

the side of the Hall. We are discouraged from leaning against the walls by the scorching heat from the radiators.

Five minutes before zero hour at 10.25 a.m., the duty prefects swallow their tranquillisers, steel their nerves and position themselves at battle-stations. During break, the prefects' duties are many: those on Tuck Shop duty prepare to meet the ravenous horde of pupils and extract from them sticky pennies and the various foreign coins and washers that pass as coins of the realm, suicide attempts in the pond are prevented, in most cases, by the playground duty prefects, a prefect administers milk to the thirsty; and several prefects are employed in various parts of the building ejecting groups of leech-like first-formers from the oddest places. The most nerve-racking job of all falls to the prefect on playground duty who is responsible for herding the plebs back to the grindstone.

The first great exodus begins at 12.20 p.m. This comes as a relief to all, except for the prefects once more on duty, who vainly attempt to clear the School of the more parasitic elements. The scene shifts to the Canteen where prefects attempt to dole out the iron rations so that they alone are satisfied.

Back at school, those more inclined to work attend the lunch-time Kultur sessions in the Homework Rooms; others prefer to relax on the playing fields. Prefects also supervise the lunch-time operations of the Library for the country peasants of the school. At 1.50 p.m., the school reassembles for an afternoon of scholarly activity, ushered in by polite and charming prefects. While 4.15 p.m. represents the end of the school day for many of the School, the prefect body remains behind. Those prefects who can read are assigned to Library duty; others assume control of the numerous clubs and societies, which provide a light relief after the school day.

And now a word about the Prefects' Room. This luxurious apartment, which is located on the top floor of the Tower block, is richly and amply furnished in bohemian style. The keen interest in current affairs is shown by the display of Press cuttings and election posters.

If, dear reader, you think this article is a piece of blatant trumpet-blowing on the part of the prefect body, you are quite right. It is, since few would do it for us.

C. F., B. W. T.

HERE AND THERE

THE Editors would like to congratulate the following pupils on their out-of-school achievements; R. Bunting (6.U. Modern) was awarded a standard medal for his performance in the All-England Counties Athletics Championship, captained the British Timken A.C. Under 19 Team, won the 100 yards in the North-

amptomshire Schools Sports, won the 100 yards and the Discus events in the County Club Championships, and entered for the Midland Counties Championships and the Junior A.A.A.'s Championships.

R. Baker (6.U. Modern) played six times for the County Senior Schools' Rugby Team; J. W. Pardoe (6.U. Modern) played once for the County Senior Schools' Rugby Team and was a travelling reserve on five occasions; A. E. W. Lay (6.U. Modern) had a trial for the County Senior Schools' Rugby Team.

V. Meakins (1B) won a second prize in the Northampton Eisteddfod.

J. Statham (4C) was awarded a prize for the best speaker in a Young Farmers' Annual Speaking Contest. The subject was "The Large White Pig";

D. James (3B) won the Under 15 Cup in the Northamptonshire Junior Golf Championships.

T. Peploe (1A) was awarded four certificates by the Royal School of Church Music for his piano-playing, gained a second place in the Northampton Eisteddfod and a first place in the Kettering and District Eisteddfod.

D. Butlin (1A) swam for the Northampton Under 12 Team against Leicester.

G. Panther (4B) gained second place in the *News of the World* Junior Rifle Competition and was awarded the Neaverson Cup in the Northants and Hunts Junior Rifle Competition.

A. E. Hames (T.5) was awarded the Laughton Cup for his model of a German U-Boat, a silver medal for his R.A.F. Crash Tender in the Northern Models Exhibition at Manchester, a first prize and plaque for the best power-driven boat in the Sheffield Models and Handicrafts Exhibition, and the Exide and Drydex Batteries Challenge Cup.

B. Capell (T.5.) gained first place in the 880 yards at the Northants Schools' Sports and was selected for the All-England Counties Athletics Championships.

K. Adams (T.5) gained second place in the 220 yards at the Northants Schools' Sports and was selected for the All-England Counties Athletics Championships.

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We congratulate Mr. Matthews on his marriage and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. Chesters on the birth of their respective sons.

DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Debating Society was formed on Friday, 13th March, 1959, when a gathering of sixteen Sixth Form members decided to call themselves members of a Debating Society and elect officers for the said Society. The Headmaster was elected President of the Society and four Vice-Presidents—Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Crick, Mr. Clements, and Mr. Matthews—were also elected.

The members of the Debating Society held their inaugural debate (an invitation to which was extended to all Upper School scholars), on Monday, 23rd March, 1959, and the motion for debate was "This House believes that the wearing of so-called 'Edwardian' dress is in all cases a sign of a weak and degenerate moral character." Speakers for the motion were Mr. R. D. Baker and Mr. Alcock and against, Mr. Finn and Mr. Pearson. Mr. Clements was in the chair. The debate was conducted under the strict rules laid down by the members of the Society.

Mr. Baker was the opening speaker and he tried to impress upon the floor that boys who wore "so-called Edwardian dress" were bloodthirsty members of gangs which beat up defenceless old ladies. He even went so far as to compare them with herds of animals. Mr. C. Finn, being the chief speaker against the motion, spoke next. Mr. Finn based his case on the fact that the motion says "in all cases" and he argued that, if one teddy-boy could be found without a weak and degenerate moral character, then the motion put forward was defeated.

Mr. Alcock, seconding for the motion, delved more deeply into the appearance of "Edwardian" dress giving us a vivid picture of tight, knee-bagging, drain-piped trousers and scruffy, unpressed, knee-length jackets. Mr. Pearson, seconding against the motion, also made the point that the motion must fail if one teddy-boy without a weak and degenerate moral character could be produced.

Speakers from the floor included Mr. Dale who supported Mr. C. Finn by saying that teddy-boys were made the scapegoats of the community because they tried to distinguish themselves by wearing "fancy dress"; Mr. A. Jones who supported the motion; and Mr. Hartwell who caused an uproar of laughter by saying that Mr. Macmillan, the Prime Minister, was known as "the perfect Edwardian."

The meeting was terminated by the chairman who summed up the proceedings and asked for a vote. The motion was defeated by an overwhelming number of votes.

T. R. D.

BEEKEEPING CLUB

A BEEKEEPING Club has been formed by Mr. Waller. For this hobby, a veil, a large-brimmed hat such as a scout hat, a pair of gauntlets, and a pair of gloves should be worn as a protection against stings.

The Club has obtained a colony of bees. We hope to conduct some simple experiments, as well as making pollen slides to study the different shapes of pollen under a microscope. The hive stands in the quadrangle near the pond. The Club will be able to take part at the meetings of the Northamptonshire Beekeepers'

Association. This Association assists members in their problems and holds film shows and meetings during the winter months.

Although one gets stung quite regularly, beekeeping is a very interesting and exciting hobby.

R. B., S. H.

CYCLING CLUB

HISTORY was made on Sunday, May 18th, 1958, when, in spite of wind and rain, the first run of the Cycling Club was made, under the leadership of Mr. Phillips, to Foxton. Since January, 1959, the club has been taken over by Mr. Smithurst, Mr. Jones and Mr. Clements.

The first run of the 1959 season was made on Saturday, May 2nd., on a bright, sunny day, to Foxton, and the distance covered was approximately forty-five miles.

The next run was to Rothwell. After lunch, we wandered through a wood, where three members managed to get lost. We then went on to Wicksteed Park, where great fun was had on the boating lake.

During the Whitsun break, we had a run to Woburn Park, and Abbey. Some of the members went into the Abbey, some to the Children's Playground, and some to play "crazy golf."

The aims of our club are to promote further knowledge of our roads and by-ways, and to teach a high standard of road safety. Boys from the second-year forms upwards are warmly invited to a club that is enjoyed by all the present members.

J. W.

SWIMMING CLUB

THE Swimming Club meets every Thursday after school at the Mounts Swimming Baths. Mr. Matthews is in charge of the Club and everyone has an enjoyable time.

One is allowed to do anything (within reason), there is no charge, and the sessions last under 5.30 p.m. All new members will be welcome.

T. R.

JAZZ CLUB

THE Jazz Club, during the twelve months since its inception, has been following a policy of "giving the customers what they want." It was felt that, until a regular following had been established, we should attract members with the latest "pop" releases. They have not, as yet, been indoctrinated with the complicated rhythmic patterns of Brubeck's piano, or the luscious, hard, rasping tenor of Coleman Hawkins.

Special thanks are due to B. W. Tarry, who, with incredible regularity, has been surfacing, weekly, from the dark, dank depths of St. James' End, clutching a tape recorder. This has been one

of the prime factors in attracting attendances of not less than forty a week.

It is to be hoped that the Club will go from strength to strength, and, who knows, one day we may even play some Jazz.

T. A. J. C.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

AT the end of the Spring Term, an inaugural meeting of the society was held. The Headmaster kindly consented to become the President, Mr. Timms became the Chairman, and Brown (L.6 Science), the Secretary.

After the business part of the meeting had been concluded, Mr. Guffogg set us off to a good start by giving an illustrated lecture on Micro-photography. Mr. Guffogg explained how he replaced the eye-lens of a microscope with a camera and how, after developing and printing, the colour photographs were mounted as slides. The use of light filters and the effect of different exposure times was also dealt with. The slides were excellent. One, showing the antennae of a mosquito magnified 900 times, was particularly spectacular. Another slide showed diatoms so magnified that their areas were increased twelve million times !

The society will function during the Autumn and Spring Terms of each year and we look forward to meeting many sixth, fifth and fourth-year pupils at our future meetings.

P. B.

THE ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB

THERE are many advantages of being a member of a bird-watching society. One main advantage is learning from other people's experiences. Text-books are full of information; but a member may see the unexpected and then pass on the knowledge gained from his encounter to others.

The T.H.S. Ornithologists' Club has only a few members and new recruits are always welcome. At the beginning of the Summer Term, the club made a trip to Slimbridge (a wild bird reserve in Gloucestershire) which proved to be extremely interesting. At Slimbridge, such rare birds as Hawaiian Geese, King Eiders and Hooded Mergansers were seen at very close range. Most of these rare birds fly to Slimbridge of their own free will. Owing to the success of this trip, the School is becoming a member of the Wild Fowl Trust.

Before the Slimbridge trip, the members of the Club had only ventured into a small area of Northamptonshire. But, in the future, we hope to explore further afield and, consequently, discover haunts of rarer species.

We extend a cordial invitation to all members of the school to join our club.

R. D. S.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

A NATIONAL Savings Group has been in existence in the School almost since its opening.

If you are anxious to provide pocket-money for your holiday expenses, National Savings Stamps (value 6d. and 2s. 6d.) can be bought, either from your form master or mistress, before 9 a. m. on Monday morning, or from Mr. Clements in Room 3 on Monday evenings between 4.15 and 4.30 p.m.

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A. C.

CHESS CLUB

DURING the past three winters, boys from all forms have met on one evening a week from 4.15 to 5.15 in Room 6 to play Chess.

The Club has run two Leagues in the past winter, (one for novices and one for "experts"), a knock-out competition, and has begun a Chess-Problem Competition.

If sufficient support is forthcoming, the Club will re-open at the beginning of the Autumn Term, when we hope to welcome newcomers, beginners and "old hands."

A nominal entrance fee of 6d. will be levied in order to provide a supply of boards and chessmen for future use.

A. C.

CRICKET SOCIETY

THE object of the Society is to further interest in all spheres of cricket, and membership is open to all members of the School. The activities of the Society include:

- Organization of matches at all age-levels;

- Trips to first-class cricket matches;

- Film Shows and Talks;

- Visits (it is hoped) by County players to meetings of the Society;

- Cricket-practice sessions.

The Society reserves the right to challenge the Staff to a cricket match on the last afternoon of each school year.

A. W. P.

SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE School Christian Fellowship was, quite appropriately, the first of our School's many societies. The initial meeting was held on the 20th April, 1956, in those dark days when some of us were still slogging away "over yonder." The founder, Mr. P. Johnson, with six of his contemporaries, worked very hard during the first year to get the Fellowship established. The opening meeting, held on September 24th, 1956, was a great success. At

this meeting, Rev. F. J. Holley spoke on the subject "God and The Beginning."

The next notable event in our S.C.F. was on October 8th, 1957, when we were affiliated to the "Inter-School Christian Fellowship." This organization has no control over the S.C.F., but gives help and advice whenever needed. It holds Leaders' conferences every Christmas and, for the past two years, we have sent representatives to it.

The S.C.F. is open to all members of the School regardless of age or denomination and everyone is welcome.

You may ask: "Why should I go to S.C.F.?" If you are a true Christian, having accepted the salvation made available by the death of God's son, then you will naturally want to come to S.C.F. There is no such thing as individual Christianity—fellowship is essential. This is what we offer you.

We now hold meetings on alternate Wednesdays in Room 6. Usually, two visiting speakers come to give us a talk each term, and we also hold Bible Studies and occasionally a film or quiz. The films usually have a scientific trend. If you would like any further information about our meetings, the committee members are willing to help you.

They are: Christine Whitehead; Madeline Bullock; Julie Parker; Alan Jones; and myself (R. Pearson).

R. P.

TENNIS CLUB

THE Club was formed last year, late in the season. Due to this fact, activities were limited. A Tournament was organized, however, which proved to be a great success, over fifty players entering from the third year upwards. The winner of the trophy was Michael Holmes of T.5 who, throughout the Tournament, played his characteristically strong, attacking game.

We hope that, this summer, our first season as a fully-operative Tennis Club will prove a successful one.

C. F.

ART CLUB

BEFORE Christmas, a meeting was held to see if an Art Club would prove popular and, as a result of that meeting, our Art Club under Mr. Adams and Mr. Major was formed with about twenty members.

The Club was to meet on Tuesday evenings during the winter months after school, from about 4.15 until 6 o'clock, and we could have possession of the two art rooms and all equipment. A small charge of threepence a week each was made, towards the prizes for the competitions every term.

Clay models were made, fired and painted; sketches and paintings were done as was lino-printing, pottery-making and drawing from objects.

The whole idea is to encourage boys and girls who are interested in the subject to work on their own for as long as they like on whatever lines they wish to take, without the restrictions of the normal art lessons and, by doing this, to deepen their interest in the various forms of art.

The membership has kept up and it is hoped that we can look forward to many pleasant hours with the Club when the winter months come round again.

J. C.

CAMERA CLUB

A SCHOOL Camera Club was formed this year. Lectures and demonstrations have been given on "The Camera" and "Developing." Future activities will include: enlarging; portrait photography; still-life; pictorial composition; and flash photography.

As the experience of the club members increases, it is hoped to run a regular competition and, eventually, an annual exhibition. The school dark room is well-equipped and club members will be allowed to use it outside school hours, by arrangement with Mr. Guffogg.

S. G.

BRITISH SHIP ADOPTION SOCIETY

CONTACT is made by the School through this Society, with two ships, M.S. Linga, commanded by Captain Wormald, and M.V. Betwa, commanded by Captain Greenwood. On a recent visit to the school, Captain Greenwood presented an excellent model of the ship made by one of the Chinese crew. Some very interesting letters have been received from the M.S. Linga telling of her journeys from Curacao oil-refinery to South American and African ports.

B. C. G. N.

SCHOOL CHOIR

EVERY Tuesday at 4 o'clock, the school choir meets in the Music Room under the supervision of Mr. Chesters. Our main activities during the Autumn Term were the practices for the School concert and Carol Service.

The next item on our programme was the Northampton's Schools' Music Festival where, each year, schools meet, and sing both individually and later, on the same evening, together as one vast choir. This year's festival took place on June 9th—10th.

When the choir was re-formed last September, a large number of scholars joined, and a good proportion of these have remained throughout the year.

J. P.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

SINCE its formation, the School Orchestra has grown considerably in size. In the beginning, it consisted of six recorders and two violins. Since then, not only have these increased in number, but other instruments have been added—namely, a cello and clarinet. We are grateful to those members of the Staff who have helped to swell our numbers, especially in our efforts at the Christmas concert.

A cello and two violins have been purchased by the school, and these will be available for any member of the School who wishes to learn to play in the orchestra.

E. S.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP, 1959

THE Championships were held on Wednesday, May 13th, in brilliant sunshine—a contrast to those held in 1958 when a gusty wind threatened to spoil the enjoyment of both athletes and spectators.

In ideal conditions, thirteen new records were set up, seven by boys and six by girls. The House Championship was won by Mobbs who were runners-up last year. The full results were: 1st Mobbs (152 points), 2nd, Blakeman (135 points), 3rd, Burghley (116 points), and 4th, Kelvin (81 points).

Boys' Events

For the first time, the Pole Vault was introduced as a competitive event and, as some of the 1st and 2nd year boys showed some aptitude for it, it was decided that the competition on the day of the sports should be a junior event. This decision proved to be justified as the competitors performed better than was hoped for. In the three weeks' interval between Easter and Sports Day, the competitors did not have much time to master the complicated technique; but, even so, some of them cleared six feet. In the actual competition, Denny of 2A rose to the occasion and cleared 6 feet 9 inches which now stands as a school record.

The Middle School Pole Vault was won by B. Wood of 3A at 6 feet 3 inches, a new record, and the Senior, by G. Coles of G5, who cleared 8 feet in the finals decided before Sports Day, and then gave an exhibition on the day itself, eventually clearing 8 feet 1 inch, which also stands as a school record.

The other outstanding performance was the magnificent throw of 157 feet 9 inches by R. Bunting (U.6 Modern) in the Discus event which beat the existing record by over 30 feet.

Other noteworthy performances were those of J. Tero (3A) in winning the Middle School half mile and beating the record by over 3 seconds; B. Capell, in the Senior half mile, in which he beat the record set up by R. Whiting in 1956 by over three seconds; and R. Bunting's Long Jump of 19 feet 7 inches which beat the existing record by one and a half feet.



OVER THE BAR — G. Coles (G.5)



IN HOLIDAY MOOD — BEXHILL, WHITSUN, 1959

The Victor Ludorum Cup was won by R. Bunting (U.6 Modern).

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing R. Bunting and A. Lay every success in their P.E. careers at Loughborough Training College and we know they will do credit to themselves and the school.

G. C. G.

Girls' Events

House captains worked hard before Sports Day encouraging the girls to enter for events and running off their House heats.

There are one or two promising athletes amongst the juniors. Joan Brawn did very well, winning the High Jump, Long Jump and 100 yards. In the Middle School, Jean Leigh won both the 100 yards and the 150 yards: she has a good, uncomplicated style. Valerie Humber broke the High Jump record by two inches clearing 4 feet 4 inches and Penny Dickens broke the hurdles' record winning the event in 12.8 seconds. She has achieved a very good style with a fast speed.

In the Senior School, the Victrix Ludorum was shared by Madeline Bullock in C5—who came 1st in the Hop, Step and Jump, and second in the Long Jump and High Jump—and Maureen McMahon of Form 4 who won the 100 yards, the 150 yards, and gained 3rd place in the Hop, Step and Jump.

The relay races are always popular events for the spectators and this year the junior Blakeman team ran an excellent race in the record time of 58.4 seconds and were the only team to make baton change-overs at speed.

I. M. R.

BASKETBALL

THE greatest enthusiasm for the game was shown by boys in the second and fifth years. The second year boys practised in the gym in the lunch interval and formed a Basketball Club which met after school on Wednesdays with Mr. Gibson as coach. With more enthusiasm next September, it may be possible to have inter-school fixtures and a school Basketball League. During the season, the fifth year played two matches against the Staff, winning one and losing the other.

G. C. G.

GYMNASTICS

A GYMNASTICS Club meets on Mondays after school but, although there are some keen boys present, most of these are from the first and second years. More enthusiasm is looked for next year if the club is to continue.

McMahon (2C) is the outstanding performer and at the end of last term was able to perform handsprings, headsprings and flick-flacks with great success, while his vaulting was also very good.

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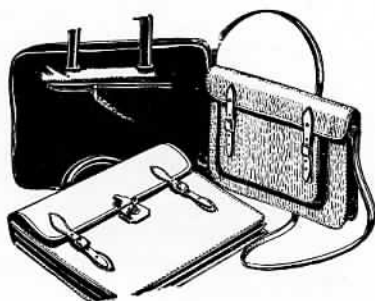
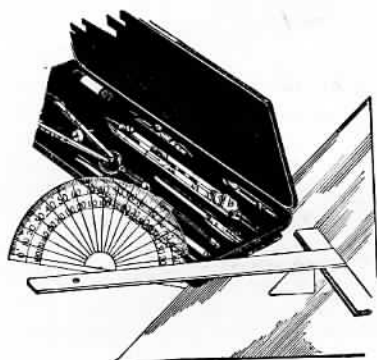
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RUGBY, 1958—59

THIS year's 1st XV was not as good as last year's side. We missed the thrust in the middle, but the forwards played well and held their own against most of their opponents. Colours were awarded to R. D. Jones, A. Webb, M. Ryan, R. Baker, A. Pell, A. Chivers, J. Pardoe (Vice-capt.), R. Bunting, R. Wade, and A. Lay (Capt.). R. Baker was selected to play for the County Over 15 Grammar Schools' team and acquitted himself well. J. Pardoe was a reserve for this team.

The final game of the season was played against the Timken apprentices by a side containing some of the present team and some Old Boys: namely, Campin, the Hobson brothers, Tew, Warnes, Bason and Betts. The "Past and Present" team won—13—0.

The foundation for the successes of the Under 15 team was laid by the forwards who played well together. They packed well in the tight and fought hard when the ball was loose. We did not have the same success in the line-outs but, on occasions, the ball came back cleanly. With this monopoly of possession, our backs should have scored many tries but, owing to bad handling and persistence in kicking, many chances went astray. However, later in the season when Rixon, the captain, moved to scrum-half to partner Edwards, we began to see some very spirited running. Wilmer began to show his paces, Meredith showed more determination and Duff never gave up trying. De Chastelaine led the pack well, both in voice and by example. His partner in the front row, R. Harrison, proved the "discovery" of the season. He improved with every game. There was a very sound hooker in F. Jones whose quick striking was a feature of the games. Our second row was Chillingsworth and York; both played hard and Chillingsworth shone in the line-outs. In the back row, L. Sharpe Keates and J. Harrison tackled furiously in defence and ran well in attack. The pack was selfish on occasions; but then, our strength lay in the pack. We played to this strength all the season and results were very satisfactory. A final word must be said about the captain, K. Rixon. He was a good enough footballer to be chosen on four occasions to represent the School in the County Under 15 team. Not only was he a good player, but he also showed ability in leading the side.

The Under 14 XV quickly settled down into a team and some enjoyable and hard rugger was played. The outstanding player was Thorogood who, at second row, used his height and weight to good advantage. He inspired the rest of the pack and scored several times. Lea and Spendlove scrummaged hard in the front row and Lea also saved several dangerous occasions by good defensive kicking. Sanders played well in the back row. At half-back, Marlow and Edwards developed a good understanding and, of the threequarters, Tero and Hancock ran hard. Peacock,

at full back, was very safe. There were several boys who did not gain permanent places in the team but who, nevertheless, regularly turned up as reserves and, when called upon, played with real determination. Such spirit was good to see. The team reached the final of the Under XV Knock-out competition for the J. V. Collier Cup. This match was lost to the Grammar School.

The Under 13 team was well captained by S. Wright and earned favourable comments wherever it played. It had some good forwards and backs but the latter must improve their tackling. The league trophy was won for the second time in the three years since the league started.

The 1st year team played extremely well in the three friendly games arranged for it. Next September, the team should make one of the best Under 13 sides we've ever had.

The Junior House Championship was won by Mobbs and the Senior House Championship by Blakeman. On the whole, both championships produced some poor rugby. There were plenty of good players on view, but there was a lack of adventurousness. No-one seemed to want to run with the ball and the threequarter play was practically non-existent, so that the ball was kicked to touch more often than it was passed along the line. It is hoped that next season's House teams will produce a better standard of play with the game being played as it was meant to be played—with the hands and with intelligence.

I. M. G., G. C. G., L. W. T.

Season's playing records:

1st XV	Played—9; Won—5; Lost—2; Points for—100; Against—77.
Under 15 XV	Played—15; Won—11; Lost—4. Points for—296; Against—95.
Under 14 XV	Played—10; Won—8; Lost—2; Points for—167; Against—61.
Under 13 XV	Played—12; Won—9; Drawn—1; Lost—2; Points for—268; Against—58.
1st Year XV	Played—3; Won—3; Points for—51; Against—0.

BOXING

OUR first-ever Inter-House Boxing Championship was held in December, 1958, in the School's gymnasium. The winning House was Blakeman and the Captain was awarded the fine trophy presented by the Chief Constable, Mr. R. D. Baker. The individual winner of the plaque presented by the Northampton Amateur Boxing Club was B. Wood who boxed well in his bout.

In February this year we competed against Spencer Secondary Modern and Campbell Secondary Modern Schools for a Shield

presented by the Northampton A.B.A. Campbell Square won this, with Spencer second, and ourselves last, but B. Wood boxed brilliantly to win the individual award again.

After this tournament, a County Schools' Amateur Boxing Association was formed, to which all schools in the county can affiliate. This means that it is possible for good boxers to represent the town, the county and even go forward to the highest level of all—the All-England Amateur Boxing Championship.

G. C. G.

CRICKET

FOR the last three years, we have entered teams in the Senior and Intermediate sections of the Northampton Schools' Cricket Association. The senior team has made excellent progress: it reached second place in the League at the end of last season and contains the nucleus of a School XI which will give a good account of itself in the years to come.

The fortunes of the junior team have varied considerably but there seems to be a considerable amount of keenness and talent waiting to be developed in the junior forms. In this connection, the formation of the Technical High School Cricket Association, under the leadership of A. W. Pell, has given a considerable stimulus to our cricket activities.

H. B.

HOCKEY, 1958—59

THIS is the main winter game and seems to be enjoyed by most of the girls. We run two school teams—a 1st XI and an Under 15 XI.

The 1st XI was handicapped this season as many probable players took Saturday jobs and were therefore unable to take part in matches. The team played well on the whole; but the forwards were slow in the shooting-circle and did not seem able to score vital goals. However, they were not always unsuccessful and Maureen McMahon on the right-wing, with her speed, and Margaret Wilkinson at centre-forward, using good stickwork, sometimes shot the ball past the opposing goalkeeper. Our young left-wing, Doreen Williams, is a promising player and, with this season's experience behind her, should do well next year. In the defence, Hazel Miller's tackling and hard-clearing passes stopped many an attack by the opponents' forward line and she was ably assisted by Susan Walter, a determined right-half, and Julie Parker at centre-half. We were very pleased that Julie was chosen to play in the Junior County 2nd XI and wish her further success next season.

The Under 15 XI defence "fell into place" from the first and they worked well together as a team, tackling their opponents and covering each other successfully. Sheila Hailey and Wendy Marshall as backs were constantly on the move, watching the ball carefully; while Jean Leigh, the centre-half, with her rapid turn of

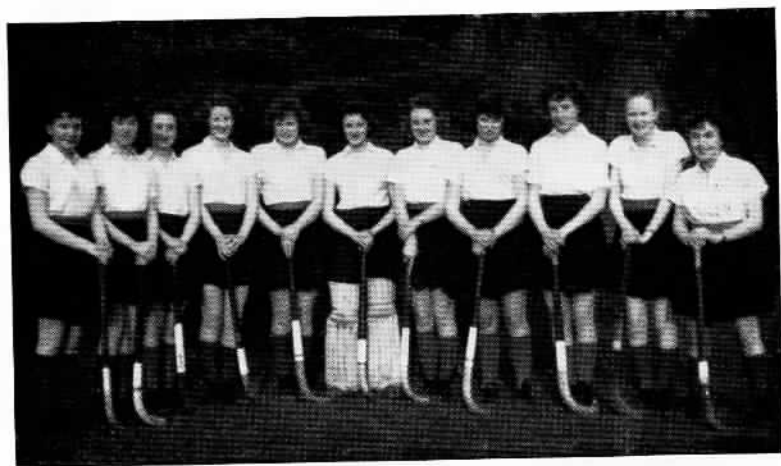
FIRST XV — 1958-1959



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(Back row) Mr. Gibson, S. Tomalin, T. R. Dale, R. Church, R. Baker, R. Bunting, R. D. Jones, J. Knight, Mr. Grimshaw.
 (Front row) A. Webb, J. Dawkins, A. J. Chivers, A. Lay (Capt.), J. Pardoe (Vice-Capt.), M. Ryan, R. Wade, A. Jones.

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(Left to right) Celia Bedford, Doreen Williams, Maureen Walden, Norma Stevenson, Hazel Miller, Gloria Packer, Margaret Wilkinson, Josephine Pickford, Maureen McMahon, Susan Walter, Julie Parker

speed, frequently intercepted the ball and sent it into the attack. Judith Felce and Pat Irons completed the defence, and the latter, particularly, showed some good play with successful tackling and well-placed drives. The forward line lacked speed both in thinking and action but this improved during the season, and, with their determined effort at the Inter-Schools' Tournament, they more than justified themselves. Having won three matches and drawn one, they were first in their section and met Kingsthorpe Grove School in the final. This short match proved to be a real battle with both teams equally determined to win; it ended in a 0—0 draw so that the honours were rightly shared. This provided a triumphant ending to a rather mediocre season.

I. M. R.

NETBALL, 1958—59

THIS is a popular game with the majority of girls who play with vigour and enthusiasm. As this is only our second season, we played very few matches and were unable to enter the Autumn or Spring Tournaments as they coincided with hockey fixtures. We lost our two matches at the end of term against Delapre School—the 1st VII rather badly and the 2nd year team by a narrow margin. These juniors show great promise and, with practice—particularly at dodging and marking—and more match experience, should go on to form a senior team which will be hard to beat.

I. M. R.

DANCING

SINCE September, Modern Educational Dance has been taught to the first and second-year forms who could be seen flitting about the hall to the sound of the gramophone or forming wierd shapes to the beat of a drum. The older girls learnt English and European folk dances.

At the Christmas concert, the juniors performed a dance to the music from Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite"—"In the Hall of the Mountain King"—attempting to interpret the different moods and tempo of the music in movement. They threw themselves into this with enthusiasm and enjoyment which extended to the making of the gaily-coloured skirts which formed part of their costume.

The third year performed four national dances with spirit and again are to be praised for the way they practised so enthusiastically and produced such bright Tyrolean costumes for themselves. The "boys" embroidered braces were particularly admired.

We were pleased to welcome four students from Bedford College of Physical Education to do their teaching-practice in school. The fifth and sixth form girls were delighted to be taught some ballroom dancing by them, while the fourth year's machines worked with monotonous regularity and exploded with vigour!

I. M. R.