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LAST year's editorial ended with the hope that the next one would express regret "that there were too many really good original articles to print." The hope has been fulfilled, in part. Many contributions have been provisionally accepted, only to be crowded out by slightly more effective ones on similar topics; but originality, always welcome, is still hard to find. We are very grateful to all those who sent in articles, and the unsuccessful authors must not be discouraged.

Last year's magazine was produced by hand, in the emergency created by the printers' strike. The willing helpers who assembled the sheets (now and then putting in one upside-down, or inside-out) enjoyed their brief experience in the assembly line, but this year we return to skilled craftsmanship, and hope that the superior style will reconcile readers to the higher price. It would be higher still but for two things—the generous support of our advertisers and the accumulation last year of a small reserve.

We should like to include more illustrations, and stronger support from the Old Girls would enable us to do so. We include all the news of Old Girls that reaches us, and should welcome more. We appeal to all those who leave school this summer to order the 1961 magazine; the school will do its utmost to see that they look forward to future issues.

PREFECTS 1959-60

Head Girl: Mary Stopes, succeeded by Joan Townsend.

Deputy Head Girl: Joan Townsend, succeeded by Dorothy Poole.

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The Head Girls and Deputy Head Girls changed over at Easter. Cynthia and Thelma were elected as additional prefects.

Academic Successes 1959

West Riding County Major Exhibitions:

Barbara Clarke, Janet Price.

West Riding County Major Bursary: Lorna Arblaster.

*** CANON ORGILL ***

In the death of Canon H. W. Orgill, many of us mourn the passing of not only a devoted and active Minister of the Church, but also of a great friend.

Much has been said of his interests, both in the Church and in the Parish as a whole, but as a Governor of the Grammar School and High School Foundation for so many years, and Chairman for twelve, his interest in the welfare and education of both boys and girls was much more than a passing interest. He loved young people and seemed to have a deep understanding of their needs and problems.

It was always a joy to him to see the schools before him at Prize-givings, and the humour which he brought into his remarks on such occasions was much appreciated by the young members of his audience. It was also a great delight to him to hear and listen to the school choirs. Canon Orgill was an able musician, and his yearly comments on the high standard of the singing came from one who had a sincere and real appreciation for good music.

As Vicar of Normanton for 24 years, Canon Orgill was admired and respected by everyone with whom he came in contact, irrespective of creed or thought. His help and advice extended far beyond the members of his own Church. The demands made on him by the Parish were very great, and whatever work he undertook, he did it well, always setting himself a very high standard, and this he tried to maintain throughout his life.

Canon Orgill's name will long be remembered in Normanton. Those of us who worked under him will remember him with gratitude and affection. His life was truly a life of Christian service for those among whom he lived and worked.

FOUNDER'S DAY 1959

On Monday, July 13, the High School and the Grammar School held the annual service in the Parish Church to commemorate the founding of the two schools by John Freston.

The Vicar of Normanton, the Rev. C. A. O. Warman, M.A., conducted the service, and the reading was given by an Old Frestonian, Mr. J. Bird. The High School Choir sang the anthem: "O praise God in His Holiness," by C. Armtroug Gibbs. Miss Penrose conducted the choir, and Mr. Hallas accompanied on the church organ. The sermon was preached by the Vicar of Pontefract, Canon R. G. Clarke, M.A.

The service was enjoyed by everyone, and it was generally agreed that the flower decorations added to the beauty of the service. Miss Tate was responsible for the arrangement, but we are indebted also to the parents who so generously send the flowers.

Joan Townsend (U.VI).

SCHOOL NOTES

Great things were happening on the school field two days before this magazine went to press. At the beginning of morning school, there lay beside the canteen orderly piles of packing cases and huge white slabs; at recess, three sides and the roof of the new classroom block were up, and the end section was being coaxed into position as it dangled from a huge red crane, while the whole school gathered to watch. When we return for the second half of the term, the new building may be in use.

With a record number of pupils, the school has been more crowded than ever. The need to use every room to the best advantage has entailed a kind of General Post at the end of every period, and some sixth-form lessons have taken place in very odd comers. The new classrooms should make life more tranquil and comfortable for everyone.

So far' about sixty books have been added to the library this year, but the great influx is still to come. Until April we were subscribing to at least 30 periodicals; the list has been modified and cut down slightly, so as to leave more money for books.

Many of our books were looking very shabby, but the library prefects and their helpers have spent a great deal of their spare time repairing and labelling, and giving some of the most popular volumes a new lease of life.

Miss Kyne sent from Sweden a delightful album of photographs of Swedish life and landscape. This is now in the library to remind us of her lasting interest in the school, and to enable us to picture the country where she has been working during the past year.

On October 7th, 1959, the Upper Sixth general history group gave a talk to the school about the General Election. The group described the past history and traditions of Parliament, as well as reading extracts from the manifestoes of each political party. The interest which was shown by the rest of the school proved that the programme had been a success.

Lack of space has prevented our including a detailed account of the excursion to Paris at Easter, but perhaps the happy faces on the photograph taken at Versailles, and Pamela Wainwright's description of meal times "chez Berthe" will convey the right impression.

Two former members of staff have presented the school with delightful mementoes of their presence here. Mrs. Boothroyd gave gramophone records; Mrs. Cromack a sports trophy, to be given for netball. We should like to express our grateful thanks to them both.

Speech Day was held on October 22nd, 1959, in the Baths Hall. This was the first occasion on which Mr. A. Maurice Smith officiated as chairman. The junior and senior choirs each sang their songs, which were very warmly applauded. The prizes were distributed by Miss G. Smith, Principal of the Yorkshire College of Housecraft.

THE DANCING CLASS

After having tea, and biscuits if they were lucky, in the Grammar School canteen, members of the fifth and sixth forms from the High School were supposedly refreshed enough to overcome the dangerous hazards of learning to dance with partners provided by fifth and sixth formers of the Grammar School. The lessons, which were held each Friday after school during the Autumn term, were conducted most patiently by Miss M. Stone, who gave advice and assistance to the few couples who needed it. The classes were greatly enjoyed by all who attended them- even though the boys seemed to make little progress, except in the art of "faux pas."

Towards the end of the term a dance, organised by the Grammar School, was held in the High School gymnasium. Although no financial gain resulted from this effort, members of the class were able to take this opportunity of demonstrating their newly-acquired skill. At this dance, music was provided by Johnny Addlestone and his band.

The class would like to take this opportunity of thanking all members of the staff who helped in any way. This venture proved most successful, and it is hoped that the Dancing Classes may continue in the future.

Lower Sixth.

MUSIC: THE WEST RIDING ORCHESTRA

In the Spring term, 1960, the West Riding Orchestra, under their conductor, Mr. Adams, visited the school. Mr. Adams himself introduced and commented on each piece of music.

The concert included Mendelssohn's "Roy Bias" Overture, the first movement of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony, a selection from the Enigma Variations, by Elgar, and an Air and Giga for Strings, by Arne. The concert ended with the Dance of the Swans from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake ballet, and the Sabre Dance by Khatchaturian, which the audience seemed to enjoy especially well.

At the end of the afternoon Mary Stopes expressed, on behalf of the school our thanks to Mr. Adams and to the orchestra for giving us an entertaining and instructive afternoon's music.

Jennifer Tate (Lower VI).

THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

The House music competition took place on Friday, December 11th, the adjudicator being Mr. Smith, a lecturer at Leeds Training College. The choirs and the whole school assembled in the gymnasium in the afternoon for the performance. The choirs sang two two-part songs, "The Song of the Music Makers," in which the Wolds came first, and "I heard a linnet courting," in which the winners were the Dales. The Junior Solo was "The way to London Town," Josephine Cleaver, singing for the Fells, coming first. Instead of the usual Senior Solo there was a Senior Duet, "Peaceful slumb'ring on the Ocean," in which Kathleen Taffinder and Susan Mace, singing for the Dales, gave the best performance.

Mr. Smith gave helpful criticism, and commended the high standard attained by each choir. The final result was a victory for the Dales, with the Fells second, the Wolds third, and the Moors fourth.

P. A. Stott (Upper VI).

HOUSE NOTES



House Mistress: Miss Penrose. Captain: Ann Stott.

Last year we were placed joint third in the House Competition. This was mainly due to the bad conduct of a few members of the House, who still do not seem able to avoid getting four or five order marks a term.

In December we had an enjoyable Christmas Party with the Moors.

This year we have begun well by winning the Junior Netball and Music Competitions. The latter success was obtained by the co-operation of quite a large percentage of the House members—who devoted a great deal of time to practices. We were placed second in the Hockey competition and third in the Senior Netball competition.

Dales must keep up this good work in the Summer competitions and try to improve their behaviour if they are to regain the shield this year.

B. Barratt (Secretary).



House Mistress: Miss Wood.

House Captain: Mary Stopes.

At the end of the Summer term we were sorry to say "good-bye" to Miss Archer, but in September we welcomed Mrs. Guy and Miss Kynman to the House.

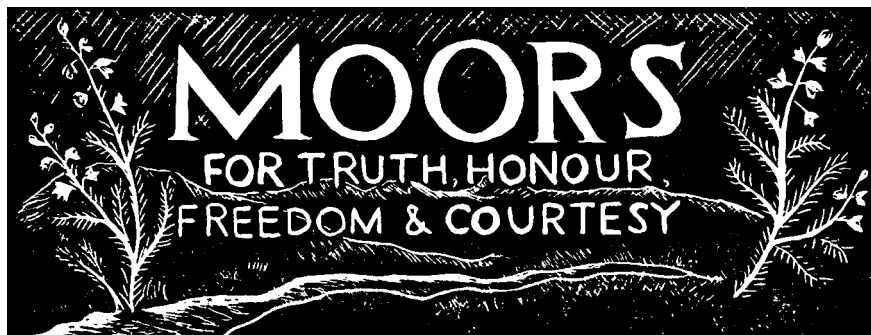
At Christmas the party was shared with the Wolds, and everyone enjoyed it.

The Fells were placed second for conduct last year, and we lost the Music Competiion to the Dales, although our team did very well.

The House was unsuccessful in the winter games this year, but the summer matches are still to be played. We were third for Hockey, joint third for Senior Netball, and second for Junior Netball.

We hope that every Fell will do her best in the examinations and the Swimming competition, so that we can, if possible, regain our position at the top.

Mary Whiting (U.VI), Secretary



House Mistress: Miss Tate. House Captain: Joan Townend.

In July we were sorry to lose Miss Kyne, who left us to take up a post in Sweden, but we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Armitage to the House.

At the end of the Autumn term everyone enjoyed the House party, which we shared with the Dales.

Last year we were placed second in the competition for the shield, and this year, unfortunately, reached only second place in both junior and senior netball and fourth place in senior hockey and music. We were also placed second in swimming and athletics, although we gained most points at the actual galas, proving that it was not lack of talent but rather lack of enthusiasm on the part of most Moors.

We wish our teams the best of luck in the coming competitions and ask every Moor to do her best in both work and play.

Margot Rowley (U. VI), Secretary.



House Mistress: Miss Barron.

House Captain: D. Poole.

We were sorry to say "goodbye" to Mrs. Cromack last July and Mrs. Boothroyd at Christmas. In January we welcomed Miss Wilkinson to the House. We hope that her stay with us will be a happy one.

Last year, by a great effort, we succeeded in winning the shield. We were placed first in work and second in conduct. In the senior tennis, swimming and senior rounders competitions we were placed second, and in junior rounders and athletics we were third.

At the end of the Autumn term we had a Christmas party with the Fells, which everyone enjoyed.

We made a good start this year by gaining first place in senior netball and hockey. We were placed fourth in the junior netball competition, however, and in spite of much hard practising, the choir was placed third in the music competition.

The rounders, tennis, swimming and athletics competitions still remain to be held, and every Wold must do her best in these, and in work and conduct, so that we can retain the shield this year.

B. Reed (Secretary).

School Societies :

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY

The society has had a successful year, with good attendances at most of the numerous and varied meetings. Two "record evenings" have been held; at one a panel of critics voiced opinions on a variety of records. Other meetings have included a Quiz, in which the girls were victorious; an "Any Questions" panel game, and a reading of Shaw's "Passion, Poison and Petrification," which seemed to amuse everyone, even the actors.

Despite all our fears, the Informal Evening was a very successful meeting, though highly original, owing to a fault in the projector.

A meeting enjoyed by everyone was the talk so kindly given by Mr. Werner about some of his experiences in an American school near Boston.

We who shall be leaving the society this year hope that it will continue to flourish, but this can only be achieved by the enthusiasm and co-operation of all the members.

Mary St opes (Upper VI).

S.C.M.

During the Autumn term, the group discussed "What is Communism?" by following a study outline, including such subjects as "The History of Communism" and "The Marxist View of History." The Harvest Festival service in October was arranged by the S.C.M.

The event most enjoyed during the Autumn term was the S.C.M. conference, which was held at Pontefract Girls' High School. Lively discussions followed the talks on "Church Unity in South India," and on the possibilities of "A United Church in England."

During the Spring term the study of Communism was completed by discussion of the last subject, "The Criticism of Communism." Unfortunately it has not been convenient to hold any meetings of the group since then.

At Easter the group arranged school prayers and S.C.M. members read the lessons.

The meetings have been well attended by both sixth forms, who have enjoyed and profited from the discussions.

The members of the S.C.M. group would like to thank Miss Benson for the help she has given throughout the year .

Thelma Roebuck (Secretary).

GUIDES, 1959-1960

At the beginning of the Autumn term we welcomed five new recruits into the company, and they were enrolled by the Captain in December.

The patrol competition in the Autumn term, which was won by Orchid Patrol, was concerned with raising money, and ended with a bazaar. As a result, over £20 was added to our camp funds. The competition this term is more interesting from the naturalists' point of view, and it remains to be seen who will carry off the shield.

Our annual party was held later this year, in February, to commemorate Thinking Day. It was organised by four guides, who arranged it as part of their Hostess Badge tests.

During the year several guides have passed their Second Class test, and many proficiency badges have been won. Ten Guides are at present being trained for the Cyclist badge by P. C. Best, and during the Easter holidays four girls visited the nursery school, where they gained their Child Nurse badge.

This year has been an eventful one, and has included patrol cooking without utensils, and, of course, the main occasion of the year, our Summer Camp, held at Brodsworth. In July, members of the company will attend the Jubilee Rally at Doncaster.

The Guides would like to take this opportunity of thanking our Captain, Miss Greaves, and also Miss Archer, for devoting so much of their time into making the camp an enjoyable one.

Joan M. Hutchinson,

Pamela Wainwright (V A).

JUNIOR SCHOOL SOCIETY 1959-60

Many interesting and entertaining events have taken place this year, which were enjoyed very much by the large audiences. IIIB held a social and refreshments were served during the interval. The following week II Beta performed a gypsy scene, which had very good scenery and costumes. IIA held an indoor sports tournament which had teams from all forms competing. A great deal of encouragement was given to all the teams by the spectators, and IIIA finally emerged as the victors.

Two pantomimes were performed this year. IB presented "Cinderella" and IIIA presented "The Sleeping Beauty." Both pantomimes were well performed and greatly appreciated.

At the beginning of the spring term a miming contest was held, and this provided a great deal of amusement.

Two variety shows were performed in the spring term; these were organised by IA and IC. IIIB produced a very amusing imitation of the television programme "The Larkins," which was greatly appreciated by the very large audience. To round off the year's activities IIIA organised a netball tournament in which, after a very hard struggle, the organisers were the winners.

On behalf of the whole of the junior school I should like to thank Miss Bree for being such an efficient and helpful organiser.

Susan Marsden, III A

THE RAMBLING CLUB

This year the Rambling Club consists of sixty-three members. Miss Walton has very kindly taken over the leadership from Miss Kyne, who left last Summer.

In the early autumn a small party walked round Bretton and Cawthorne and then visited Cannon Hall before returning home. In December Miss Walton and Miss Greaves took a party across the moors from Ilkley to Beamsley Beacon and then back to Ilkley. In spite of the cold weather some members did see a squirrel.

In March some members went to Ben Rhydding by train. From there they walked to Otley. The party had to cross a haunted bridge on this ramble, but no one seems the worse for it. In spite of the showery weather that prevailed, the walk was very much enjoyed.

On the last ramble which was held this year Miss Walton and Miss Greaves took a small party to Bolton Abbey. From here

they explored the country around before returning to Bolton Abbey station.

J. Weale, Secretary

BARNARDO HELPERS' LEAGUE 1958-9

Last year the result of our box opening and bazaar was again most satisfactory. The box collection yielded £120 8s. and the bazaar £265 17s. 6d. The school fund received £132 18s. 9d. and the Bamardo Homes £254 6s. 9d., the box collection and half the money from the bazaar.

The following girls had £1 or more in their boxes: C. MacCallum, S. Hewitt, M. Schofield, J. Hanson, C. Kitchener, G. Stewart, A. Whittaker, M. Cook, J. Stewart, S. Goodwin, R. Hewlett, J. Roberts, E. Mosley, J. Bayliss, V. Cooper, C. Beswick, P. Sissons, J. Dunford, J. Leatham, J. Weaver, J. Chambers, M. Colclough and C. Pennington.

Continued support from Old Girls brought us more than £20. M. Banks, M. Colclough, Mrs. Shiels, M. Holmes and L. Turner sent more than £1 each. Our largest single contribution came once more from Mrs. Burkinshaw, of Sharlston, £7 6s. 7d.

At the end of the Christmas term we made the usual collection of gifts for the Harrogate Home. The response to our appeal was again most generous.

The branch membership is now 284.

G. Barron, Secretary

CHARITIES 1959-60

This year has been a very successful one. The record attained last year has been exceeded by £33 6s. 9½d.

In the Autumn term, all the money collected was given to the Save the Children Fund, as a contribution to the World Refugee Year. During the same term, a special silver collection was taken for the Newland Colliery Disaster Fund.

The following charities have been supported from money collected during the Summer term 1959, Autumn term 1959 and Spring term 1960:—

	£	s.	d.
Save the Children Fund	42	2	11½
Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies	6	0	0
Crippled Children's Association	6	0	0
Mission to Lepers	5	14	2
Cancer Relief	7	11	10½
Spastics	7	11	10½
Newland Colliery Disaster Fund	17	0	4
Total	92	1	2½

The Sixth forms went carol singing at Christmas, and the money collected was sent to St. Dunstan's.

E. Mary Silverwood, L VI, Secretary.,

VISITS—AND VISITORS

During an afternoon in the Autumn term the senior forms had the pleasure of listening to the experiences of Miss Voss, who has worked in Malaya as a missionary for the National Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Miss Voss told us how she had founded a girls' school on the site of a swamp. The school was first occupied by only a few girls, but in later years Miss Voss, with the help of many devoted people, enlarged the school so that more than one thousand girls attended. During the Second World War the Japanese invaded Malaya, and, Miss Voss told us, took over her school for their headquarters. Although she was very reluctant to do so, Miss Voss answered some of our questions about her experiences in a prisoner of war camp. To conclude her talk, Miss Voss showed us some photographs of the school and of her former pupils.

Josephine Hopwood, U.VI.

During the Autumn term, the Sixth Form had a welcome visit from Mrs. Simpson, who represented the Navy League. She gave us a very enjoyable lecture on Women's Suffrage, explaining with historical reference, the trials which women throughout the ages have had to undergo. She gave us a brief outline of what the Navy League means and the work involved, and told us of many incidents which she had experienced in the Wrens. Mrs. Simpson ended her talk by answering questions presented to her by the girls.

M. Caswell, L.VI.

On Monday, the 19th October, Miss Temple and a party of Sixth formers went to West Park Secondary Modern School, Leeds, to see La Troupe Francaise perform "L'Avare" by Moliere. On the 15th February we again visited the school, accompanied by Miss Temple and Miss Lavender- to see Corneille's "Le Cid." We enjoyed both productions very much, and found that they greatly helped our study of the books.

B. Reed, U.VI.

During the Autumn Term of 1959, Mrs. Northcott gave a talk on "Women in America" to the senior school. Many interesting aspects of the American way of life were illustrated. The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

C. Kitchener, L.VI.

On Election Day, when the school was given a holiday, four members of the Upper Sixth Advanced Art Group were taken by Miss Tate to Ripon to study the architecture of the Cathedral. After spending about an hour in the Cathedral we went on to Fountains'. We first looked round Fountains' Hall and then spent the afternoon sketching the Abbey. To end our visit we walked through the park, which proved a fitting conclusion to a very enjoyable day.

On January 5th, members of the Sixth Form attended a conference on African affairs at Thomas House Grammar School, Wakefield, in which sixth-formers from other schools participated. In the morning the meeting was addressed on the subject of West Africa, after which the students were divided into several groups for discussion and were then allowed to question the speaker. In the afternoon the talk was on South Africa; we were again allowed free discussion and opportunity to ask the speaker questions. Altogether it was a very enjoyable and informative day.

In the Spring Term a few members of the Upper Sixth, in response to an invitation from the Pontefract Rotarians, attended a meeting in Wordsworth's Cafe, Pontefract, in which members of the Sixth Forms of other schools also took part. The meeting was first addressed by a German student who described the conditions in East German schools under the Communist regime. An Indian student told us how the Indian Government is trying to combat all the difficulties of an over-populated country which suffers from poverty, disease and ignorance, and how they are trying to modernise quickly, to try to reach Western standards, without losing any of their tradition or culture. The meeting, which I think everybody enjoyed, ended with general discussion and a buffet supper.

Patricia Bean, Upper VI.

On Friday, February 19th, Miss Tate, accompanied by Miss Harrison, took a party of Sixth Form girls to look round the Dormy Blanket Mills at Dewsbury.

When we arrived we were divided into two groups and conducted round the different departments of the mill. The processes we saw included woolcombing, dyeing, spinning and weaving. We were amazed by the amount of noise the looms made in the weaving sheds.

After seeing all these processes we went for tea, and were then taken up many flights of stairs to see the blankets finished ready to go on the market.

We were then given samples of the types of blankets produced at the mill, and after saying goodbye we climbed back into the bus to return home after a very enjoyable afternoon.

Judith Hanson, L.VI.

On Friday, April 1st, a party of girls went to see the Grammar School production of George Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan." The play was held in the Baptist schoolroom and was performed "in the round." This idea originated in America and was most successfully carried out at this production. The audience occupy four sides of the room and the actors perform in the centre, so everyone has a good view of the action.

The casting was extremely good, and everyone was impressed by Joan herself (particularly when one realised that "Joan" was really a boy). Charles and La Tremouille were two characters who were acted well and who aroused much amusement among the audience. The whole production was thoroughly well done and was a great help to the Upper VI Advanced English group, who are studying the play for the "A" level examination.

Everyone left quite satisfied by an excellent performance and some even wished they could afford time (and money) to see the play again.

Norma Barratt, U.VI.

Last term we were honoured by a visit from an actor — Mr. Roger Trafford. He gave a recital of the "Christmas Carol," written by Charles Dickens, which we found most entertaining. He portrayed the various characters excellently, and they were made more realistic by the different tones of voice- facial expressions and movements which he used to suggest their distinctive personalities.

The whole performance lasted about 1½ hours, but there were a few short intervals which proved to be beneficial not only for Mr. Trafford, but also for ourselves, as we could move into different positions so as not to get cramped. When the curtain rose, the whispering died down until a hush fell upon the audience as the recital recommenced.

One can always detect a good actor by the way in which he holds the audience and Mr. Trafford did this very well. This enthusiastic and realistic performance was amusing as well as interesting, and we appreciated the wonderful way in which he related this popular Christmas story.

Jean Harrison, IV A.

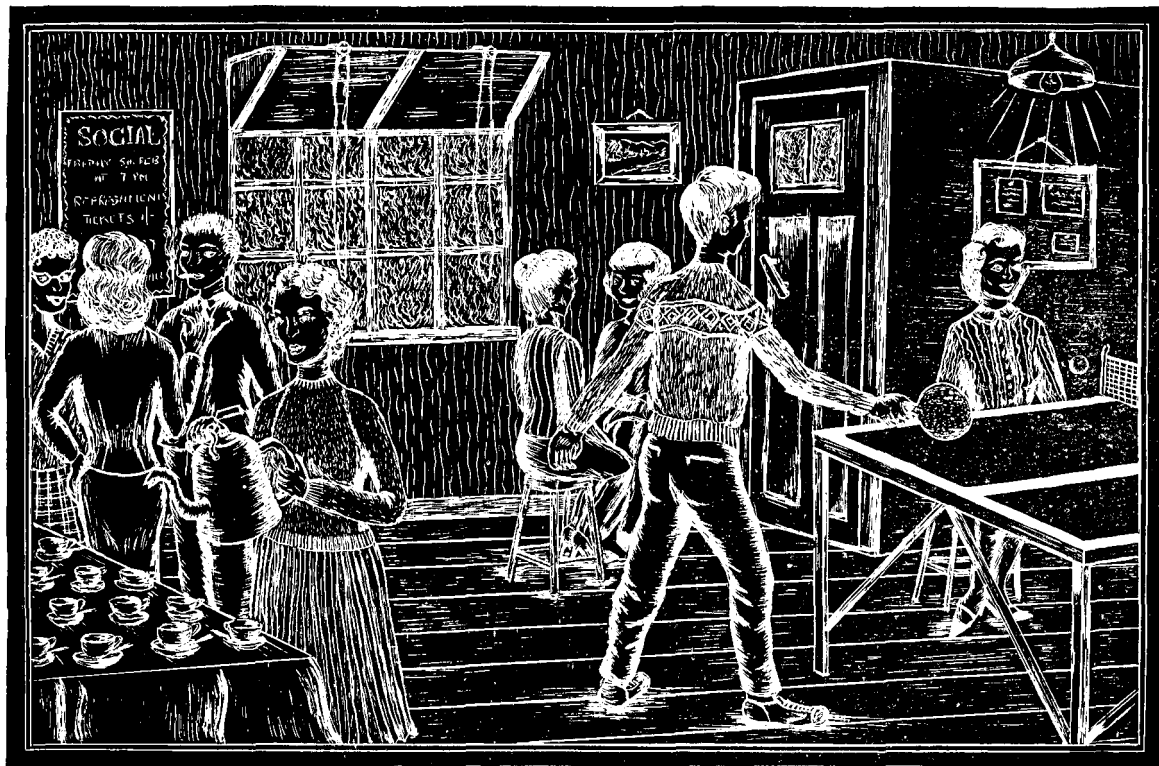
A VISIT TO YORK

A party of eleven girls and three teachers went to York on Saturday, May 28th, to see the Roman relics. The trip was organised by Miss Bree, and accompanied by Miss Walton, we left Normanton at 11.54 a.m. The weather was perfect and on arriving at York, we walked along the river bank where Miss Lavender joined the party. We then had lunch, after which we went to the Castle Museum and St. Mary's Abbey Museum, and we saw the real hair of a Roman lady. From about four o'clock until five fifteen, when we had all to meet at the boathouse, we were free to do as we wished.

In the evening some members of the party went down the river in a motor-launch as far as Bishopthorpe, where the Archbishop of York lives, and we enjoyed the trip immensely. We caught the 7.14 train back to Normanton, after which we all agreed it had been a most interesting and enjoyable day.

Patricia Boulton, III A.

YOUTH CLUB



Scraper Board picture by NORMA D. BARRATT (Upper VI)



THE SLUM CHILD

—Walter de la Mare.

In leafless Summer's stench and noise
I'd sit and play
With other as lean-faced girls and boys,
And sticks and stones for toys—

Illustrations in scraper board by JENNIFER MEGSON (L.VI)



AT VERSAILLES : Miss Temple, S. Mace, E. Cooke, C. Dobbs, V. Gelder, Miss Lound;
C. Chalkley, S. J. Edwards, M. Swales, M. Crook, M. Whiting, M. Rowley, B. Barratt, A. Scaife,
M. Mitchell, J. Stones, P. Wainwright, R. Metcalfe, S. Bednall, B. Reed, Miss Lavender;
C. Taylor, C. Kitchener, V. Crossley, H. Knowles, M. Wood, K. Taffinder, J. Bowers,
D. Lackenby, G. Harrison.

A VISIT TO STEEL, PEECH AND TOZER

On July 2nd, 1959, a party of girls from the Sixth and Fifth form science groups, accompanied by Mr. Bray, left Normanton station for Rotherham. The train arrived at twelve o'clock, and after eating our sandwiches in a local park we boarded a bus for Templeborough where the works are situated.

We arrived at 1.45 p.m. and while we were waiting we were amused to see a lorry driver, shoeless and asleep on the back of his lorry. The party split up into three sections and our guides warned us not to stray away from the party and to follow all the safety precautions, after which we signed a paper to release the company from any responsibility if we did not.

The first place we visited was the melting shop, where scrap metal and pig iron were put into huge furnaces where it was heated until it became liquid. Large machines like cranes, called chargers, were used to put the metal into the furnaces, and everyone was in constant fear of their lives as these charged up and down the shop floor. The heat was intense, but we soon grew accustomed to it. We were told that the furnaces were tapped every day and the molten metal poured into casts to form solid ingots.

These ingots were then put into ovens to be soaked with heat before they were finally shaped and trimmed, leaving no rough edges. We watched this process from a control cabin above the machinery, and when a faulty one passed beneath there was a loud bang and metal flew in all directions. The steel was then "pickled" in sulphuric acid to remove scales. We were told that the output of this shop was 155,741 tons per year.

The steel then went on to be used for various products such as bicycles and railway wheels. In one of these shops we saw a coil of metal being formed very rapidly, and on being told that if it came loose a siren blew and everyone had to leave the building, we kept as near to the exit as possible.

Our guide, who had been very helpful and patient throughout the afternoon, then took us to the recreation centre, where we had a much needed wash and a fine tea provided by the works.

After expressing our thanks for an enjoyable and interesting day, we returned to Rotherham, where we caught our return train to Normanton. We arrived home about six o'clock, very tired and rather thankful to be back again safely.

Sandra Hewitt, U.VI.

MAYFLOWER II

During the Autumn Term the school was fortunate in having a lecture on Mayflower II, by Mr. G. Wicksteed, who was First Mate on its voyage from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth, America. Mr. Wicksteed informed us about the building of the

ship, whose design was, as near as possible, a replica of Mayflower I, which had set out on September 6th, 1620, to carry one hundred and two pilgrims to safety and freedom in the New World. The crew of Mayflower II aimed to sail the ship across the Atlantic and to present her to the people of the United States, encouraging Anglo-American relations and reminding the English-speaking people of their common heritage.

The money for this adventure was raised in various ways: by staging an exhibition of the building of the ships, with the staff, dressed in costumes of 1620, acting as guides; by "Mayflower" books, which invited the public to sign if they wished to associate themselves with the goodwill mission to America; and by the sale of small "Mayflower" souvenirs. We were also told how the Captain, Commander Alan Villiers, chose his all-male crew, and how, finally, on April 20th, 1957, over three hundred years after the voyage of Mayflower I, they set sail, and after fifty-five days at sea, arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on June 12th.

This lecture, which proved both informative and enjoyable, was illustrated by film slides of the voyage; and after the talk, many souvenirs belonging to Mr. Wicksteed were shown. A sheet from the "Mayflower" book in America was left behind to be signed by pupils of the school.

Gillian Harrison,
Valerie Gelder L.VI

CHEZ BERTHE

The Paris trip was throughout, I think, enjoyed by all, but among the most amusing and interesting outings was the visit to the restaurant "Berthe" every day and twice a day for our meals. It proved to be a haven of rest after our usually long walk to somewhere or other, and everyone heaved a sigh of relief on seeing Rue Racine and "Berthe." The proprietor was a grey-haired middle-aged man, with an apparently permanent smile. He his wife, or his daughter always greeted us with a cheery "Bonjour Mesdemoiselles" or "Bonsoir" as the case may have been. Every day at eleven forty-five or six forty-five we were filled with hunger and anticipation of the meal to come. The French idea of a hearty meal is what we would, no doubt, term a banquet. Every meal time we were faced with numerous courses and still we were offered more. It is to commit the crime of crimes to leave any food when in France, or so it appeared, for immediately on leaving anything we were surrounded by eager waitresses offering us numerous other delicious things in the place of the one we had not eaten. The atmosphere at Berthe was altogether a jolly and friendly one; the waitresses chatted to us in English or French, and we "chatted" back, perhaps not quite so fast, but certainly we said something.

even if only a "Oui" or a "Non." One thing which particularly pleased the waitresses was the amount of bread we ate at our table, and at every meal we asked for "du pain, s'il vous plait," not once, but four times, averaging one plate of bread each.

We all have some happy memories of Paris and Berthe, and I for one intend trying out some of the delicious recipes which most of us met for the first time this Easter.

Pamela Wainwright, VA.

THE TRAMP

One day as I was leaning over the garden gate, I noticed a tramp come walking down the lane. He was wearing a battered grey old overcoat, and some dirty green corduroy trousers. He was walking with a limp, and his back was hunched. On his head he wore a dirty ragged brown hat, with a feather in it. When he came to odd bits of paper he poked them with his stick (which was made out of an old branch). Over his shoulder, attached to a stick, he carried a grey bundle. He looked very dirty and sly. His hair was grey in colour, and it really looked as if it needed combing. His face was a very dirty colour, and it had whiskers all over it. As he limped away I thought how horrible it would be, to become a tramp.

Sandra Fellowes, Form IB.

A SONG IN WINTER

A robin sings on a leafless spray,
Hey-ho, winter shall go!
Sunlight shines on the dark, dreary way;
And, under my feet,
I feel the beat
Of the world's heart, that never is still,
Never is still,
Whatever may stay.

The tide ebbs out, and the tide flows back,
Hey-ho, winter shall go!
Though heaven is screened by a cloudy rack;
It rains and the blue
Comes laughing through;
And, cloudlike winter goes from the earth
Goes from the earth,
That flowers in its track.

Christine Dyson, Form IA.

FLOWERS

I would much rather see flowers growing in their natural surroundings, than clustered in a small vase standing in the window. When you take an early morning walk, what do you see?

The Blackthorn tints the hedges with its snowy sprays, partly covering the elegant ebony branches. The golden dandelion stares at the sun, the colour reflected in its brilliant petals. Daisies shyly open their pink tinted petals, and celandines glisten in the damp shade. Butterburs, like peculiar toadstools, stand on the damp banks of the rivers and streams, clothed in dirty purples, or shady whites. Marsh marigolds in black bogs and soggy, derelict moors, unfold their upraised varnished petals to the sun. Under the shade of the lofty pines the anemone opens its frail white flowers to the sunrays, slanting through the branches.

In the meadows and hillsides, the bluebells sway in blue masses, their emerald leaves glistening in the sun.

What a beautiful scene.

Lynne Davenport, II A.

THE EVE OF THE CANNIBAL FEAST

'Yum yum' we thought, 'What a feast we'll have
When these white folk are done to a turn,
And we'll sit by the fire in the pale moonlight
And eat them on beds of green fern.'

But what's the chief doing? Ah! Stirring the pot!
We like them a rich, crisp, dark brown.
And we like them best when they're piping hot,
Though the toothless mutter and frown.

And when the feast's ready we all eat our fill,
From the old to the young. What a time!
And the feast carries on until sunset has come,
How delicious and succulent — prime!

But when the feast's over and we go to sleep,
What horrors we suffer by night!
I'm sure we all need something soothing for tums—
A sad ending to utter delight.

Susan Hawkins, III A.

BED TIME

The little boy lies in his small, single bed,
He kisses his mother, then puts down his head.
The moon shines brightly, lighting the room,
His face lightly touched by its silvery bloom.
As he sleeps he dreams,
Beautiful dreams,
Dreams which can never come true,
Of soft-ringing bluebells in cool, woodland glades,
And fairies with soft wings of blue.

Jean Bradley III A.

AN INTERESTING VISITOR

Last summer we had the pleasure of entertaining my cousin for ten days. I think I shall remember those ten days all my life. What is so extraordinary about having one's cousin to stay? Well — John is blind.

My cousin was bom blind and attended a school for blind children from the age of five. He later attended a boarding school, taking a Grammar School course and also learning to play the piano, guitar, organ and flute. From there he attended a college, learning shorthand and typewriting. He is employed as a shorthand typist in the civil service, and travels daily to Wimbledon from his home in Epsom. He uses a Braille shorthand machine, but the typewriter is exactly the same as that used by sighted people. Correct typewriting is, of course, done by touch only, and not by sight.

Although he had never visited our house before, within ten minutes he had found his way around unaided. He obtains a weekly magazine entitled the "World Digest" in Braille, and when he read passages aloud to use, he read it as quickly as we would read a book from ordinary print.

Almost all of us take sight for granted, and it is only when we come into contact with someone like John that we realise how thankful we should be.

Elizabeth Tindall, Form II A.

A STORMY DAY BY THE SEA

The wind lashed the waves and they rose in anger
Foaming and splashing with white, snowy crests,
Rearing their heads with white plumes flying
Thundering and roaring to race for the beach,
Where they crashed to their deaths
On the rocky shore.
While above the sea the sky was leaden,
Flashes of lightning splitting the sky,
The wind whistled shrill and at thunder's deep roaring,
Screaming gulls rose with shrieks of despair,
Gulls winging high
Till the sea calmed once more.

Susan Marsden III A.

AUTUMN

Autumn is a beautiful season, when the trees are at their best. The leaves glow with tints of copper or they shine like gold. In the strong gusts of wind, the trees stand firm, but their leaves are torn away and whirled down to the parched earth.

The grass is withered and brown, not green any longer, for the blinding summer sun took all the moisture from the grass and the earth around it.

People are enjoying the last rays of the sun for the year, for they know that harsh winter is to follow.

The apples and pears are ripe and ready for picking. In another week they will all have disappeared, for most people do not like to leave them to the mercy of the wind. Children swarm down country lanes, picnicking and gathering blackberries.

Autumn is a season of joy which leads into stern winter, but the memories of the woodland pleasures help us to forget the harsh snow and rain until the promise of spring approaches.

Janet D. Davison, II A.

TEENAGE TROUBLES

The screen goes dark—end of first part—
And then those silly adverts, start;
I'm only halfway through the play
And then I hear my mother say:
 "It's time for bed, my dear."

"Oh, let me stay and see the play,
Please, Mum, please," I pleading say,
"I really must know how it ends,
And if the villain makes amends";
 But Mum says: "Bed, my dear."

I've combed my hair, my face is clean,
I really think it's rather mean
To pack me off to bed like this
When half the programme I shall miss:
 Mum threatens: "Did you hear?"

Oh, life is hard for girls like me,
It's five before I get my tea,
And then there's homework to be done—
It doesn't leave much time for fun:
 Mum frowns, "My words were clear!"

My protests are of no avail,
It does no good to weep and wail,
Alone my troubles I must bear,
And as I slowly climb the stair
 I shed a silent tear.

For going to bed I have no zest,
I'm told: "Now, dear, it's for the best,
As growing girls need lots of sleep
If health and beauty they would keep"—
 And Mum is right, I fear.

Francine Cole, III A.

THE STORM

The large black clouds hovered dangerously in the air. The grey sky was reflected in the angry, violent sea as it fiercely hit the old grey walls of the deserted harbour. The old boat pulled hard against the sodden ropes, which creaked and heaved with the heavy strain of the vessels. It was as if the angry sea was trying to carry them away from their haven into the turbulent tempest which completely surrounded them.

The seagulls soared and swooped, and, hovering above the turmoil, cried to one another with a shrill, piercing voice.

An old fisherman walked wearily away, the howling wind tearing at his saturated clothes and pulling at his drenched cape. He stood for a moment and gazed upon the savage sea which was waiting to snap up anyone who dared enter its raging jaws. Slowly he turned and continued on his lonely journey, away from the deafening noise and confusion.

The darkness began to draw across the sky like a heavy curtain, but the waves still lashed over the aged walls of the harbour, and the biting wind continued to howl. Only the birds went to rest.

Mary Cliff, IV A.

THE BOY WHO LEARNT TO BAKE

There was a boy who learnt to bake,
And so he made a chocolate cake.
He gave some to his Aunt Maria,
In haste, she threw it on the fire;
He gave some to his Uncle Fred,
And by next morning he was dead.
He sent some to his cousin Ben,
But he was never seen again;
He left some for his sister Heather,
Who thought it was a piece of leather.
He dropped a piece into the street,
It hit a policeman on his beat;
The Chief Inspector at the station
Immediately put him on probation,
But warned him ne'er again to cook,
Or he would certainly lock him up;
So the poor boy has left his baking
And studies the art of boiler-making.

Renée Agley, III A.

THE BEACH

The beach was deserted except for three or four people dressed in raincoats. The wind was howling and the sea lashed up the beach and swirled into the rock pools, which would be covered at

high tide. The spray was flung by the wind and wet the half-turned faces of the people hurrying for shelter.

The sea was dark green and the little fishing boats bobbed up and down in the water, riding before the storm to shore.

The deck chairs lay in a neat pile, covered by tarpaulins. Then, with a sudden gust, the wind blew the covering off the deck-chairs to reveal their bright colours, which seemed out of place in this rain-swept scene.

In the distance the coloured lights of the town seemed to twinkle a message of welcome and encouragement, particularly for the fishermen who would be kept from the comfort of their firesides for many hours.

Janice Smith, III A.

BEATNIK GIRL

Long black stockings,
Stragling hair,
Knee-length sweaters—
What they wear!

Tight black skirts,
Stiletos high,
Dark sunglasses—
What they buy!

Beatnik nails
Of vivid green—
Most hideous sight
You've ever seen.

Jean Beedle, III A.

HOMEWARD BOUND

The herdsman cheerfully hurries the slow-witted cows into the empty shed, eager to be home to the nourishing Irish stew which, no doubt, awaits him.

His cottage lies beside a huge oak tree, which spreads its branches lovingly over the thickly-thatched roof. A thin wisp of smoke escapes through the chimney and meanders lazily up into the still, sultry air.

A grubby little boy trots happily along a narrow path which winds sedately beside a thick hawthorn hedge. A triumphant smile crosses his dirty face as he holds up the jam jar, which he carries with the greatest care, to inspect the three lively sticklebacks, which swim disconsolately within.

A series of squawks above diverts the child's attention and he lifts his head to see a large flock of rooks returning swiftly through the darkening sky to their lofty nests- ready to rest after their daily exertion.

Joan Strangwood, III A.

ATHLETICS

The third annual inter-house athletic championships were held on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 8th, and we were lucky in the day being fine and dry.

Many records were broken, both in the senior and junior events, Valerie Holgate being responsible for breaking the senior records in both sprints and both jumps.

Dales were prominent among the juniors, Fells and Moors among the intermediate, and Moors and Wolds among the seniors. Valerie Holgate emerged as Victrix Ludorum, Mary Cook and Sheila Instone tried for the intermediate title, and Sheila Harvey was the junior champion. These four girls were awarded colours.

The trophy, won by the Dales, was presented by Miss Eaton, a governor of the school.

In the Yorkshire Schools A.A. championships, held at Redcar on the 27th June, three of our girls managed to reach the final in their event.

Mary Cook came fourth in the junior 100 yards, Christine Davis came fourth in the junior long-jump, and Sandra Birchall came fourth in the intermediate 80 yards hurdles.

S. D. Birchall, L. VI.

JUNIOR ROUNDEES 1959

The Junior Rounders team had eight fixtures this season but one match was cancelled and another was abandoned.

The team has practiced regularly and every member was very enthusiastic. Colours were awarded to Barbara Chance, captain, and Valerie Swallow, vice-captain.

The team: Bowler, P. Boulton; back stop, B. Chance (capt.); first base, K. Taffinder; second base, A. Willis; third base, M. Cook; fourth base, J. Harrison; first deep, M. Baker; second deep, V. Swallow; third deep, E. Sheard; reserve, F. Walmsley.

Opponents	H	Result
Pontefract Girls' High School ...	H	Cancelled
Wheelwright Girls' High School	A	1— $\frac{1}{2}$ Won
Ossett Grammar School ...	A	6—1 Won
Rothwell Grammar School ...	A	2— $5\frac{1}{2}$ Lost
Castleford Grammar School ...	A	1—3 + innings—Lost
Thornes House Grammar School	H	4— $\frac{1}{2}$ Won
Pontefract Girls' High School ...	A	$3\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$ Lost
Thornes House Grammar School	A	$4\frac{1}{2}$ —1 Abandoned

Barbara Chance.

TENNIS 1959

Captain: C. Goalby.

Vice-captain: C. McCallum.

1959 was a successful season for the school tennis teams. Enthusiasm was high and competition for places in the teams was keen. The 1st VI was again beaten in the Aberdare Cup competition. In the matches against Princess Mary's High School,

Halifax, and against Keighley Grammar School, the results were two sets won and six sets lost. In matches against local schools, the 1st VI lost one match and won six, and the 2nd VI won three matches and lost three. One match had to be abandoned because of rain. The standard of play was reasonably high and some good matches were played.

Colours awarded to: E. Beddows, M. Caswell, D. Poole.

Results:

Opponents	Where played			1st VI	2nd VI
Wheelwright	...	...	A	Won 56-46	Won 46-35
Ossett	...	...	A	Lost 38-43	Lost 24-39
Rothwell	...	...	A	Won 49-32	Won 48-33
Castleford	...	...	A	Won 54-27	Lost 38-43
Thornes House	...	...	H	Won 67-14	Won 55-26
Hillam	...	...	H	Won 57-24	

D. Poole.

SWIMMING 1959

Once again swimming was a popular pastime. There was a good attendance at the baths every Thursday afternoon, a situation encouraged, perhaps, by the weather. Points were again awarded to girls for various activities in the water, and the standard required for certain events was raised.

Many girls had a successful season. Certificates and medals awarded by the Royal Life Saving Society and gained by girls included the Bronze Cross (4) and Bronze Medallion (10) and four Intermediate certificates. Other girls gained the elementary (4) proficiency (6) and advanced (3) swimming certificates. A most successful and exciting gala was held at the end of term, and on the total of points gained during the term for tests, and in the events at the gala, Dales won the swimming cup.

Colours awarded to: C. Hollies, M. Reynolds.

House	Standards		Gala results	Total
Dales	...	313	28	341
Fells	...	228	23½	253½
Moors	...	210	40	250
Wolds	...	261	17½	278½

D. Poole.

HOCKEY 1959-60

Captain: D. Poole. Vice-Captain: A. Stott.

Games Secretary: E. Cooke.

Games Helpers: M. Caswell, C. Jolliffe.

Refreshments: M. Silverwood.

Altogether this has been a most unfortunate season for hockey, and not many matches were played. Although Mrs. Guy was most helpful, we were handicapped at first by the absence of a full-time P.E. mistress. The situation was not improved by lack of enthusiasm among team members and poor attendance at practices.

As in previous years, the defence proved to be the strongest part of the team. The forwards failed to seize opportunities when in the circle, and the defence did not always clear the ball quickly enough or far enough. At times there was too much individualism and not enough co-operation among team members, especially in the second XI. Next season we must strive to obtain a team in all sense of the word, and not just a collection of eleven players.

Colours were awarded to: E. Cooke, A. Stott.

Results:

Opponents	Where played	1st XI	2nd XI
Hillam ...	A	4-0	5-0
Ossett ...	A	2-3	0-6
Rothwell ...	A	1-2	1-3
Ackworth ...	H	1-0	0-2
Castleford ...	A	0-5	0-6

D. Poole.

TENNIS 1960

Captain: D. Poole.

Vice-captain: M. Caswell.

As a result of the lateness of Easter this year, not many matches have been played yet. The standard of play, however, seems quite good and encourages us to view the coming season with a reasonable hope of success. The 1st VI played against Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate, and Royd's Hall, Huddersfield, in the first round of the Aberdare Cup competition. At the end of the afternoon, each school having won the same number of rubbers and sets, the match was awarded to Queen Ethelburga's, who had the highest percentage of games played to games won. The only other match played this term was a first team match against Hillam, which resulted in a 49-32 win to Normanton.

Fixtures for the coming season include matches against Pontefract, Hemsworth, Ackworth, Rothwell, Ossett, Hillam and Castleford.

D. Poole.

STAFF NEWS

At the beginning of the Autumn term we were pleased to welcome to the staff Miss Hiley, who is now Mrs. Hjort, to share the work in the English department, and Miss Kynman, who came to teach French. Like many schools at present, we were not fully staffed, and Mr. Whittlestone came out of his retirement to assist in the Mathematics department. In spite of all our efforts, we were unable to obtain a Mistress for Physical Education until Miss Wilkinson, an Old Girl of the school, came to take the post in January. At Christmas, however, we lost Mrs. Boothroyd, who went to join her husband in Liverpool. Once again we were fortunate to obtain the services of a retired teacher, Miss Woodward, from Castleford, and we are very grateful for the help given by her and Mr. Whittlestone.

This term we shall be losing Miss Walton, who has been teaching English and History in the Junior School since 1957, and who is going to take a post nearer her home in the north of England. Miss Walton has been an enthusiastic member of the Rambling Club, which she has been running since Miss Kyne left last year, and she has also looked after the School National Savings Group. Miss Howley will also be leaving this term to take a post in New Zealand. She will be missed in many ways, but particularly for her help in making the costumes for the school plays. We hope that both Miss Walton and Miss Howley will be happy in their new posts and we wish them every success.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Eveline Hinckley was in England in the summer of 1959. As her visit to friends in the neighbourhood coincided with our summer holidays, she was unfortunately unable to come to school.

Another old girl now in the U.S.A. is Muriel Long, who is teaching for a year in a senior high school at Wanwatosa, a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We congratulate Clarice Malpass on being selected to play netball for Yorkshire.

Several girls who have left school recently have sent thoughtfully-chosen gifts. We should like to acknowledge the school's gratitude for the brooch for the Head Girl, given by last year's Head Girl, Joan Hemingway, and for the books on the Old Testament and on colour prints sent by Brenda Lealman and Joyce Marchant respectively.

Several of this year's first forms are daughters of Old Girls. They include Carolyn Goodridge (Dorothy Radley's daughter), Linda Sparkes (Jean Taylor) and Christine Bramham (Gladys Jacobs).

We offer congratulations to Hope Tordoff (nee Leake), Elaine Sadler (nee Fossey), and Molly Bastow (nee Benson) on the arrival of babies—all boys.

Marriages. 1959—May: E. Anne Dunford to Frank Fitton. Aug.: Mary C. Box to Brian Barnett; Joyce Hall to Alan M. Collier; Clarice Malpass to Brian Eccles; June M. Garraway to Lloyd N. Toskwin; Mary O'Rourke to Val John Mitchell.

Sept.: Constance M. Storey to Brian Pearson; Barbara Powell to Tony N. Gibson. Oct.: Avril Booth to Robert Gillespie; Pamela M. Baker to Alfred J. Benjamin. Nov.: Sheila Odling to George Newton. Dec.: Rosemary V. Kilbourn to Michael E. Nicholas; Cynthia M. Lindley to Ronald W. Lucas.

1960—Feb.: June Vause to Arthur Tennant; Ann G. Clayton to Dennis Owen. March: A. Lorna Powell to James S. Lee; Dora Wilby to Raymond B. Lowe.

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