

of the bodies from Pressed Steel to the testing of steering and tyres, etc. The economists among us saw how division of labour works out, as well as labour relations in a piece-work industry.

In the afternoon, we visited Pressed Steel which is nearby and saw bodies for B.M.C. being pressed, as well as those for Standard and Rootes Group motor-cars. Again, the economists saw how capital is used in production.

Although the day was very rainy, I am sure the whole party thoroughly enjoyed the visit and gained most useful and interesting information.

D.A.J.

LETTER FROM THE PREFECTS' ROOM

SINCE the publication of our last masterpiece which came from the celestial heights of "The Tower," we find ourselves in rather reduced circumstances, in that we have now "gone to earth."

This salubrious residence is lavishly furnished with a three-piece suite (which cost 12/6) and half a dozen assorted chairs—which are in various stages of collapse—one electric kettle without an element, and one delightful saucepan rapidly losing its chrome finish. There is also the warm, welcoming stone floor. Various articles make their appearance from time to time; these include one gramophone (which always works), one wireless (which has been known to work), and an occasional prefect (who never works).

To the eye of the outsider, this room seems like a luxury and a comfort, but to the prefect inside it is the only place in the School where he has to watch where he sits owing to the springs and splinters which are apt to affect the Prefect Body.

The Tuck Shop Store, which is in the Prefects' Room, is heavily padlocked, because numbers of horse-meat sandwiches, sausage rolls, and bottles of obscure German lager have been disappearing from the store. Several dynamiting attempts by starving senior prefects have failed, as the walls are rather more than six inches thick. However, they did manage to break through into the Music Room, but were driven back by a trombone loaded with grapeshot.

The window, which is not barred, has gay, flowery curtains, and is always decked with prize blooms from some unfortunate horticultural flower-beds. The window-sill is also often decorated with half-consumed milk bottles, which are placed there as a deliberate attempt to encourage any Milk Marketing Board Official who may visit the school. The milk tops from the Prefects' Room are generously donated to a worthy cause—the support of retired Tibetan Yaks (the tops are mixed with grass and provide very nutritious fodder for the unfortunate beasts).

We are assured by some of the prefects who frequently use the room that no females are being smuggled in via the service lift.

This is probably because the lift is being used to hide prefects who are supposed to be reading in Assembly.

To conclude our letter from the Prefects' Room for 1960, we would like to congratulate all those prefects who contributed articles of furniture including beer mats and certain Italian actresses' jewellery.

D.J., P.L.

HOW TO BE A GOOD HOSTESS

THERE are "do-it-yourself" instructions on almost every subject; but one subject has been rather neglected, and that is "How to be a successful hostess." During the Easter holidays, a number of our girls took the opportunity of going on a course given by Van den Berghs Ltd., at the Gas Showrooms.

The course included both talks and practical demonstrations, given by Miss Jennifer Jackson, and covered every aspect of how to entertain friends and plan a party.

On the last day, a competition was held and one of our girls, Jennifer Knibb, won the second prize. However, if one didn't manage to win the competition, one returned with an apron, three cookery books and enough margarine to put what one had learnt into effect.

I.M.H.

HERE AND THERE

G. L. Chillingsworth (6LP) has been making a name for himself as a racing-cyclist during the last year. At the time of going to press, his best time for a 25 miles time trial is 1 hour, 4 minutes, 53 seconds.

David May, a former pupil of the School, is now a member of the Royal Marines School of Music. He has recently received praise as the best new entrant. Captain G. O. Roberts, R.N., has presented the School with some books to commemorate David's achievement.

T. Peplow (2A) won a first and a second prize for singing in the Kettering and District Eisteddfod.

H. M. Edwards (5C) played two parts in a production of Ugo Betti's "Summertime" at the Masque Theatre Club and performed both parts with distinction. He also won the first prize for reading the Bible in the Kettering and District Eisteddfod; in this contest he was matched against competitors much older than himself.

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Timms on the birth of their respective sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Crick on the birth of their triplet daughters (surely a Staff record?).

DEBATING SOCIETY

THE first meeting of the season was on October 8th, 1959, when a committee was elected. The Headmaster was re-elected President of the Society and Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Clements, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Crick were made Vice-Presidents.

The motion for the first debate was "This House believes that persons over the age of 18 should be given the vote." Although the motion was rejected, Mr. R. Church, proposing the motion, proved himself an able debater. Mr. Hartwell, who had been elected Chairman for the debate, was unable to attend, but Mr. C. Finn gallantly took his place and managed this difficult task extremely well.

On December 8th, a forum was held instead of the usual debate. The questions asked varied from "Phone-tapping" to "Corporal Punishment." A great deal of interest was shown by members in the question of "Corporal Punishment" and it was decided to hold a debate on the subject.

The motion before the House on December 15th was "This House believes that Corporal Punishment is an effective way of dealing with criminal violence." Mr. Matthews was in the chair. Despite comments from the floor that barbaric tortures should be inflicted on young criminals, the motion was rejected by a large majority.

On February 5th, 1960, a small contingent of members took part in a Brains Trust run on the lines of "Any Questions?" at Northampton Grammar School. The questions asked by the members provoked lively discussions.

The main event of the season was the participation of the Society in the Inter-Schools' Debate on March 18th, at Notre Dame High School. A team of members proposed the motion, "This House approves of co-education." The motion was carried by a large majority, the opposers being the Northampton School for Girls. Although our team did not win the Inter-Schools' Competition Shield, they all did very well: in fact, all the speeches reached a high standard.

At the Annual Meeting of the Northampton Debating Society, Mr. P. Brown was elected Press Secretary of the Society for the forthcoming season.

Finally, as Secretary, I should like to express my thanks on behalf of the Society to Mr. Hartwell for his encouragement and hard work in all the activities of the Society.

R. F. O.

AMATEUR DRAMATICS WORKSHOP SOCIETY

EVERY Wednesday after school, the members meet to construct the scenery for the School's Concerts and Plays. To those interested in woodwork, this is a very absorbing task. Mr. Clarke is in charge of the work.

J.E.F.

SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE meetings of the S.C.F. are held fortnightly in Room 7. Our members are small in number, but the meetings are enjoyable.

Throughout the year, activities include Brains Trusts, Bible Studies and listening to talks.

A contingent from our school attended the Inter-School Christian Fellowship Rally, in October, at Wellingborough. There were many discussions about communism and materialism, and the members had a fruitful time.

Everyone is invited to our meetings and we hope that in coming they will learn more of Jesus Christ.

J.P.P.

CYCLING CLUB

THE Cycling Club began its 1959 season with a visit to Foxton Locks on May 2nd—a bright sunny Saturday. Other runs were made to Rothwell, Woburn Abbey, Castle Ashby and Rockingham, and Kirby Hall. Although the average attendance was only about five boys, we are sure that a good time was had by all.

The runs lasted for a day or half a day, the average distance on day runs being between 40-50 miles and that of half-day runs, 20-30 miles. We are glad to say that there were no accidents incurred and running repairs were few. Thus, one of the aims of the club is already being achieved—road safety.

Unlike the summer of 1958—the first season of our club—last summer was one of lovely, warm, dry weather. This helped enormously in the running of our club, making picnicking possible. Lunch is usually taken at C.T.C. houses or public-houses which always seem ready to help.

J.W.

CAMERA CLUB

THE Camera Club was formed at the beginning of 1959 under the chairmanship of Mr. Guffogg and meets once a fortnight in one of the laboratories.

At the commencement of the Autumn Term the club started its series of talks and demonstrations on "Portrait Photography" given by Mr. Guffogg. The technicalities of portraiture were increased step by step, until a portrait was taken of Mr. Newell, and then one in high-key—our model being S. E. Northover (Form 1). Other activities have included dry mounting, colour development and enlarging. Future activities will include: table-top photography, 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 dark-room can be used by members outside school hours and lighting equipment may be borrowed by arrangement with Mr. Guffogg.

R.A.

TENNIS CLUB

THE Tennis Club began its third year with great enthusiasm. The Club's second year was a great success and the Senior and Junior Tennis Tournaments were held again. L. Northover (U6 Craft) won the senior tournament, and D. Spendlove (4C) the junior. These tournaments are being held again this season and a large number of entries has been received. The Club played several fixtures last season and has yet to be defeated. It is hoped that it will do as well this year.

M.T.R.

SWIMMING CLUB

THE Swimming Club meets every Thursday evening after school at the Mounts Baths. Sessions last until 5.30 p.m. allowing all to have an enjoyable time. Instruction is given to the non-swimmers and coaching to the less able swimmers.

During the last two terms, two first-year boys have learned to swim, and three boys have gained their one mile certificates, while many others have swum shorter distances. At present, a life-saving class is in the process of being formed in the hope that boys will be able to take examinations leading to the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life-Saving Society.

Membership of the Swimming Club is free, and all boys are welcome to attend irrespective of their swimming abilities.

R.G.H.R.

CRICKET SOCIETY

THIS is the second year of our Society and, with a membership of nearly fifty boys, we hope to foster interest in cricket and steadily increase our members and activities. Two trips to Test Matches against South Africa are being run this year. Every Friday after school during the Summer Term, games of cricket are organised for society members. We also hope to organise competitive matches during the cricket season.

D. A. J.

ART CLUB

THIS has been the second season during which Monday night has been artists' night, and a steady membership has been maintained.

The Club is divided into various sections. Some of us are busy with clay models, whilst others are working at sketching or oil-painting. We are free to follow our own choice and in this way some very good work has been turned out under the supervision of Mr. Adams and Mr. Major.

We are hoping to arrange some competitions shortly and anticipate many more happy hours of work with the Club next season.

J.J.C.

BRITISH SHIP ADOPTION SOCIETY

THE association between the School and this society continues. The M.S. Linga is now commanded by Captain Ayre but the ship has continued to operate from the Lake of Maracaibo in Venezuela. The ship has been on short journeys within the lake and on longer trans-Atlantic runs. We have received some interesting photographs of the M.S. Linga, including snapshots of sharks caught in the tropical waters off S. America.

B.C.G.N.

SCHOOL CHOIR

IN May, 1959, the choir attended the Northampton Schools' Non-Competitive Festival, where, at the evening performance, we were selected to perform an individual item, and sang a two-part song called "The Sower."

The second festival attended by the choir was the competitive Festival in November. In this, we gained third place. In December, the choir took part in the Northampton Schools' Carol Service, held at College Street Baptist Church.

At the Christmas Concert, the choir, for the first time, was augmented to four parts. The tenors and basses consisted of a number of members of the Staff and upper school boys. This proved successful: two songs from Elgar's "From the Bavarian Highlands" were rendered.

On Speech Day, the augmented choir again sang, accompanied by the School Orchestra. The songs were "Viking Song" by Coleridge-Taylor, and "Non Nobis Domine" by Roger Quilter.

J.P.P.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

IT was somewhat flattering to see ourselves referred to as an "Orchestra" in the Christmas Concert programme, and gave us the feeling of growing up. At the concert, we played two pieces by Haydn and one by Mozart; whilst on Speech Day we accompanied the choir in its renderings of the lively "Viking Song," and Quilter's "Non Nobis Domine."

On both of these occasions, as also at the Christmas Carol Service, we were grateful for the time and talent given by certain members of the Staff, and to one or two friends from outside the School, who have played the cello for us.

Should there be any musicians, or would-be musicians in the School, interested in playing in an instrumental group, they are cordially invited to join the orchestra. New members are always welcome.

E.S.

ENGINEERING CLUB

THE Engineering Club, which is held every Monday after school, offers extra practice on machines and in benchwork for the enthusiast. Under the guidance of Mr. Burgess, the members work at their own jobs, which have varied from simple pokers and punches to intricate model motor parts.

The extra practice on machines and in various operations is especially advantageous to those who are taking examinations. During school time, there has to be some restriction in the type of project to be made; but the members of the club make almost anything they wish. I am sure that anyone who joins the club will find adequate work to do, and will enjoy the time spent. R.D.S.

CHESS CLUB

THE latest season of the Chess Club proved to be a very successful one. A league was arranged on the system that every contestant played every other one twice, one match being arranged for each person every week. Two points were awarded for a win and one for a draw. The eventual winner, R. Barnes (4A), lost only three points in fourteen games. A knock-out competition was also run, starting with sixteen entrants. This competition has yet to be finished at the time of writing. The third competition of the season consisted of the setting of one Chess problem every week. Anyone who solved the problem received two points. The winner of this competition was also R. Barnes, who had a total of thirty points. R.P.D.

JAZZ CLUB

WHEN the Jazz Club started again in September, 1959, the new management was R. Daniels, Secretary, and a committee consisting of Christine Pettifer and T. Hope. Unfortunately for the Club, Christine Pettifer left the School at the end of the Autumn Term.

We believe that the Jazz Club has been a great success with attendances—about fifty members every week, on average—surpassing those of any other club or society in the School. The Club now has about a hundred members. This is probably not due to the excellent organisation of the sessions by the management but to the fact that there is no membership fee. R.P.D., T.R.H.

BASKETBALL

IN the Autumn Term of last year, the first Inter-House Basketball Competition was held in the gymnasium. There were junior and senior sections.

In the junior section, Burghley emerged winners with Mobbs 2nd, Blakeman 3rd, and Kelvin 4th. The hardest tussle in this

section was between Mobbs and Burghley and we knew that whichever team won this match would win the competition. Throughout the match, the score was very close; but at the finish Burghley won by 11 points to 7. All the junior boys played good basketball but perhaps the most outstanding players were R. Asbrey (3B) of Mobbs, S. Wright (3B) of Burghley, and A. D. Shaw (3B) of Blakeman.

In the senior section, Mobbs was Champion House, with Kelvin 2nd, Blakeman 3rd, and Burghley 4th. The basketball in this section was not as skilful as that seen in the junior section. However the competition was very keen and several players had to be penalized for over-eagerness. Most players played with great determination and J. Dawkins (L6 Craft) of Kelvin and M. T. Ryan (L6 Science) of Mobbs were outstanding.

Throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms, the Basketball Club has met every Wednesday evening from 4.15 to 5.30 p.m. The club is open to all 2nd and 3rd year boys and the 4th year may be invited next season. By the end of this season, the players had improved so much that it was decided to arrange a match with another school. St. Mary's Catholic School were our opponents and both the 2nd year team and the 3rd year team won their matches. We hope that by next season more fixtures will be arranged with other schools.

The season ended with the Staff playing against a school team. The match was very closely fought and at the final whistle the result was a draw—16 points all.

I.M.G.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

ON the Monday after our own Sports Day, a team of six boys took part in the preliminary jumping events, held at the Grammar School, for the Inter-School Sports. The first four in each event went forward to the finals at British Timken, and we had five out of our six in the finals of the jumping events. The outstanding performer here was P. Essam (2A) who not only won the long jump but also beat the existing record with a leap of 15 feet 11½ inches.

Before the day of the Inter-School Sports, we lost an athletics match against Bective Secondary Modern. As Bective had also beaten the Grammar School in a similar match, we guessed where our chief opposition lay at British Timken. So it proved on the day. Although we had several finalists and first places, and won the Under 15 Relay in magnificent style, we lost points in our weaker events and eventually came third with 45 points, with the Grammar School and Bective sharing first place with 51½ points.

Next year, our rugger season will finish at the February half-term, so that more time can be devoted to athletics training and coaching than has been possible in past seasons. Moreover, if there is sufficient interest, an Athletics Club will be formed which will hold sessions after school.

G.C.G.

BOXING

THE School's second Inter-House Boxing Championship was held in December, 1959, and was a great success. The winning House was Kelvin with 24 points; Blakeman was 2nd with 20 points, Mobbs 3rd with 19 points, and Burghley 4th with 6 points. As last year, a trophy was awarded to the boxer having the best style and this was won by A. E. Clarke (2C) of Kelvin.

In the Inter-Schools' Boxing Tournament, the School boxed Campbell Square Secondary Modern for the trophy they won last year when the first tournament took place. Unfortunately, Spencer Secondary Modern could not participate this year. Campbell Square retained the trophy by the narrow margin of five bouts to four but our boxers put up a very good performance and showed great courage. Medals were presented to all the boxers by Alderman F. Tollit, the Chairman of the School Governors. G.C.G.

GYM CLUB

THIS has been a very successful club during the winter months. The boys have been concentrating on vaulting and agility exercises with a view to possible participation in a gymnastics display at the next School Concert. The standard of performance has been very high and the regular attenders have shown great enthusiasm and a liking for hard work. The outstanding performers were M. A. McMahon (3C) and S. Wright (3B) who are both hoping to become teachers of Physical Education. Vaulting and agility exercises on the apparatus constitute a sport in themselves and, besides being beneficial to the body in keeping it supple and strong, they make for self-confidence and a good quality of movement.

G.C.G.

SPORTS DAY, 1960

IT seemed unlikely that the Inter-House Athletics Championship would take place on the day allotted to it this year. On the morning of May 19th, cold winds from the north-east brought rain which made the fields wet and slippery, and chilled everyone's enthusiasm. Anxious eyes scanned the sky for a break in the rain clouds. By midday, however, it seemed as though, with luck, the sports would take place.

Arrangements were made for the guests to bring their cars right up to the edge of the top level field where they could sit in comparative comfort and still have a panoramic view of the proceedings. Marquees were erected to give the remainder of the spectators a refuge from the expected deluge to come.

Buckets, sacks and boxes filled with sawdust were carried by enthusiastic small boys to the danger spots—the run-ups for the

field events and the stretches between the hurdles—whilst prayers were silently muttered in the hope that no-one would step in full flight on any wet grass not covered with sawdust. Nevertheless, arrangements were made for casualties to go to the first aid tent.

However, the weather brightened up after lunch, although it was still very cold. Competitors are to be congratulated on their spartan performances under such conditions; indeed, none of the contestants in the new tug of war event was heard complaining about the cold. On the contrary, beads of sweat were seen forming on the brows of the brawny octets; but whether of generated heat or bitter agony of the flesh one will never know.

In the preliminary events, held before Sports Day, four new records were set up, although this was also on a chilly and unpleasant afternoon. These records were: a High Jump and a Pole Vault of 4 feet 9 inches and 7 feet 5½ inches, respectively, by M. McMahon of Kelvin; a Middle School Girls' High Jump record of 4 feet 5½ inches by C. Giles of Kelvin; and a Senior Girls' High Jump record of 4 feet 7½ inches by P. Dickens of Burghley.

On Sports Day itself, two records were equalled, one by P. Dickens, when she won the 75 yards Senior Girls' Hurdles in 13.0 seconds, and the other by Mobbs House Middle School relay team which won its race in 53.6 seconds. The mile event, like the tug of war, was introduced for the first time this year, and L. Northover's winning time of 5 minutes 11.4 seconds is, of course, the present best performance—until next year?

The Boy's Individual Championship was shared by B. Capell and L. Northover; the Girls' Championship was won by M. McMahon.

The Inter-House Championship was won by Burghley with 151½ points; Kelvin were 2nd with 125½ points, Blakeman 3rd with 115 points, and Mobbs 4th with 110 points.

The awards were presented by the Mayoress of Northampton, Mrs. G. Nutt.

G.C.G.

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA

LAST year's Inter-House Swimming Gala was held at Midsummer Meadow Pool in July and we had a very fine day for it. The times for the races set up on the occasion of the previous year's Gala were bettered no less than eleven times, which shows a substantial improvement in the performances of our swimmers. Blakeman was the winning House with 105½ points, Mobbs was 2nd with 85, Burghley 3rd with 61½, and Kelvin 4th with 44 points. Tremlett was the best diver among the boys, scoring 19 points out of a possible 30, whilst in the girls' diving top place was shared by J. Haycock and M. Ives with 8 points out of a possible 30.

G.C.G.

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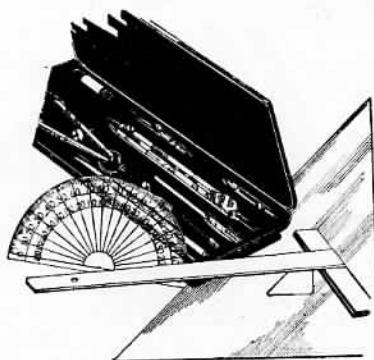
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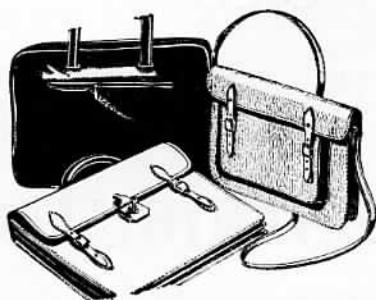
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RUGBY, 1959-60

THIS year's 1st XV was a very disappointing team. The talent just wasn't available and there was only one win in the six games of the season: a 5-0 victory against poor opposition.

The main trouble lay with the forwards. Baker, as pack-leader, did his best in every match to produce some fire and fury in the forwards; but they could neither give the ball to the backs from the line-outs nor nullify any moves by the opposition. The consequence was that the opposing fly-halves were never harassed by our back-row forwards. Moreover, there was never any sign of our forwards in defence. This fact is all the more surprising because all the players had come up through the School in the various teams so they ought to have put up a better show than they did. It is to be hoped that better things will be forthcoming next season when a new 1st XV will come into being.

M. Ryan played well at full-back and was sound in defence. He made a good captain and must have been disappointed with the performances of his team. Seven players were sent to an area trial for the County Over 15 Team. Baker was again selected for the second row of the County pack. Colours were presented to L. R. Northover, J. Dawkins, J. Harrison, F. R. Jones and G. L. Chillingsworth.

The Under 15 team played eleven matches during the season. On the whole, the performance this year was not as good as last year. The packing of the forwards was good in the set-scrums but they were very weak in heeling the loose ball. Simons and Thorogood were outstanding in the line-outs and the ball came back cleanly on many occasions. With this possession from the scrums and line-outs, the backs made many breaks but, on almost every occasion, the player with the ball was tackled before he was given support. If we had had more speed and more backing-up in attack, we would have won most of our matches. Our main weakness, however, lay in defence. Whenever we were confronted by a strong attack, our defence cracked miserably. Missed tackles were the cause of all our defeats. There were four outstanding players in the team. Thorogood, the captain, was perhaps the most successful player in that he represented the School in five matches for the County team. Sanders, the open-side wing-forward, made a late entry into the County side and acquitted himself well. The most improved player in the side was Eyton-Jones at prop-forward: he always played with great enthusiasm.

The Under 14 XV had an enjoyable season. The outstanding player was S. Wright who, as captain, led the team well and used his height and weight intelligently. In the pack, Gregory, Winkworth, Goodman and Tuckley worked hard. McMahon was brought from

wing-threequarter to the scrum-half position half way through the season and remained there, playing well and often saving the forwards by good kicks to touch. Jones played hard as a wing but might develop into a centre. At full-back, Asbrey was extremely safe, often initiating attacking movements. Next year, we must find good, hard-tackling wing-forwards.

It was found that the 2nd year produced a wealth of talent and it was very difficult to select an Under 13 XV because so many boys were equal in skill. However, an "A" and a "B" team were finally chosen and the "A" team started off the season with a good victory over Bective. In the second match, the "A" team played very well against Northampton Grammar School and although we lost 3—20, the game was more even than the score suggests, the Grammar School's scores coming from one big forward who proved very difficult to stop once he had got into his stride. We looked forward to the return match with the Grammar School at home but, unfortunately, this was cancelled because of wet weather. The outstanding forwards were Butlin, Adhemar, Hawney—who formed a formidable front row—and Shaw, Clarke and Harris, the back row forwards. Smith and McCormac showed great promise at half-back and Essam was the best of the threequarters. There was a good team spirit among the players, and they should settle down to become a very good Under 14 side next season.

The Under 13 "B" team played only two games. The first, played against Roade S.M.'s "A" team at the beginning of the season, resulted in a defeat by 24—3, our try being scored by England from a line-out. In the other match, we gained a well-earned victory over Cherry Orchard S.M. Under 13 "B" team by 9—0.

On the whole, the House matches, both Junior and Senior, were better than last year's, with more attacking rugby and many good passing movements. In the Junior House Championship, Burghley and Blakeman tied on the number of games won, but Burghley was placed 1st, having scored the greater number of points in the games. Similarly, Kelvin and Mobbs tied, but Kelvin was placed 3rd with Mobbs 4th. In the Senior House Championship, the outstanding player was undoubtedly J. Harrison who, playing at full-back which was not his usual position, gave an immaculate display of fielding and kicking the ball, in addition to some good runs with the ball. Kelvin owes much of its success in this competition to him. Kelvin was 1st, Mobbs 2nd, Burghley 3rd, and Blakeman 4th.

After the Senior House Championship had been played off and team photographs taken, the first Staff v. Boys Seven-a-Side match took place. The Staff team consisted of Mr. Grimshaw

(Captain), Mr. Crick, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Timms and Mr. Jones and the Boys' team consisted of M. T. Ryan (Captain), L. R. Northover, J. Dawkins, F. R. Jones, M. J. Burrow, R. M. Wade, and G. L. Chillingsworth. The Staff lost 3—5 after leading for most of the game. Mr. Hammond scored an unconverted try and the Boys' try was scored by Northover and converted by Ryan.

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

Season's playing records :

1st XV	Played—6 ; Won—1 ; Lost—5 ; Points for—30 ; Against—54.
Under 15 XV	Played—11 ; Won—5 ; Lost 6 ; Points for—165 ; Against—95.
Under 14 XV	Played—5 ; Won—2 ; Drawn—1 ; Lost—2 ; Points for—28 ; Against—42.
Under 13 'A' XV	Played—4 ; Won—2 ; Drawn—1 ; Lost—1 ; Points for—26 ; Against—26.
Under 13 'B' XV	Played—2 ; Won—1 ; Lost—1 ; Points for—12 ; Against—24.

HOCKEY, 1959-60

OUR 1st XI team was again hampered by the fact that many possible players had Saturday jobs and were not available for matches. Those girls who formed the team played hard and did their best, gaining enjoyment from matches against teams usually their superior.

The Under 15 XI did much better this season. The same girls played regularly each week, and built up a team that worked together and knew each others' play. The forward line had determination and push, although the forwards must learn to pass hard across the field more frequently. The defence covered well and tackled in the circle.

We were very pleased that Hazel Miller and Julie Parker gained places in the Junior County 2nd XI.

I.M.R.

1st XI:

G. Packer, G.; S. Hailey, R.B.; H. Miller, L.B.; D. Stratford, R.H.; I. Hall, C. H.; L. Lewis, L.H.; W. Dickerson, R. W.; C. Bedford, R.I.; J. Parker, C.F.; V. Dutton, L.I.; S. Old, L.W.

Under 15 XI:

M. Felce, G.; Sandra Westley, R.B.; Susan Westley, L.B.; P. Irons or J. Crouch, R.H.; J. Leigh, C.H.; A. Chamberlain, L.H.; J. Beeby, R.W.; J. Brawn, R.I.; J. O'Brien, C.F.; P. Dickens, L.I.; V. Humber, L.W.

CRICKET, 1959

THE Senior XI enjoyed its best season to date last summer, providing too strong an opposition for its gallant opponents. The team managed to complete its fixture list without defeat, winning four and drawing three of its matches, although one or two victories could have gone either way. From such a strong side, it is difficult to single out any outstanding players, but the enterprising batting of K. Rixon, whose 41 against Cherry Orchard was the highest individual score, and the accurate bowling of R. Harrison and H. Edwards, is worthy of mention.

Although the junior teams had less opportunity to compete against other schools than the Senior XI, they showed great enthusiasm and produced some good performances, and should provide keen competition for future 1st XI's.

J.D.

Senior XI averages :

Batting		Total runs	Innings	Highest score	Times not out	Average
Rixon ..	..	124	7	41	2	24.80
Lea ..	..	79	6	37	0	13.17
Spendlove ..	..	60	6	21	0	10.00
Harrison, R. ..	..	36	6	13	1	7.20
Edwards ..	..	26	5	16	1	6.50
Cumberpatch ..	..	45	7	14	0	6.43

Bowling		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Harrison, R. ..	..	31.2	6	81	15	5.4
Edwards ..	..	63.3	17	126	23	5.57
Rixon ..	..	59.2	17	141	19	7.42

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT—DANCING

THE Folk Dancing in the Christmas Concert was performed by the girls of Form 4. As most of the dances were English, the "boys" wore jeans and check shirts while the girls looked gay in white blouses and bright gingham skirts. The dances included "Bonny Breast-Knot" involving some complicated formations which were mastered by the girls. Other dances were the Ribbon Dance, the Durham Reel and La Vinca which all made up an interesting programme.

A lively group of 1st and 2nd year girls composed a dance entitled "The Fair" which they performed with vigour. Four short scenes followed quickly after each other, showing the selling of a variety of wares by the stall-holders, entertainment from dancers and tumblers, ending with everyone enjoying a turn on the roundabouts and swinging-boats.

A more difficult dance was composed by the 2nd and 3rd year girls to the music of the concluding section of Brahms' "St. Antony Variations." The curtains opened onto a calm sea which gradually

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(Back Row) D. F. Robinson, R. G. Church, K. R. Rixon, J. Dawkins,
 (Middle Row) Mr. Grimshaw, F. R. Jones, L. J. Sharpe, G. L. Chillingsworth, W. P. Culley,
 W. P. H. Curl, M. J. Burrow, Mr. Gibson.
 (Front Row) R. E. Harrison, L. R. Northover, R. M. Wade, M. T. Ryan, A. J. Chivers,
 H. M. Edwards, J. A. Harrison.

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(Back Row) Susan Old, Hazel Miller, Irene Hall, Gloria Packer, Sheila Haley, Vivien Dutton,
 (Front Row) Celia Bedford, Julie Parker, Denise Stratford.

roughened. Three shipwrecked sailors fought bravely for their lives but the sea eventually overcame them and they were drowned. The girls danced with feeling and imagination and showed a larger movement vocabulary than that of last year.

The costumes were made with the assistance of the girls and the Staff, from old sheets which were then dyed various shades of green and blue. Our thanks are due to Mr. Guffogg who arranged such effective lighting for us.

I.M.R.

THE STAFF v. SCHOOL HOCKEY MATCH

ON a windswept, cloudy day in late March, a now traditional ceremony was held. The School waited impatiently for the appearance of the teams. Eventually, the 1st XI came out looking smart in red girdles and socks and games kit. The Staff team made its entrance soon after. The attire of the Staff players ranged from an H. G. Wells' space-suit to a Boy Scout outfit.

Before the game began, a presentation was made to Mr. Crick to mark the birth of his three daughters.

After much merriment, the game began. Several minutes and much scuffling, scrapping and shoving later, the School scored the first goal. Less than a minute later, the Staff rushed in a fast goal scored by Mr. Gibson. There followed some more highly enthusiastic, but not very skilful, play and the School managed to break through and score again. Next came an interval of football. Mr. Burgess lost his hockey-stick but, unperturbed, carried on, using his feet. The referee grabbed a hockey-stick and joined in the game. The first half of the fiasco finished in an inspired burst of energy on the part of the Staff: Mr. Crick charged the length of the pitch like a Zulu chief in search of human food, brandishing his hockey-stick like a spear.

The second half opened with a fine goal by Mr. Gibson. Seconds later, Mr. Crick slammed home another. From then on, the Staff kept up a stiff attack, hitting everything—including themselves—and fought fiercely. The School defended the sacred goal area nobly; but the opposition was too great and the final score was four goals to three in the Staff's favour. As the final whistle went, all the players gasped, probably with relief.

Anon.

INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

THE teams all looked very smart and, though the day was windy and cloudy, the play was skilful and quite exciting. The first match was between Mobbs and Kelvin. During the first half of the game, the teams were evenly matched, but a goal put Mobbs into the lead where they stayed to the end. The next game, which was between Burghley and Blakeman, was very fast; Blakeman were obviously determined to fight to the end. The first goal was scored