

BALLROOM DANCING CLUB

CREEPING ALONG

Having consumed an enormous tea, some seventy or eighty members of the Ballroom Dancing Club amble leisurely along to the School Ballroom every Friday after school.

For the next hour or so the ballroom is full of dancing couples, flitting across the floor with consummate ease. Miss Stone presides over the scene, giving advice and instruction to the few who need it.

Coming back to reality, the club has had a very successful first term. Membership has been consistently high and some improvement has been noted in the standard of dancing.

Future plans of the club centre largely around a dance at the end of term on Friday, December 11th. The club plan to have a cabaret and a musical group to lead the affair. We hope this event will be well supported by the senior forms of both schools.

THE SCRIPTURE UNION

The Scripture Union has been holding its weekly meetings since late last term. The school group is only one of many similar Bible Study groups in other schools; its members only a handful of a million or so in a world-wide movement who read the Bible daily. The school group numbers twelve at the best, but there are never less than eight. The big event took place at the beginning of term. Some seventy boys swarmed into the Physics Lab. to see the film, "Hidden Treasures" introduced by the Rev. G. Hart, the local S.U. secretary. At present the dozen regulars are studying alternately the "Letters to Timothy" and themes like "Baptism," "Election."

THE MODEL CLUB

Several new societies and clubs were formed at the beginning of this school year. Amongst them was a Model Club which now meets every Monday.

Because of the keen interest initially shown, it was necessary to limit membership, with few exceptions, to the junior forms. However, as is usual with a new club, the members have decreased and it is hoped, eventually, to invite every member of the school to join.

We are still a little disorganised, having missed about half the available club time so far this term. There are no limits as to the types built but at present the tendency is towards aircraft. There are several to be worked upon, one being the construction of a racing track complete with electrically driven cars.

We are very grateful for the help given by Harper, Smith, Holland and Dean in organising the meetings and look forward to many more interesting evenings amid balsa shavings and tubes of glue.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Dramatic history will be made in Normanton next term when the School play, George Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan," is produced in the Baptist Hall.

G.B.S., rebel, critic, journalist and author of the book of the fabulous musical, "My Fair Lady," was also a serious dramatist and "St. Joan" is considered by many to be his finest work.

This time he does not take the story of a 19th century Cockney girl but that of a 15th century French saint, yet he was able to make this enigmatic religious rebel into a down-to-earth passionate person whom any mother would be proud to have as a daughter, and a girl who has much in common with Eliza Doolittle.

In a play packed with thrills we see Joan arguing, fighting and finally defending her very life in a trial scene fit to rank with that in the Caine Mutiny! The girl, who renounced love to fight for her country, eventually gives up her life for her religious beliefs.

Frantically racking his brains for a gimmick to hide the more obvious faults in his production Mr. Werner hit on the idea of doing the play "in the round." That is to say, the audience sit in a square (hence the name round) and the play is performed in the centre of the square.

The star-studded cast brought together for the production is headed by Pete Moore—IVb's answer to Dame Edith Evans. Denying the rumour that he was chosen to play the Maid because of his saintly character, dashing Pete Moore said, "Despite the hard work involved I am glad that I have been chosen for this part." (He had been told to say this by the producer.)

Other well known actors you will be able to see in March include Ashton, Hanson, Burton, Bullock and many others. Most of them were too busy learning their parts to make any comment but Bullock who plays the crafty Dauphin said, "This is undoubtedly the most exacting role of my career."

As Normanton is lashed by rain and sleet, shrouded by fog and looking forward to blizzards later, it might be thought that the cast are dismayed by the task they have set themselves.

They are!

MUSICAL SOCIETY

Last year's Senior Choir reached such a degree of competence that it was well within its capabilities to rehearse, and eventually perform on three occasions, the "Requiem" of Gabriel Fauré. This work calls for considerable qualities of musicianship, and it was very much to the Choir's credit that a good standard of performance was attained. All members worked hard, but none harder than the Altos, who rose from doubt and hesitation to enlightenment and confidence; their performance, in view of their extreme youthfulness (Mr. Moreton excluded!) was indeed remarkable. Finally we were very grateful to Mr. Dawson who recorded one of our performances and played back the result to a wrapt, and occasionally embarrassed audience!

At the end of this same Spring Term an informal concert of music was given for the benefit of the Lower School. We feel that Handel would have been surprised had he heard his G major "Bourrée" performed with the strings playing four beats in a bar, the bassoon five, and the flute three! This was the case as far as we were able to assess it. Long before the work reached its end, the audience showed its appreciation with a deafening round of applause. The musicians involved did not insist on pursuing the remainder of the piece.

During the Summer Term progress was made towards creating an orchestral group founded not on brass but, as is proper, on stringed instruments. This type of venture is necessarily slow to develop, but we are hopeful that a group of some twenty-two players may be able to perform in public by the end of this present term.

Mention must now be made of the Brass Band. In recent months the band has developed very well, displaying all its customary vigour, and realising also the value and merit of being able to play quietly as well as at the full stretch of the lungs. Our sports day programme, it was generally agreed, was enhanced by the performance of the

band, playing old and new favourites. We look forward to hearing in the Christmas concert an ambitious performance of a difficult overture which has been under rehearsal for some weeks. At the end of the summer term the band enjoyed the commendations of the organisers of the Church School garden party, which was helped along by our music from time to time during the evening.

The full and healthy musical life of the School is made the more so by the existence of an enthusiastic Junior Choir capable of singing with great gusto or with appropriate tenderness as those who heard their Speech Day performance will agree.

It is very much to the credit of the boys that more than 150 of them are at present actively employed in the School's musical programme.

THE LIBRARY

With the arrival of the School's own copy of the new edition of the classification, the task of reclassification has come to an end. It can now be said that, with a few minor exceptions, Normanton Grammar School Library is classified according to the eighth abridged edition of the Dewey decimal classification.

A complete card index has also been made and the new Electric Stylograph having arrived, the numbers on the books themselves have been made more permanent. Because of this it can easily be found whether the Library has a particular book if the name of the author or its subject is known.

When the West Riding supply the new fittings the Library is to be moved from its present position into what remains of the old Assembly Hall. It is hoped that this will be some time next term.

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY

The Society is in the ascendant! At last, the High School and Grammar School Sixth forms have become interested beyond the point of curiosity, with the result that the average attendance at meetings is over the fifty mark. It appears that the present committee is a conscientious one, for meetings have been as varied as possible without having to resort to that old stand-by, "The Balloon Game."

As is now customary, the term started off with a record evening. However, there was no discussion after the discs—"less of the chatter, and more of the platter"—and members listened to three types of music, jazz,

Tchaikovsky, and, as always on these occasions, the "Big Beat." There appeared to be enough variety in these three sections to satisfy most of the audience.

A fortnight later, on October 7th, seven hapless individuals attempted a play-reading (with effects). Although being far from a masterpiece, Shaw's "Poison, Passion, and Petrification" certainly aroused laughter, if only by the characters' mistakes and the ridiculous clothes they wore. A proposition was made to end the traditional tea-and-biscuit repast before each meeting, but it was defeated by a resounding majority: the girls remembered the old adage that "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

The next meeting, three weeks afterwards, provided an innovation for the Society; the projector broke down, and so the anticipated films could not be shown. Therefore, members just sat down and talked, to a background of modern music. Surprisingly enough, the meeting was considered a success by all who attended.

About fifty members attended the Hallowe'en Social, which was held in the High School library. An entertaining evening resulted, with dancing, games and spot prizes; refreshments were also included.

On November 25th, the battle of the sexes took a new turn, as the High School and Grammar School fought out a criss-cross quiz, based on the T.V. game. Despite some very well-informed members on the Grammar School side (rumour has it that they wrote out the questions), they were unable to communicate well enough with their lesser-informed colleagues, with the result that the girls won by five games to two.

At the time of writing, there is still one major function on the calendar: the Christmas Social, which is to be held in the Grammar School on December 11th. This is certainly the most ambitious project of the Society so far: a band of local fame has been hired, and Mr. Price, who has done a great deal of work behind the scenes, will turn sardine-packer so that seventy couples plus band can be squeezed into the Grammar School gym. If this can be accomplished (and all signs are in favour of it), then the Society will be able to do almost anything.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day, 1959, was something of a revolution: for the first time an appreciable section of the School was missing. Owing to pressure of space at the Baths Hall, it was decided that the First Form, who had no reason to attend, should not go; they will be "blooded" next year. The absence of one hundred small boys plus attendant

parents, on November 2nd, certainly resulted in fewer perspiring countenances than in previous years.

After the preliminary hymn, "Great Lord of Wisdom," the Junior Choir sang "Land to the Leeward, Ho!", and "England." The Headmaster then gave his report, which was one of progress in all directions, and was thanked by the new Chairman of the Governors, Mr. A. Maurice Smith. Our prize presenter this year was the Lord Bishop of Pontefract; his popularity increased greatly when he made only a short, but interesting speech, and still further when he made a request for a day's holiday, which was granted. The Junior Choir then reappeared to give renderings of "The Vagabond," and "All Through the Night." The vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. Ambler and seconded by Councillor Wren, of Normanton Urban District Council.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

State Scholarships—K. Hutchinson, K. Preston.

County Major Scholarship—K. Preston.

County University Exhibitions—D. Ashton, A. Bailey, R. Cooper, P. Crawshaw, J. Gaughan, B. Lorriman, M. Munton, F. H. Pugh, J. F. Sabey.

County University Bursaries—E. Binns, H. Mayes, C. Rummings, C. Tucker.

County Technological Award—D. Cliff.

County Art Scholarship—C. R. Giudici.

General Certificate of Education—Advanced Level—

The following passed in three subjects—D. Ashton, A. Bailey, D. K. Benton, E. Binns, D. Cliff, R. Cooper, P. Crawshaw, J. Gaughan, M. D. Hill, K. Hutchinson, A. Jenkins, B. Lorriman, H. Mayes, M. Munton, K. W. Pearson, K. Preston (Distinction in Maths.), F. H. Pugh, J. F. Sabey, C. Tucker.

The following passed in two subjects—C. R. Giudici, C.M. O'Rourke, C. Rummings, R. Ward.

Ordinary Level (including: the November examination)—

The following passed in five or more subjects (the number is shown in brackets)—K. Barnes (5), L. R. Brannon (5), R. Dickens (5), J. F. Fairclough (8), P. E. Farrow (6), M. Fox (8), A. P. Gates (7), R. C. Gayton (8), R. Griffiths (8), R. Hodgson (6), E. Holland (6), D. Hoyle (7), S. Hutchinson (5), K. I. Johnson (7), G. T. Lealman (9), J. R. Marchant (5), J. Mitchell (7), A. Nicholson (5), N. G. Pickett (5), N. P. Roche (7), M. Cranage (5), D. Senior (8), G. P. Smith (7), R. Thickett (6), D. R. Warburton (7).

The following passed in four subjects—G. A. Eastwood, T. D. Hirst, P. Rhodes, A. E. Roberts, J. Senior, D. Street, D. A. Swallow.

The following passed in three subjects—P. Ball, T. Brightmore, M. E. Brown, C. Buckle, R. R. Carr, W. J. Davies, T. Denton, B. Greatorex, J. R. Hanson, C. Hebden, M. D. Horner, C. Hough, S. L. J. Jackson, H. Leyshon, J. C. Parker, G. B. Pickup, M. G. Sargent, R. H. Thompson.

PRIZE LIST

1C form prize, I. Richardson; mention, P. Brook, R. A. White. IB form prize, G. Ellis; 2nd prize, G. L. Moore; 3rd prize, C. Lawrence; mention, E. M. Holden, D. W. Woodward. 1A form prize, B. Lockett; 2nd prize, A. Rothery; 3rd prize, D. Cowley, 4th prize, D. Harrison; 5th prize, J. G. Goodhall. 2C form prize, J. T. Davison; 2nd prize (shared), J. Lyman, D. Steele; progress, P. J. Guillou. 2B form prize, G. Hyde; 2nd prize, R. R. Blackburn; mention, F. J. Powers, E. Brookes. 2A form prize, J. A. Jones; 2nd prize, K. McNicholas, 3rd prize, M. K. Johnson; 4th prize, H. M. Beckitt; mention, J. F. Short, B. Flynn, J. R. Law. 3C form prize, B. D. Atkinson; 2nd prize, J. P. Walton; mention, M. R. Wroe. 3B form prize, J. F. Gilmore; 2nd prize, J. A. Ganley; 3rd prize, R. Richardson; mention, S. H. Webster. 3A form prize, C. Teasdale; 2nd prize, J. S. Harrison; 3rd prize, B. Preston; 4th prize, G. S. Dobson; 5th prize, J. R. Gullimore; mention, R. H. Busby.

4B form prize, A. R. Child; 2nd prize, A. S. Oldroyd; 3rd prize, P. Davis; mention, T. Shaw, J. H. Thompson. 4A form prize, T. M. Conboy; 2nd prize, J. H. Shaw; 3rd prize, P. A. L. Routledge; mention, R. Wilby, J. M. Bullock, C. S. Hampson. 5A Maths prize, N. P. Roche; History prize (Swallow), J. Mitchell; Physics prize (Forster), G. T. Lealman; Physics prize, R. Griffiths; Chemistry prize (Royce), A. P. Gates; English prize (A. M. Smith), R. C. Gayton; Latin and Biology, D. Senior; French prize, D. Hoyle; General Proficiency prizes, M. Fox, G. P. Smith. 5B MacKinnon prizes for effort, J. Senior, M. Scranage. 6M form prize, R. Dickens; 2nd prize, K. Barnes. L6A form prize, D. M. Trigg; 2nd, J. B. Popplewell. L6S form prize, D. S. Atkinson; 2nd prize, D. A. Worth; 3rd prize, A. Scholes. U6A form prizes, R. Cooper, J. Gaughan, D. Ashton, M. Munton. U6S form prizes, A. Bailey, F. H. Pugh, B. Lorri-man; General Proficiency, J. F. Sabey. U6Sc. 3rd year: E. H. Dixon prize, M. D. Hill; C. E. Brittain prize, P. Crawshaw; J. A. Holden prize, K. Preston; T. W. Freston prize, K. Hutchinson.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Junior Cricket (H. Harris), G. R. Dobson, I. A. Howson, M. Marsh. Magazine: Junior (Haslam), J. H.

Shaw; Senior (Gimblett), J. Glaze. Music: Junior, L. G. Westwood; Senior, D. Street. Reading: Junior, D. Harrison; Intermediate, P. Moore; Senior, R. Cooper. Art: Junior, R. Dawson; Senior, C. R. Giudici. George Pearson (Courtesy), A. Jenkins.

House Trophy—Freeston House.

THE AUTUMN FAIR

There was no better way to spend an afternoon than to come and see the magnificent spectacle of the Autumn Fair, complete with exhilarating fun, and glorious bargains, at give-away prices—or so our publicity campaign said. And what a campaign! There were posters on the ceilings, posters on the doors and even posters on the masters' cars. The latter were excused as being signs of boyish exuberance, or malicious revenge.

Mrs. Moore, one of the governors, opened the proceedings, and the stallholders transformed themselves from human beings into bawling, pleading, coaxing extortioners. Prospective clients stood in the corridor gazing apprehensively at the multi-coloured placards that instructed them to visit—The Bingo Game. No! The Juke Box. No! The Wild West Saloon. Fortunately they were not required to make their choice because a group of high-powered salesmen swooped down on them and shepherded them, somewhat robustly, into the nearest form room. There they forfeited a few coppers whilst regaining their breath.

The fair gained momentum as numerous High School girls (traditionally our best customers) poured in, and there appeared, as if by magic, several unofficial guides who did their best to keep the girls interested.

Bingo as ever proved popular. So much so that it is reputed that a few boys departed without their shirts. The most infuriating part of this game is, when you are on the point of winning, a particularly miserable specimen of bespectacled youth raises his head and squeaks "Bingo" in a high-pitched, quivering voice.

Recently there has been much said about fashion conscious youth, but 2c took these comments to their heads, and produced a fashion show more becoming to the opposite sex (women).

Mr. Pate went back to nature for his sideshow, and produced a rabbit, into which anyone with morbid curiosity could look. This was deemed a great success by everyone (except the rabbit).

The idea of winning an Austin A40 was received with a certain amount of scepticism by the upper school,

until Mr. Moreton drove up in one on the following Monday.

The Wild West Saloon was a roarin', rootin', tootin' success, the most popular form of nourishment being, "Hot Rod Special and Crisps." But high on the list of popularity came the "Micky Finn" and "Wolf-blood Wine." The bar tenders were splendidly attired in snow-white aprons and jet-black waistcoats. They all sported long, black, drooping moustaches (perhaps, next time, Mr. Robinson will lend them some curling pins).

Down in the gymnasium young hopefuls endeavoured to beat the school team goalkeeper with shots of supreme skill and superb ball control — few did.

From further up the corridor came the insistent, pulsating beat of the Juke Box. Many "cool cats" "got the message" and responded to the primitive war-cry of "Next show, six-thirty."

The fair was rounded off with a talent contest which was wholly musical, and as usual the guitars sprung into prominence. Being democratic, there was no attempt to find a winner, so everyone received a box of chocolates. Then came the raffle draw, after which all walked dejectedly home, with their hands in their empty pockets, and their faith in raffles seriously impaired.

K. I. Johnson (L.VI.A).

PARIS TRIP

On July 27th, a very excited group of N.G.S. boys boarded the 10.38 p.m. London-bound train at Westgate.

After a seemingly endless journey the party arrived at King's Cross. However, the excitement had turned to weariness since no one had slept a wink on the journey. The station was quiet and dreary; they usually are though at four o'clock in the morning. Moreover, only Mr. Young could secure a seat in the waiting room.

It had been decided to wait at King's Cross until six o'clock and then proceed by tube to Victoria, where we had our breakfast in a very commendable buffet.

After another short interval we boarded the boat train to Folkestone, from where we sailed on a very rough voyage to Boulogne.

Here we had our first glimpse of the French railways, which like the British seemed to be running late.

The journey to Paris was most uncomfortable, however, and we reached the capital at six o'clock. Outside the station a coach was waiting to transport us to Les Lilas, a small town on the outskirts of Paris.

At the boarding house we found something quite unexpected but I will not delve any further into such matters as boys who were present will understand.

After our first taste of French food which throughout the trip was excellent, we had a free evening which most boys spent as they did the following nights at a "pin-table" in a post-office "cum" tobacconist "cum" café.

Next morning we had a coach trip of the capital, covering almost every well-known landmark of Paris.

On the following three or four days we visited all the attractions of this wonderful city, such as the Louvre, the top of the Eiffel Tower which is now over a thousand feet high, Notre-Dame, and also a beautiful white stone church called the Sacré-Coeur.

One day was spent with a visit to Versailles where we saw and looked around several palaces of Louis XIV, which were surrounded by some magnificent gardens; these were mathematically square, rectangular and round. On this visit it seemed as though Mr. Young knew more about the palaces than the guide.

One evening Mr. Young took the party to see Paris at night; this was a memorable sight of fountains showering into the air in a cascade of light.

On Tuesday, August 4th, we left Les Lilas early in the morning for Paris. After a much smoother train journey to Calais and much calmer boat trip to Folkestone, we boarded the boat train to London.

Unusually we had to dash for the tube which took us to King's Cross where we caught the return train on the last lap of the trip.

At 9.45 p.m. dead on time, we arrived at Wakefield, Westgate.

When the handshakes with Mr. Young were over we all departed homewards, nostalgic but pleased to be back in the West Riding.

W. R. Watson (VA).

MAGAZINE AWARDS

This term, as a result of the greater number of contributions, it has been decided to present three termly magazine awards. Two of the awards will be for literary contributions, while the third will be for the best illustration, including cartoons, lino-cuts and photographs. Each award will be a book token for 10s. 6d. Age will be taken into account.

The choice of award winners will be in the hands of the editorial staff and their decision will be final.

Award winners for this term are:—

J. Cadman, IIIA, for his contribution, "The Witch Doctor."

E. Towler, VA, for his description, "The Water Wolf."
G. T. Lealman, L.VI.Sc., for his photograph taken in
Montmartre.

NATURE UNTAMED

The bright African sun shed its last light and vanished below the horizon, leaving behind it a world of darkness. There was silence throughout the jungle. Even the panther, with its short, sleek, black coat, made no noise as it padded through the undergrowth. Suddenly, the silence was broken by the ominous tone of the drums. The monkeys in the highest branches of the trees chattered with excitement and the cheetah many feet below looked searchingly around him. On the other side of the forest, the river lapped on the overgrown banks of the sluggish mosquito-ridden water. The crocodiles slid through the water, their scales glistening in the bright moonlight. Further down the river the hippopotami, the largest weighing several tons, wallowed in the mud.

I observed all these sights from the river in the wooden canoe which I had traded from a native, in a nearby village. With the aid of a wooden paddle my small but watertight canoe sped through the water. When I heard a lot of scuffling from the bank, my curiosity was aroused so I paddled to investigate. After jumping out of the canoe, I fastened it to a small shrub, and with my camera in one hand and my tripod in the other, I entered the undergrowth. I had only gone a few yards when a curious sight met my eyes. A small nimble mongoose was savagely biting the neck of a giant cobra. The snake writhed frantically in an effort to dislodge its enemy but to no avail. In a matter of seconds the snake lay lifeless and I felt very pleased with myself for having captured this exciting episode on film.

I suddenly realised that the hour must be very late and my friends were sure to be anxious about me so I reluctantly turned my back on the untamed jungle, regained my canoe and paddled as quickly as my tired limbs could take me, back to the houseboat, and rest.

J. F. S. Wilson (2C).

ITALIAN HOLIDAY

For my holiday this year, I decided to go to a small village called Bassano Di Sutri, in Northern Italy. It is the village in which live my grandparents. We went by car, all the way. It was very interesting travelling through France and Switzerland. In fact, when we stopped in

Switzerland, we went into one of the many shops, to find there was a girl working there who was born in Rotherham. We went through many passes on the way, all of which were quite steep.

In France, we once stopped for a short lunch at a cafe, where my father asked for some sandwiches. But to our surprise, when we got them we found that they were French loaves sliced down the middle, thickly buttered and filled with very strong ham. We did not know what to do with them at first, because they would not go into our mouths, and we could not hold them in one hand. But we finally managed to leave them.

In Italy the food was delicious, especially the spaghetti. I understood very little of what was said. We paid visits to Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. In our spare time, we went swimming in the nearby Lake Bracciano, and I also went swimming in the Mediterranean Sea. But the most unusual experience was coming home, through the St. Gothard pass.

It was very steep, in fact there were thirty-five hairpin bends, one after the other, going up. From the top there was a lovely view of snow-covered ground. We even touched some. Naturally, being so cold on top we welcomed a cup of hot tea.

From there, we went back to Switzerland, where we spent the remainder of our money in a town called Lucerne. After that we carried on home—only stopping in Domremy, the town where Joan of Arc was born.

When we finally arrived in London, I was very sorry to get out of a hot sunny country, into a cold wet one, because it was raining in London. I brought with me wonderful memories of St. Peter's, and many historical places in Rome, Florence, Naples, Milan, Pisa and Genoa, and I could go on writing for ever.

F. Heald (IIC).

THE VILLAGE CLOCK

A traveller on his way to Yeovil was about two miles away from the town when he discovered that he had lost his watch. As he was just passing a farm, he went in, found a farmhand milking, and asked him what the time was. So the farmhand took hold of the cow's tail with his left hand, pulled firmly at it, pushed its udder with his right hand, put his head underneath the cow and said, "It be jest twenty minutes to four."

The traveller thanked the man and hurried on his way, wondering how on earth the fellow had told the time by this method. When he reached his destination

he was able to check the time. The farmhand had been right. On his way past the same farm a couple of days later, having bought a new watch, he saw the same farmhand, milking the same cow, and went up to him and asked him the time again.

The farmhand carried out the same manoeuvre as before and gave the traveller the correct time again. He, even more intrigued, asked him how he managed to tell the time in this way. "Wall," said the farmhand, "it be quite zimple. Oi jest pulls 'er tail o'er 'ere, shoves the udder o'er theer, and when Oi puts my 'ead under 'er belly Oi can jest see t' village clock."

B. Nettleton (VA).

THE SEASON'S CHANGE

In Spring the coming of the birds
Heralds the morning sun,
They think of lovely summer days
When nesting has begun.

In summer, fledglings fly away
From out their nests on high;
Parents still gather worms all day
While young ones learn to fly.

Autumn sees the swallows leave
For countries far away;
They fly across the far off sea,
But will return one day.

Winter sees the little robin
Hopping round the garden white.
Who will have a shed door open
So he can shelter for the night?

P. L. Hainsworth (IA).

GUINEA PIGS

When the Spanish sailors first visited Peru, a good four hundred years ago, the Inca people were keeping some strange looking pets. They had no tails and ate greens, vegetable foods and dry foods such as bran, biscuit meal and crusts. They lived in little burrows. When the colonists came back home, they brought some of these strange pets with them. These were called guinea-pigs or cavies and the period of gestation is ten weeks. From two to seven babies are born at a time.

If you place more than one male in a hutch they will fight. Cavies should be treated like rabbits. They are

happier when kept several together. The more room they have in their hutches the better for exercise. The boar makes a funny grunting noise a bit like a motor-bike starting. Sows make a high-pitched squeak. Cavies are liable to get chills from dampness, so always make sure that their hutches are absolutely dry. On fine sunny days they just lie around. Cavies are more closely related to rabbits than to pigs. They are small rodents and make fine pets. Doctors doing research work use them by giving them a disease and trying to find cures for it. They have been used so much in this way, that "Being a guinea-pig," means "Being used in an experiment." Cavies are born perfect miniatures of grown-up ones apart from being blood-stained, but their mother soon licks them clean. They drink a lot of milk when they are going to have babies. Cavies moult in the autumn, so that they will have a nice coat of fur in the winter. That is why all the important cavy shows are round about Christmas. Abyssinian cavies are all kinds of colours and their coat is the kind that grows stiff. They have rosettes and their owner dabs the white of eggs on them to make sure they grow stiff.

R. Smith (IA).

GOON WITH THE WIND

Captain Chouskivlozki (or Fred for short) stood on his bridge. He was looking out for ice-bergs or supposed to be; in reality he was playing with his rocket and launcher which he had pulled out of a packet of "Krizpi Krunch Kornfiakes," before anyone else had time. He was in a vile temper. Do you blame him? (The cook had snapped the elastic.) He was in a state of exhaustion but he managed to pull from his pocket A Tin of Spinach. Summoning up all his strength he drew his arm back and threw it into the sea. (He didn't want to be caught smuggling arms.) He knew also that his crooked Whaling rival was hanging about. He was right for at that moment his rival, Munk the Skunk, was hanging up his drainpipe coms, having washed them in "Shlurp" the new washing powder (you know the one with the song about someone's mum).

The Captain knew Munk was a tricky customer. He had already chased him through China, pursued him through Peru, followed him through France, 'indered him in India, rushed him through Russia and finally nabbed him in Norway, where he served ten years of sewing sweaty sausage skins, and now he was out for revenge. Alas! The scurvy knave Munk had seen

the captain's ship and rammed it. There they both stood, with loaded revolvers (just like Wyatt Earp). The sun was facing Munk, who was faster on the draw (he'd already won the Autumn Fair raffle), and brought his face out in spots (Sun spots). Munk drew, and said to the Captain, "Merry Christmas" and pulled the trigger. The Captain fell on the deck, not because of the shot, which had missed him but because Torchy was on T.V. and he had missed him.

Why did the shot miss him? Why? Well you may ask. It was because of the M.14 member on board Munk's ship, Rex of the Tecs, who had bent the barrel of the revolver. Later in Arrow Street Courts (opposite Bow Street) Munk was fined for reckless navigating and attempted perforation of the Captain. He is now back in Familiarways jail (not strange to Munk) with his old job, and not regretting it (he's in love with the gaoler's daughter).

M. K. Johnson (IIIA).

IF

If all the sea were dry-land
And all the land were sea
Where would the ships go sailing?
Where would the islands be?

Would we have to learn to swim
As soon as we were born?
And would the birds blow bubbles
When singing in the morn?

Would the earth be up and down,
Or would it be much flatter?
I don't know why this worries me
For it really does not matter!

Stephen Kirlow (IA).

MY FIRST SOLO

Touch down. My solo check had come to an end. Impatiently, but with a tinge of nervousness—I waited for my instructor's verdict.

"That was quite good. You can go solo now, if you wish."

I told him I would like to. The truck drew up carrying the cadets on retrieving duty, and the glider was coupled to the truck.

"Watch the tail, Brown," called out my instructor to one of the cadets.

Slowly the glider was towed back to take off point. On the way back, I ran through cablebreak procedure with the instructor, who listened carefully, ready to correct me on the slightest mistake. I passed that part with no mishap.

By then we were back at take off point, and the glider was put in line with the winches.

"Get in, Hunt," said my instructor.

I climbed into the front cockpit and strapped myself in, loosely at first, so that I could do the cockpit check in comfort, keeping to the formula CISTRs—Controls, Instruments, Spoilers (of which there are none in the type I was flying), Trim (which is the distribution of weight), Release and Straps.

"Do you need the weight?" asked one of the cadets. The weight is a piece of metal used as a stabilizer if the pilot is above a certain weight, and is fitted to the tail.

"No, thanks," I replied.

The truck bringing the cables from the winch had pulled alongside, and another cadet was approaching with one of the cables.

"Cable on!" I cried.

The cable was attached.

"Do you want to check the release?" asked the cadet.

"No thanks, it was checked before the previous launch."

I craned my head towards the wing-tip orderly.

"Circuit clear?" I asked.

"Circuit clear, except for glider at nine o'clock," came the reply.

"Clear above and behind?"

"Clear above and behind."

I waited. A few tense seconds passed.

"Signaller!"

The signaller appeared on the roof of the observer's caravan, holding an aldis lamp.

"Take up slack!" I shouted.

"Take up slack!" echoed the signaller. It was a fixed rule that commands were always repeated.

I fingered the control column rather nervously.

Suddenly, the glider was yanked forward a few inches, as all the slack in the wire had been taken up, and it had become taut.

"All out!" I yelled at the top of my voice.

"All out!" echoed the signaller.

The glider was pulled along the ground at ever-increasing speed. Then I was off the ground and climbing rapidly at an angle of about sixty degrees. I continued the climb until I had reached an altitude of nine hundred

and fifty feet, when I eased the control column forward and released. I had a hundred feet to lose before I began my circuit, so I flew on for a few seconds. At eight-fifty feet, I applied right rudder and aileron and went through a ninety degree turn to the right.

This was where the circuit-planning exercises I had gone through during the past few weeks became useful.

My altitude was decreasing fairly rapidly all the time, and within a few seconds I was at six hundred and fifty feet. I had been told many times that if I wished to obtain a reasonably accurate reading from the altimeter, I should tap it. This I did, and I found that I was at six hundred not six hundred and fifty feet. "It's time I went round," I thought, and proceeded into another right hand turn.

The downwind leg was the most difficult part of the circuit. I had to pass over numerous buildings, both large and small, and the various upcurrents and air pockets played havoc with my speed.

I was approaching the final crosswind boundary, and I had plenty of height. This meant a high approach to the runway.

I increased my speed from thirty-five to forty knots and turned into the final crosswind leg at a height just below four hundred feet.

At two hundred and seventy-five feet, I reached the point where I would normally have turned towards the runway, but as I was too high, I had to fly on for a while, and then approach the runway from left instead of right after doing a small S turn.

This I did with the utmost care. I had to watch my speed and my altitude and more important still, I had to beware of air pockets.

Within seconds I was flying almost parallel to the runway at a height of about sixty feet. I eased the control column forward and increased speed to the required landing speed. Twenty feet. I eased back on the control column this time, to check my descent. The glider dropped steadily. I checked again at approximately one foot, and then let the glider fly itself down whilst I kept it balanced correctly.

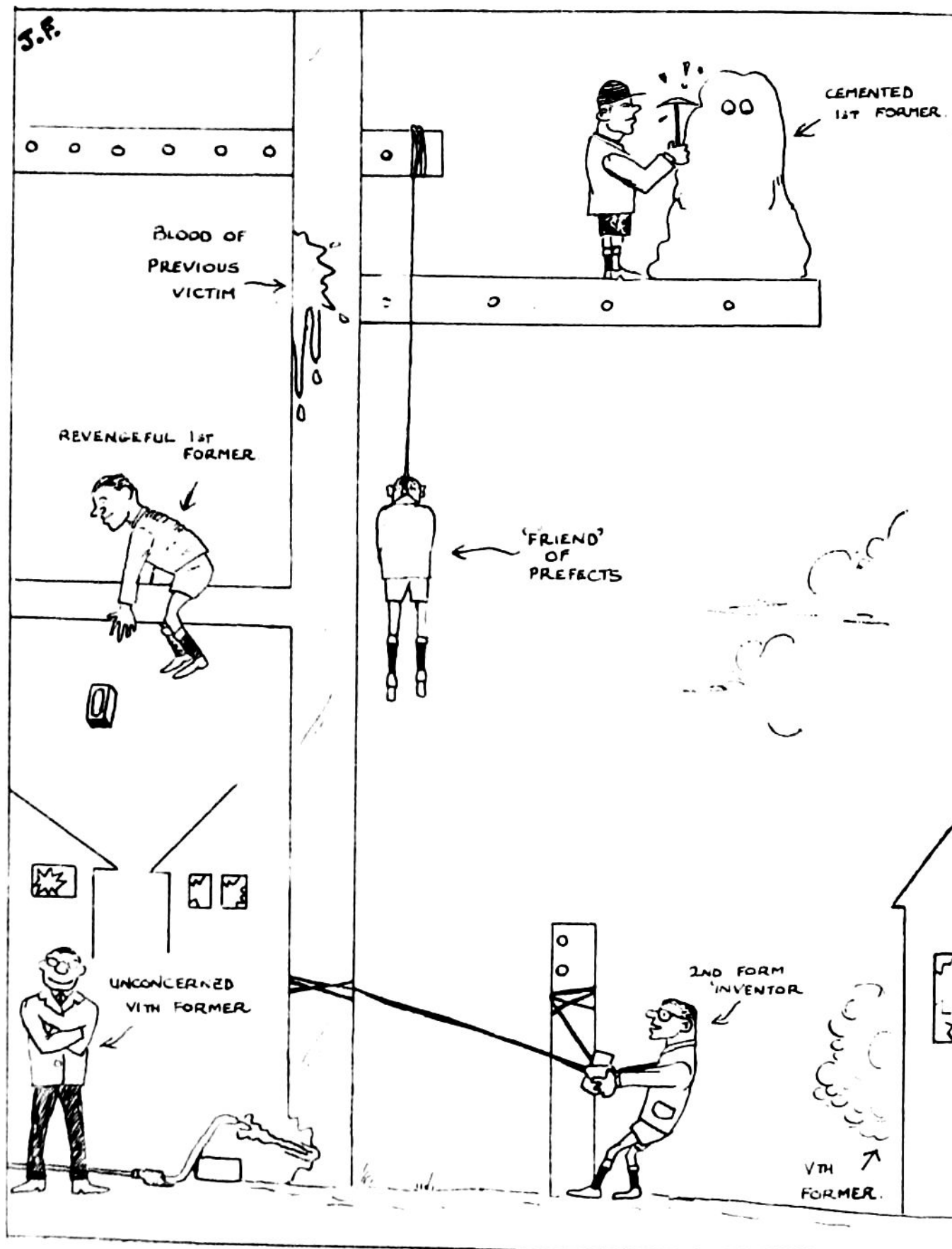
Bump! I was down. The glider sped along the runway at about forty knots and I had quite a time keeping it straight down the runway. My speed was decreasing rapidly now, so I decided to ease the glider onto its skid, which acts partly as a brake, and came to a speedy halt.

I kept the wings off the ground as long as I could, but it was not long before one dropped.

Glancing at my watch, I noticed I had been in the air just under four minutes. Slowly, I unfastened my straps, and climbed out of the cockpit, hoping that my instructor, who had been watching me from the ground, was as pleased with the launch as I was.

T. D. Hunt (VB).

[Editor's note: The instructor must have been pleased with the flight for, since his first solo, Hunt has already flown over 70 hours.]



THE INVASION

The explosion reverberated throughout the building. Plaster fell in huge chunks and soon the palatial building was filled with dense white choking dust which caused the diligent workers within to scurry to the exits. The noise grew intense again then stopped suddenly and all was silent. However, this peace was not to last for long for there soon arose a dreadful throbbing noise punctuated by staccato chattering outbursts as of a machine-gun.

Any brave observer who ventured into the deserted area would have seen a strange metal construction rising piece by piece out of the smoking crater. As time passed, inhuman voices were heard drifting on the afternoon air.

So H. G. Wells was right, his prophecies had at last come true: the Martians were colonizing the earth. They had come in their infernal machines from the depths of space to establish their headquarters in the heart of Normanton.

Several days passed and strange monuments of metal began to rise on the foundations of the crater. The design of these constructions was utterly fantastic: far more monstrous than a nightmare. The walls were interspersed at intervals with strange openings of uncertain shape rather like the windows of a conventional house. The constructional difficulties were immense judging from the time taken for only a small part to be built.

The atmosphere in the surrounding district grew tense as the edifice neared completion. What was the next move going to be?

Then overnight everyone relaxed, loud laughter was heard, the secret was out. The Martian invasion was nothing more than a gang of Irish navvies building the Grammar School extensions!

D. N. Shepherd (U.VLS).

A DAY AT R.G.S. (Rome Grammar School)

The year is 55 B.C., the time eight inches. A crowd of boys are strolling through the forum towards school when suddenly a thundering rumble can be heard. The panic-stricken boys scatter in all directions as Publius, a master, comes charging through the forum in his two horse-power Ford chariot.

The time is now eight and a quarter inches and the local boys have all arrived, but owing to fog the school chariot, bringing boys from the country, is late. The chariot finally arrives about a quarter of an inch late

and the country boys go to the hall to join the locals in assembly.

After three boys have been thrown to the lions, order is obtained and assembly begins. Flaccus Andromedus, the headmaster, says the prayers and then makes some announcements. He criticises some of the boys who had not taken off their sandals as they came into the arena, and others who had scrawled "Antony loves Cleopatra" on the school walls.

Assembly is over and the boys make their way to their first lesson. On the way Flaccus Andromedus finds a first former wearing a long toga and orders him to be whipped. The first lesson is Latin with Horatius. Two boys are punished for asking to leave the room without using the present subjunctive, and at the end of the period Horatius gives them a slab of stone on which to scrape some lines.

The second period is biology and the lesson is about flies, but is spent trying to catch one.

A charge for milk follows the drum for the end of the lesson, but the milk has been drunk by the sixth formers in charge. Before the end of break the gladiator team to play a nearby school is announced.

After break a period of wall building under Hadrian takes place.

The last lesson in the morning, Egyptian with Themistocles, is the most detested lesson as Themistocles is the most strict master in the school. In his lesson disobedient boys are sent under the yoke and beaten.

The dinner drum sounds and there is a mad dash for the canteen. However, the menu for the day is fish and Cornelia the cook has had no luck in her private pond, and so the boys have to do without. There is, however, jam soggia, later introduced into Britannia and one of the chief reasons for the Roman victory.

The afternoon is taken up wholly by games where boys have the choice of either chariot racing or a game of gladiators. Those who are medically excused or who have forgotten their spears have to dig graves.

At the end of the afternoon the charioteers and those who have won the gladiator game may go home. Those who lost at gladiators are buried.

At sixteen inches the drum for end of school sounds and, on the way home through the forum Publius, who has oiled his chariot, ploughs a few boys down. The others rush home, some to read Cicero's latest best-seller and others to hear Nero play the fiddle at the Coliseum.

M. Powell (5B).

MARKET DAY IN HOLLAND

Ever been to a market day on the continent? If you never have, I can say that it is indeed an experience to wander through the great variety of stalls. The one which I was fortunate enough to visit was in the town of Amersfoort, in central Holland, about twenty kilometres from Amsterdam. It was Saturday, and the church bells rang all morning to announce that it was a market day.

Farmers, pig-producers, florists, hand-made lace vendors and eel-sellers all rubbed shoulders in the town square. The eel-sellers had boxes of live eels covered in sand, which were openly cut up and put in flat trays of vinegar. Amersfoort being only five miles from the Zuider Zee, (or the IJsselmeer as it is now correctly named), the eels were fresh and reported to be delicious when eaten straightaway, though I did not take this opportunity to sample continental "delicacies."

The pig-market consisted of four or five long lanes of pig pens. The pigs, fat and boisterous, looked as healthy as the ruddy farmers, who stood talking in groups, smoking the inevitable Dutch cigar. Clogs, fastened by leather straps, were the exclusive footwear for these sunburned gossipers, for that is all they were doing—gossiping! The occasion was as much a social meeting as an opportunity to sell livestock.

The women who attended to the stalls wore Dutch national dress, consisting of a very tiny, hand-worked, lace cap, huge black skirts reaching to the ankles, very long, clean, white aprons, and black, fiat-heeled shoes.

Lace, cheese and flowers were very cheap, and an excellent tie could be bought for 1f. 98cts., or 1s. 11 ½d.

The goods of many of the stallholders were displayed on the ground. This was especially true in the case of household goods, tools, knives, foam rubber and the like. A novel way of displaying your wares indeed!

The market was held in a large, cobbled square overlooked by the tall, stately church tower. The square was in the older part of the town, and it was bordered by very old continental houses. There was an air of gaiety and co-operation about the occasion, not normally associated with the English counterparts of these fine markets.

P. Routledge (5A).

AIR CRASH

The whine of the plane as it plunged through the sky;
The white knuckled pilot who was doomed to die;
The black-oily smoke which drifted down
To the wide-eyed people who gazed from the ground.
Faster, faster! down it came.
Faster, faster! till, crash! on the plain.
With a whoosh! and a roar like the devil's bonfire,
The plane it formed its own funeral pyre.
This I saw one bleak Sunday morn,
The brilliance of science all battered and torn.

J. Evans (5B).

THE WITCH DOCTOR

There he was, in a trance, dancing madly to the beat of the umbly-booboo drums. His face was wrought with deadly fear, and glaring, angry fires burned wildly in his eyes.

He wore a skirt which swirled wildly round his bony hips. White, bloody skulls hung grinning at his ankles.

He danced madly and the beat quickened to an enchanting buzz. His thick, black hair trickled on his green shoulders. His sharp, hooked nose, painted with luminous crimson broke the darkness as he moved away from the fierce tongues of the fire licking evilly into evening heavens of densest Africa. As he moved back to the fire again his bony, wrinkled face and figure came into view, lighting up into a sea of ruddy colour.

He took the sacrifice, a young, red-haired boy and thrust his head into the sparkling ashes. The boy screamed as Majikagudara's purple nails tore the boy apart and let him fall into the dying ashes of the jungle fire.

Majikagudara's bony finger pointed towards me as he gave an evil grin. Two husky, tusked warriors, decked in colour, tore open my bonds ... I plunged far down the cliff towards the frothy swirling whirlpool below. As I fell, however, towards the steamy waters I saw the swirling round of various stripes and colours. It began to slow down, slower, slower, slower and then stopped. Pyjamas, sheets, shirts and towels emerged from the steam. Then I was startled by a woman's voice saying, "Right deary your lot's be'n washed; I'll take 'em out for you."

I woke up, and found myself staring nervously at a washing machine, decked in Omo, in a "While-you-wait launderette" in densest Castleford.

J. Cadman (IIIA).

CORRIDOR CONFUSION

With the new school rules, the corridors are becoming more and more like roads. "Keep Left!" we are told,

and already, hand signals are being practised by pessimistic youngsters moving from lesson to lesson. Foreign visitors may be excused for keeping right but the masters, although they cannot be excused from right hand driving (or walking), cannot be stopped even though they disrupt the whole system.

Future generations may publish a "Corridor Code," in addition to the non-existent "Manual of School Rules," and if so, what will it state? What would be the speed limit by classroom doors? Who could patrol crossing, or would there be traffic lights? What would the penalties be for breaking the rules?

In addition to all this, a "pedestrianism" test will no doubt have to be passed as well as the eleven plus. This will increase the spending of the West Riding authorities and new taxes will have to be introduced to pay the wages of the "pedestrianism" examiners and to pay for the new dual-carriageway corridors. Fly-over and burrowing junctions will be built and classrooms will become mere accessories for a school, to be tucked away somewhere between the corridors.

All this would entail complete redesigning of the school and, as one school after another demanded these improvements, the government would face a national crisis.

To add to these dangers, the rapidly growing schools would swallow up the surrounding countryside, so much so that all our major industries would be controlled by science masters and boys in school labs. The whole country would become a giant school.

A. K. Stephens (IVA).

THE WATER WOLF

The stork twisted its feathered head slightly and looked through the weeds. There was the pike he had sought for two hours. As the fish was still out of range, the stork held its bill, ready to strike.

Suddenly there was a flurry in the still water. The pike's jaws were wide open, ready to seize the bird's leg. As the pike shot forward, the stork struck downwards. There was a flash of silver as the pike twisted sideways to avoid the thrust. Both had missed! The stork, however, was the first to recover and scored a direct hit with its bayonet-like beak in the pike's side. The fish shook the blow off and rushed in again and snapped viciously at the stork's legs. This time it was successful, its backward-pointing teeth hooking in the hard scales on the bird's leg. The pike wriggled like an eel and violently lashed its tail. It tried to let go of the bird's leg but its teeth were firmly hooked in the tough scales.

Slowly the huge bird backed out of the weeds, dragging the killer fish along. It hammered at the pike's ugly head with its bill so that the pike would let go. To no avail, it could not get rid of the rat-trap jaws on its leg.

The stork spread its great wings out and tried to lift its prey from the water. In its weakened state, and with the weight of the large fish, the stork could hardly raise itself from the foaming water. Realising this, the bird stabbed and stabbed unceasingly at the thrashing fish. The turbulent water became speckled with blood. Great fish though the pike was, it stopped thrashing and became lifeless under the bird's scarlet, dripping beak. The stork had earned its meal, and had rid the peaceful creek of the pike. The water wolf was no more.

E. Towler (VA).

A.F.C.

Captain: C. Rummings

Vice-Captain: E. M. Ellis

Secretary: J. Strutt

The 1st XI opened their fixtures optimistic about their prospects of having a really good season. At least seven of last year's successful XI were available and there were many capable players ready to fill the vacant positions. So far we have lost only two matches, against Barnsley G.S. and Chesterfield School. We had a hard tussle with Barnsley and we did not capitulate as easily as the score (4 - 1) suggests.

Rummings, the captain, has led the team admirably. His constructive football and never-say-die spirit have been an inspiration to all. It is doubtful if any N.G.S. Soccer XI has had a quartet of mid-field players as strong and accomplished as Rummings, Bradley, Barnes and E. M. Ellis. Behind these N. Ellis has continued in his role as defensive centre-half, although I feel that we do not make full use of his attacking ability. He would make a really good wing half-back. Of the newcomers, Sleight has had an excellent season and is the chief goal-scorer, whilst Lumb is developing into a good full-back.

The 2nd XI has reason to be satisfied with its results. As there are so many boys available for the 2nd XI it has been the policy to "rest" boys in order that all get an opportunity of playing for the XI. This policy means that team tactics suffer, but as the 2nd XI of one year never become the 1st XI of the following year we feel that the policy has been justified.

J.B.

Results

19th September, 1959.

School 4, Thornes House G.S. 0.

This match was, as far as School were concerned, a match of missed chances. School were the superior side and if all the opportunities had been taken, which were presented to the School's inside trio, the score would have been a very formidable one. However, we had to be content with a comfortable 4 - 0 victory. Time after time the ball was either blazed over the bar or round the upright, when a little steadiness would have resulted in a goal.

School attacked from the start and it was no surprise when about half-way through the first half, after Strutt had hit the post. Rhodes scored from the rebound. Hardly had play restarted when Sleight, running on to a lob from Rhodes, rocketed the ball into the net, for the best goal of the match.

During the second half, although School did all the attacking, it seemed as though they were unable to score, and it was not until Strutt shot in two goals in the last quarter of an hour that we were able to chalk up a more respectable score.

26th September, 1959.

School 1. Barnsley G.S. 4.

The Barnsley fixture usually turns out to be one of the toughest and most exciting games of the season, and this year it proved to be no exception, with Barnsley finally emerging as victors by four goals to one.

School kicked off and immediately went into the attack. They attacked repeatedly for the first quarter of an hour, and it came as no surprise when Ellis, E. M. scored with a fierce 40-yard drive to put School ahead. The game evened out and both sides came near to scoring. However, at the interval, School were still holding on to their slender lead.

After the interval a vast change came over the game, and School, falling back under attack after attack by the lively Barnsley forwards, found themselves 2 goals down after twenty minutes. Barnsley held their supremacy to the end, and it was only due to some robust, last-minute tackling that the score was kept down to four goals to one.

30th September, 1959.

Chesterfield School 1. School 3.

School took the field with quiet confidence, although having had to make two late changes due to injuries.

The game commenced at a very fast pace, and Chesterfield, who had the wind, slope and sun in their favour, made repeated attacks on School's goal, without, however, making much impression. The two players, Dawson and Watson, who were making their debut for the 1st XI, seemed to be settling down quite easily, but just when School appeared to be taking command of the game, Watson, who looked all set to score from a Bradley centre, was floored by the Chesterfield goalkeeper and had to leave the field with a twisted knee. From the resulting penalty Rummings shot the ball straight at Wilson, the England Schoolboys' goalkeeper, but he allowed it to go under his body to give School the lead.

However, this advantage was not held for long, for Chesterfield equalised, following a very doubtful penalty decision.

In the second half School took the initiative and used the long ball to their advantage, and soon Sleight, receiving the ball on the edge of the penalty area, dribbled his way round both full-backs and goalkeeper to score a splendid goal. A few minutes later School made certain of winning when Sleight, running on to a loose ball, smashed it into the back of the net.

This was School's best performance of the season so far, and it was pleasing to see the defence gaining a better understanding both amongst themselves and with the forwards.

3rd October, 1959.

School 1. Leeds C.H.S. 1.

Again School's inability to score from the easiest of chances was clearly seen, and this resulted in School, who should have won comfortably, being held to a draw.

Leeds C.H.S. were busily defending their goal throughout all the first half, except for a little relief from an odd breakaway or

two, but although School did all the pressing, the forwards squandered many chances, and had to be content with a one-goal lead at half-time. through a low ground shot by Rummings.

In the second half much the same pattern was followed, and School again wasted many scoring chances. However, Leeds C.H.S. rallied in the final minutes to score from a free kick, for which School's defence lined up badly, to force a draw which they had hardly deserved.

10th October, 1959.

Leeds Modern School 2, School 4.

This game, as was expected, proved to be a very interesting struggle, and both sides came near to scoring on numerous occasions.

School began the scoring after ten minutes when Sleight cracked in a low drive from ten yards, and this was followed a few minutes later by a similar goal from Trigg. However, Leeds M.S., undeterred, hit back just before half-time with a bullet-like shot from their left wing.

On the restart School took command of the game, and within a few minutes had increased their lead to two, when Rhodes, receiving the ball on the left wing, ran through to score from a narrow angle.

However, Leeds M.S. hit back again, when after a goalmouth scramble, they managed to force the ball home. They continued to press hard, and School's defence was lucky to keep out the equaliser. But it was School who scored again, when after a good movement down the middle Rummings scored, to give School a 4 - 2 victory.

14th October, 1959.

Lady Lumley's School, Pickering, 0, School 5.

This was a very good victory for School, for they played about two-thirds of the game with virtually only nine men. In the first half, after a heavy tackle, Brown hurt his leg, and was a passenger for the rest of the game, whilst N. Ellis had to leave the field with a fractured jaw.

Before these two setbacks, however, School had built up a two-nil lead, through good goals by Sleight and Rummings, and seemed to be coasting to a comfortable victory.

In the second half School's defence played outstandingly well, and hardly put a foot wrong. Although Lady Lumley's came near to scoring on a number of occasions they were kept at bay, while at the other end School managed to score three more goals before the final whistle, the scorers being Sleight (2) and Trigg.

17th October, 1959.

School 3, St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough, 1.

School kicked off against a strong breeze, and the steep slope, which is characteristic of the Snydale pitch. In the opening minutes of the game it seemed as though School was going to have a difficult time against the Middlesbrough forwards, but, after their opening efforts, School settled down and by half-time Trigg (two goals) and Sleight had carved out a reasonable three-goal lead.

In the second half, with wind and slope advantage, it seemed as though School were in for a goal feast. However, School were surprised by the fight shown by the Middlesbrough team, and with Brown a passenger for most of the half, School had to struggle hard to keep the lively St. Mary forwards at bay. Our opponents did manage to score in the last ten minutes, but by that time it was too late, and School ran out worthy winners.

11th November, 1959.

Army Apprentices' School, Harrogate, 3, School 6.

School approached this game with apprehension, remembering last season's game, when the Army's superior fitness and enthusiasm overcame School's footballing skill in the form of a 3 - 1 defeat, and when, after the first thirty seconds, School found themselves one goal down, another victory for the Army seemed imminent. However, School fought back and at half-time were leading by three goals to two, through goals by Sleight (2) and Rummings.

In the second half, although the Army fought gamely, their forwards were confined to only one goal, while School replied with Sleight scoring another two and a final one from Trigg.

School, after having a low-scoring start to the season, possibly due to the extremely hard grounds, seemed to settle down better on the softer ground, and goals came much more easily.

14th November, 1959.

St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough 1, School 6.

After having beaten St. Mary's College once before this season, School travelled to Middlesbrough full of confidence. However, it was St. Mary's who first took the advantage of the greasy surface of the field, and during a sudden hailstorm they managed to find the net, the ball coming off a defender's foot.

They continued to press School's defence and School were confined to spasmodic breakaways. However, we were able to score from two of these and so hold a half-time lead, the goals coming from Rhodes and Ellis.

In the second half School took complete command of the game, and with every member giving of his best, plus some vocal support from Mr. Williams, a former P.E. Master at N.G.S., we proceeded to give the St. Mary's defence a harassing time. However, although much good work was done by the opposing centre-half, School were able to score four more goals, three of which were from Sleight, to bring his total in the last two matches to eight. The other goal was scored by Trigg.

18th November, 1959.

School 1, Chesterfield School 2.

For this return match against Chesterfield, School were greatly weakened by the absence of four regular first-teamers, who were, due to their tremendous linguistic powers, sitting Ordinary Level French for the second, third and even fourth time.

Chesterfield, whom we had beaten quite easily at the beginning of the season, took advantage of this, and kept on top of School throughout the match. However, although School's rearguard were kept busy, they only conceded two goals.

School's only reply to this was a good goal by T. Shaw, whose hard, low drive could only be parried by the goalkeeper before entering the net.

21st November, 1959.

Huddersfield New College 1, School 3.

Having beaten Huddersfield New College for the last three seasons. School were optimistic about this year's result. This year the game proved to be no exception, with School taking the upper hand for three-quarters of the game. However, due to some shocking shooting at one end, and a bad defensive error at the other, Huddersfield were still on equal terms at half-time. Sleight having scored for School.

The second half followed much the same pattern, with School missing many easy chances, but goals by Strutt and Trigg in the last ten minutes clinched the game for School.

This was a poor showing for the team, who lacked the energy, enthusiasm and finishing power of previous games.

28th November, 1959.

Percy Jackson G.S. 2, School 4.

School went to Woodlands fearing a hard tussle, as in previous years, and a hard tussle they certainly got. Within the first minute Percy Jackson's took the lead, with a long lob from one of their half-backs, and once again, as in numerous matches this term, School had their backs to the wall after only a few minutes of play. However, School settled down and soon took the lead with two very good goals by Bradley, whose fierce free-kick flashed into the net before anyone could move, and Sleight. Percy Jackson's, not to be deterred, scored just on half-time to make the score two goals each.

In the second half School fought magnificently, and scored two more goals, one from Sleight, and the other, a low header from a Trigg corner-kick, by Rummings.

School managed to gain a very good win over a strong Percy Jackson team.

D. K. Watts.

THE SECOND ELEVEN

There was a great deal of optimism about the Second Eleven at the beginning of the new football season 1959-60. Last season had been the most successful for the 2nd XI for a number of years; they had played twelve games and won eleven. With a few remaining "regulars" from last season, under the leadership of Dawson, the 2nd XI started off with a 2-0 win over Thornes House. However, some of the new "caps" found Barnsley a tough proposition and the game was lost by six goals to one. Out of the remaining ten matches played before going to print six have been lost.

Shaw and Gibson have been the brains of the attack, well assisted by Hadley and Warner, whilst the defence has pivoted around Dawson. It is evident that the bad start to the season has been due to lack of team spirit at times, and the inability to play as a team. Several times, however, we have been in arrears in the opening stages, but have fought back again to a convincing victory. The finest match has been played at Pudsey when by pulling off a 3-2 victory over a tough, hard-tackling home side, the Second Eleven secured a well-deserved win.

D. G. Staples.

Results

v. Thornes House Grammar School, Wakefield (a.) (J. Warner; W. R. Watson)	2-0 Won
v. Barnsley Grammar School (h.) (D. M. Trigg)	1-6 Lost
v. Chesterfield School (a.)	0-3 Lost
v. Leeds Central High School (a.) (M. E. Brown; J. Warner 2; T. Shaw; G. Kyte; G. Ball 2)	7-0 Won
v. Leeds Modern School (a.) (J. Warner 3; G. Kyte; G. Ball)	5-2 Won
v. St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough (h.) (R. Hadley; G. Kyte)	2-1 Won
v. Army Apprentices' School, Hairrogate (a.) (W. R. Watson)	1-6 Lost
v. Knaresborough Grammar School (a.)	0-2 Lost
v. Pudsey Grammar School (a.) (T. Shaw 2; J. Strutt)	3-2 Won
v. Chesterfield School (h.)	0-3 Lost
v. Huddersfield New College (a.) (R. Dawson; J. Warner; R. Hadley)	3-2 Won
v. Doncaster Technical High School (a.)	0-6 Lost

JUNIOR SOCCER

The results of the season so far have been most encouraging: only one out of ten games played by junior elevens has been lost. The under-fifteen, fourteen and thirteen sides are still undefeated and the under-twelve team lost by the only goal of the match to a more experienced eleven. This record is all the more com-

mendable when it is realised that the fixture list is now more extensive than in the past and that few games can now be regarded as "walk-overs." On the other hand, training is more convenient than last season as a pitch on Dalefield is now available.

The team with most fixtures, the under-fourteens, has trained enthusiastically and developed into a first-rate side. It is dangerous to single out individuals from such a successful team but much of the credit for the side's standard of play and keenness must go to the captain, D. Hall, very ably supported by D. Kellett. Their will to win, their stamina and their cheerfulness have proved an inspiration to the rest of the side.

The first victory of the season, however, against a more robust Thornes House, did not reveal the accurate passing, hard tackling and fighting qualities of the following matches. The game against the redoubtable Barnsley Grammar School was especially memorable. Barnsley, playing characteristic skillful soccer, swept upfield and were soon one up, but the school team fought back to lead 2-1. Barnsley retaliated to make it 3-2 but again School, inspired by D. Kellett and R. Evans, would not admit defeat and brought the score to 4-3, and it was not until the last minute of the game that Barnsley forced home the equaliser.

The next three victories emphasised what had been apparent in the Barnsley game, that the fearless tackling, powerful shooting and quickness onto the ball would and still will make them a very difficult side to defeat. The only blemish to the season so far has been the injuries to A. R. Golding and Saxton. Happily, however, Golding is playing again—and already among the scorers—and Saxton should be fit next term.

The Under-fifteens, with fewer fixtures, are also undefeated. It is essentially the same team as last year's. Under-fourteens except that G. Dobson, whose spectacles proved a handicap at centre-half, has moved to right-back and admitted B. Baker, the experienced reserve and linesman of last season, at centre-half. The team quickly settled down to play good football and with easy victories over Pickering, Knaresborough and Huddersfield New College has yet to be really tested.

I. Dews, A. H. Morgan and A. Symonds have represented the district in inter-town matches.

The Under-thirteen and Under-twelve teams have, at the time of going to press played one game each. The Under-thirteen's had an overwhelming victory over Lady Lumley's, Pickering, but the first formers lost by the only goal of the match at Pudsey. In both these years there

is much talent and a willingness to listen to advice which promises extremely well for the future. T.B.F.

Under-15 Results

v. Lady Lumley's School, Pickering (a.) (T. J. Walton; D. Kellett; A. Symonds; I. Dews 2)	5-0 Won
v. Knaresborough Grammar School (a.) (T. J. Walton 4; A. H. Morgan 2; D. Kellett; I. Dews)	8-0 Won
v. Huddersfield New College (a.) (I. Dews 4; A. H. Morgan)	5-1 Won
v. Percy Jackson Grammar School (a.) (I. Dews; A. H. Morgan 2; T. J. Walton)	4-2 Won

Under-14 Results

v. Thornes House Grammar School, Wakefield (h.) (R. Evans 3; D. Kellett)	4-2 Won
v. Barnsley Grammar School (a.) (R. Evans 2; W. L. Horner; R. M. Copley)	4-4 Drawn
v. Leeds Central High School (a.) (D. Kellett 2; R. Evans)	3-1 Won
v. St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough (h.) (R. Evans 3; R. M. Copley ; I. A. Houson; D. Kellett; 1 o.g.)	7-2 Won
v. St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough (a.) (D. Kellett 3; A. R. Golding; R. Evans)	5-2 Won
v. Percy Jackson Grammar School (a.) (A. R. Golding 3; R. Evans 2; D. Kellett 2)	7-3 Won

Under-13 Results

v. Lady Lumley's School (a.) (J. K. Jarvis 2; P. B. Bridges 2; G. S. Thompson; D. Harrison; P. Soles)	7-0 Won
v. Doncaster Technical High School (a.) (J. K. Jarvis)	1-12 Lost

Under-12 Result

v. Pudsey Grammar School (a.)	0-1 Lost
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R.U.F.C.

Captain: R. Griffiths
Vice-Captain: J. Senior
Secretary: A. P. Gates

It is seldom that those responsible for a school team find at the beginning of a season that there are fifteen players exactly suitable for the fifteen positions. This year we have been fortunate in having eight forwards to fill the various positions in the scrum and little experiment or change has been necessary. Griffiths, the captain of Rugby this year, and Ashton are the only players who appeared regularly last year, although Gates and Brannon had some first team experience. Sharpe, the hooker, Towler, Hampson and Macdonald complete the pack. It is a young pack but a comparatively heavy one and has held the advantage in most of the matches. Some of its members are very slow in moving about the field, however,

and the match against Rishworth in particular indicated this weakness.

Selecting seven backs has been much more of a problem. Two scrum-halves with first team experience were available but the position was filled, and held, by Wilkinson, a keen and improving player. The stand-off half position has been filled by a number of boys, Hanson playing there for several games without great success. Most promise here has been shown by Marsh. Senior, the vice-captain, is playing in the centre this year, but is not as fast or as thrustful as he seemed to be in the past, and Brogden, really a forward, has tried to fill the gap in the other centre. Ellis has been the regular right wing threequarter and has shown the most determination in his running. Thompson at full-back has a lot to learn about positioning and should improve his kicking.

The results so far have been encouraging.

W.F.M.

Results

23rd September, 1959.

School 5 pts., Castleford R.U.F.C. Colts 31 pts.

School began the season with a game against an older and much more experienced team. The ground was very hard because of the dry summer and a fast game was expected. It was obvious that the Castleford team were far superior to School, especially in the backs, in both defence and attack.

School's forwards tried to keep the ball in the pack, but without much success. At half-time Castleford were leading 25-0. After the restart School played much better. The forwards began to overcome the opposing pack and they were successful in preventing the Castleford backs from moving freely. School's only points came near the end when a penalty try was awarded, and Brogden was successful in converting it.

26th September, 1959.

School 14 pts., Doncaster Technical H.S. 13 pts.

For their second game School played, for the first time, a team from Doncaster Technical High School. It was much more even than the Castleford match and was extremely exciting.

Doncaster opened the scoring with two converted tries which could easily have been prevented by good, low tackles. Ten points down, School pressed back, and tries from Hampson and Wilkinson, one converted by Hampson, put School only two points behind.

After long attacking spells -in the Doncaster "25" School managed to take the lead when Griffiths crossed for an unconverted try. One point ahead, School tended to slacken off and Doncaster took the lead again with another unconverted try. With only minutes to go Hampson scored the winning try and the game ended with School the lucky winners.

3rd October, 1959.

School 8 pts., Castleford G.S. 0 pts.

With the posts only just visible, through the fog. from the half-way line, the game started fifteen minutes late.

Although superior in size, School were unable to gain the upper hand and throughout the game the play was scrappy and of poor quality.

Both School's tries were scored in the last five minutes. Brogden, who scored the first, managed to break through the Castleford backs and to touch down, but failed to convert it. Soon after Brannon scored near the posts and Brogden easily converted.

6th October, 1959. School 0 pts., King's School, Pontefract, 8 pts.

For the first away game of the season, School visited Pontefract.

For the first quarter of the game School were on top, playing excellent Rugby. On two occasions the ball was heeled from loose scrums near the Pontefract line and passed all along the threequarters to the wings, only to be stopped a few feet from the line.

Then, suddenly, School lost their form and Pontefract dominated the play until the final whistle. The first Pontefract try came from a kick through by the centre, who managed to collect the bouncing ball and score under the posts. The try was easily converted. Later, Pontefract scored an unconverted try and for the first time this season School left the field without scoring.

18th October, 1959. School 5 pts., Barnsley G.S. 10 pts.

Playing against the wind and the rain School were ten points down by the interval. School were beaten in both the backs and the forwards, the Barnsley team being much stronger in both defence and attack. Playing against a smaller pack. School's forwards often lost the ball in the set and the loose scrums.

In the final minutes of the game, after an attack by the forwards, Macdonald touched down near the corner. Brogden converted with a good kick.

In this game School had spasms of good and bad play. The main feature of their play was the kicking, which was exceptionally good even against the strong wind.

20th October, 1959. School 11 pts., Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, 6 pts.

During the first half School took the lead on two occasions, only to lose it almost at once.

Towler scored the first try, which was unconverted. After Wakefield had drawn level, Gates gave School the lead with another unconverted try. Before half-time Wakefield scored again and at the interval six points had been scored by each side.

In the second half the play swung from end to end and it was near the end when Brogden crossed near the posts for a try, which he converted himself.

Again in this match the play was spasmodic, the forwards playing full out for a time and then resting.

24th October, 1959. School 5 pts., Castleford G.S. 0 pts.

The game commenced in rainy conditions and throughout the game the ball was very hard to handle. As a result no good threequarter movements were formed and the game comprised mainly of forward play.

In the first half both sides went close to scoring, but neither was successful. In the second half School were on top and occupied the Castleford half for most of the time. The only try of the match came when Macdonald scored from a forward rush. Brogden converted the try and the game ended with a five-point win by School.

Against a strengthened side School played much better than in the previous Castleford match.

7th November, 1959. School 19 pts., Doncaster Technical H.S. 8 pts.

School visited Doncaster, after beating them at home by only one point, to beat them by eleven.

A much improved performance was given by the backs, who although they were rather starved of the ball, made good use of it when they had it.

The first of School's tries came from a loose scrum near the Doncaster line. The ball was sent blind and Sharpe went over in the corner. Ashton's try was also scored from a loose scrum. Wilkinson's two tries came from set scrums and Brannon scored by linking up with the backs.

This was a very satisfactory performance by both the forwards and the backs.

14th November, 1959. School 3 pts., Rishworth School 6 pts.

School, at full strength, found the Rishworth side much improved



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from last season, and, during the first quarter, were having to use drastic defensive measures to stop a determined attack. Rishworth crossed the line several times, but each try was disallowed because of various infringements.

School recovered and moved the play into the opposing half, but they never looked as dangerous as the Rishworth side. Rishworth took the lead in the first half through a penalty goal.

Play improved in the second half and was more even, but Rishworth again scored, this time through an unconverted try.

From one of the few occasions when School were on the Rishworth line Sharpe scored from a loose scrum.

School were beaten by a more constructive side who were both fitter and faster.

R. Griffiths.

COLTS' XV

Record:—

	Points	
	F	A
v. Pontefract—Lost	20	26
v. Huddersfield—Won	8	6
v. Barnsley—Lost	8	15
v. Castleford—Lost.....	0	48
v. Rishworth—Lost	3	29

Very unimpressive one will think. So it is. However, a closer look at these games will show that the picture is not so black.

The game against Pontefract was very open and could easily have gone the other way. There were many occasions when we were right on their goal line but just could not score.

Barnsley won because we could not keep their biggest player, who scored two tries, in check.

Over all it was poor tackling which lost us these two games.

Castleford treated us to an exhibition when we played them at Methley. They were more of a good team than a team of good individuals. It was this all-round strength and fitness which enabled them to score steadily and establish a lead of 34-0 by half-time. By then, however, we had discovered the virtues of quick-tackling and in the second half they only scored 14 points.

The last game was really lost when I decided to play several older boys who hadn't been playing regularly this term. This was an Under-fifteen-and-a-half game against a usually weak Rishworth. They played well and we failed completely to combine as a team, winning so little of the ball that we never saw a movement from the threequarter line.

There were three boys this year who had played last year. They are Howell, who moved into the forwards from

full-back, McInnes, at centre, and Cullimore, winger and captain.

Perhaps the weakest point has been tackling, which is only slowly improving. Even the example of the captain has not spurred them on. Scrummaging, particularly in the loose, was very poor to start with, but has come on a lot recently. Line-out work has also improved. The three-quarter line has never really been given enough of the ball to show its paces, but looks promising.

Although the team has rarely played well, I am sure the talent is there and I always feel that better games are to come.
M.R.

UNDER-13 XV

The Under-thirteen Rugby XV has enjoyed a successful and most enjoyable term.

The performance of the team has gradually improved with each match, and Junior Rugby in the School is now a force to be reckoned with.

A most pleasing aspect has been the willingness of all concerned to turn out for training and practice matches. The keenness has been displayed on the field of play, and many good performances have been given.

Next term we look forward to even better things, for now we have at last formed the nucleus of a strong team. Even more important, we have good reserves for nigh every position.

It would be unfair to single out individuals in a sport so essentially a team affair. Enough said, that everyone has tried his utmost.
F.A.G.P.

Results

v. Doncaster Technical High School (h.)	49- 0 Won
v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (a.)	10-18 Lost
v. Pontefract Grammar School (h.)	11-14 Lost
v. Barnsley Grammar School (h.)	20- 6 Won
v. Doncaster Technical High School (a.)	36- 0 Won
v. Rishworth Grammar School (a.)	48- 0 Won

Leading try-scorers: Starkie 15; Smith 12; Rowett 7; Mynett 3;
Schofield 3.

Goal-scorer: Priest 15.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Two new clubs have been started this term, the Gymnastics Club and the Athletics Club.

At the moment only a few boys attend the Gymnastic Club but it is hoped that some more boys will be discovered as a result of the gymnastic colours scheme which is now in operation.

The Athletics Club has been formed to help boys who are keen on athletics to keep fit during the winter

months and to learn more about the events in which they are particularly interested.

Weight Training is one of the major activities. An indoor shot has been purchased so that this event can now be practised in the gymnasium. A.J.

OLD FRESTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

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

Officers for 1959-60 are:—

President: J. Short, Esq.

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Treasurer: G. W. Fieldhouse, Esq., 6, Newlands View, Altofts.

Hon. Secretary: J. Bird, Esq., Newfield Farm, Normanton.

On Friday, December 18th, a Dinner Ball will be held in the Grammar School Hall by the Old Boys. All members of the Association are reminded that the Annual Old Boys' Dinner will be held at the school on April 9th, 1960.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. E. Richardson. An old boy of the School, he was a well-known figure at Old Boys' functions where his band was often in attendance. He was always prepared to give a helping hand and will be sadly missed by his old friends in the School.

OLD FRESTONIANS' A.F.C.

The Old Boys' soccer team operate in the 1st Division of the Yorkshire Old Boys' League.

We started the season reasonably well with four draws and a win. Since our 7-2 away defeat in the League Cup we have suffered three heavy home defeats. In the Wakefield Challenge Cup Competition we won through without much difficulty. On the whole this is not a bad record, but it is neither a happy one.

Our troubles are mainly the results of too little reserve strength. We appeal to any player, leaving school particularly this Christmas, or for that matter, any Old Boy to contact us. We train on Tuesday evenings, 6.30 to 8.00 in the Grammar School Gymnasium during the season.

It is worthwhile noting that the really successful sides in our League run as many as four teams.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Headmaster presided over some 86 parents at the annual meeting of the Association held on October 14th.

Even though the school's status was changed, he said, there were many things which could be provided by friends or the school. He had particularly in mind an organ for the new hall.

As a controlled school they still had many commitments to meet from their own funds, heaviest of which was the entertainment for visiting sports teams. The needs of the School Fund were not likely to diminish because the school was still expanding.

At the same time, Mr. Hamilton did not like to think of a Parents' Association entirely devoted to the cause of fund raising. It was certainly a useful function, but he would like to see the association more directly interested in getting to know more about the school: how it worked and what it was trying to do. Mr. Hamilton said he would willingly go to other centres of the school's catchment area to help the work of the association.

The secretary (Mr R. Busby), in his report, reviewed the year's activities of the association.

A certain lack of support from the general body of parents for the association's fixtures had given the committee some concern, said Mr. Busby. "The committee are at a loss to understand why we fail to attract larger audiences," went on the report. "Perhaps some members could give us advice on how to remedy this state of affairs."

Mr. Busby, Mr. A. G. Cudworth (minutes secretary) and Mr. J. Dawson (treasurer) were re-elected, and added to the committee were: Mr. E. Ashall (Featherstone), Mrs. McTear (Altofts), Mrs. E. Davies (Featherstone), Mrs. Williams (Featherstone), Mr. and Mrs. L. Hartill (Normanton), Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bailey (Normanton), Mrs. Hollis (Royston), Mr. and Mrs. Addy (Altofts), Mrs. Owen (Featherstone) and Mrs. Copeland (Normanton).

At the first meeting of the committee in their new year, Mr. H. Pyrah was re-elected chairman.

A donation of £20 from the association's funds was handed to the Headmaster.

Events arranged for the coming months were:—

Saturday, January 23rd: New Year Party in the School, 7.30 p.m., admission 2s. 6d. (supper included). There will be a bar.

Saturday, February 20th: Visit of Leeds Magic Circle to the School, 7.30 p.m., admission 2s. (adults), 1s. (children).

Wednesday, March 16th: An illustrated lecture by Mr. Charles Dilworth on "Further aspects of York" at the School at 7.30 p.m.

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