

THE SCHOOL JOURNEY TO CARLISLE, WHITSUN, 1960

WHIT SATURDAY, 1960, saw a school party depart for Dalston Hall, near Carlisle. The ten-hour journey took us through Leicester, Manchester and Kendal, and we passed the famous mountain, Ingleborough. The journey was uneventful, apart from an enforced halt in mid-afternoon caused by an overheated radiator. We arrived at Dalston at 5 p.m. and were shown to our rooms. After a welcome meal, we played various games—from table-tennis to putting and cricket.

Sunday morning saw us walking to the small village church, where the minister welcomed us. The afternoon was devoted to a ramble through some delightful Cumberland countryside.

Monday morning dawned bright and clear, and we toured Carlisle in boiling sunshine. Later in the day, we climbed the 2,174 foot Carrock Fell.

The next day, Tuesday, we spent the morning seeing the renowned Hadrian's Wall. Afterwards, several members of the party climbed down to the swift-flowing River Eden; but, unfortunately, many of the more adventurous finished up with wet feet. Owing to cold and damp weather, the afternoon's visit to the Talking Tarn was abandoned and indoor activities were arranged.

Wednesday was a dull day. Nevertheless, we spent a happy morning visiting the lakes and a few risked a brief bathe in Bassen-thwaite. After a packed lunch, we were free to wander around Keswick for a couple of hours.

Thursday's day trip to Scotland was enjoyed by all. We drove north to Lockerbie, where we ate our sandwiches and roamed around the shops. We returned via world-famous Gretna Green, where we had a choice of several original "blacksmith's shops."

Our last full day saw us visiting the small ports of Silloth and Allonby in the morning, and Carlisle, where we bought presents, in the afternoon. Friday night was reserved for singing, in which everybody joined.

The return journey through Penrith, Scotch Corner, Ripon, Doncaster and Leicester, was highlighted by a short detour to Fountains Abbey, near Ripon. Here, we saw the ruins of one of England's oldest abbeys. Thus ended a very enjoyable holiday. Thanks are due to those members of the Staff who so ably organised the holiday for us.

H.J.L., R.A.

THE WIDE WORLD . . . STUDENT LIFE

(The Editors hope that future issues of the magazine will contain reports on some of the occupations and careers taken up by our scholars when they leave the School. It is also hoped that the reports will be written by ex-students of the School, and that they will entertain and interest readers, and perhaps act as a guide

in the choice of a career. Below are reports on student life by two recent pupils of the School).

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Last September, I started my training as a teacher at the Diocesan College, Derby. As the College prospectus says, the situation of the College is such that the amenities of the town and also the beautiful countryside are readily accessible. Anyone who knows Derby at all, though, will soon be able to modify this.

The present College building is over a hundred years old and situated on the main north-south road. A truly delightful spot! Nevertheless, we are to have new buildings in their own extensive grounds and the old College is being completely modernised. Next Summer vacation will last from June to October, to enable the builders to finish! But, having already experienced waiting to move into new buildings, I think this is optimistic.

There are about 260 students, some of whom wish to teach infants, some juniors, and some in secondary schools. The course I am pursuing—Physical Education—is new this year and, although in the first term we crawled up and down stairs and in and out of bed as a result of aching joints and stiff muscles, I am enjoying the course. Not only do we study P.E., though: the syllabus also includes Divinity, Maths, English, Education, Health and Biology.

Another innovation this year is that boys have been admitted as first year students. These boys—or rather young men—are very much in the minority since there are only forty of them. But don't they enjoy it! This is rather an 'about change' for me; in my seven years at the Tech., the proportion of boys to girls was 3 : 1, and even higher in the Sixth Form.

There are many differences between School and College life, especially in the attitude to work. There is also the change from being at the top of the School—a most renowned position—to being one of the rank and file of first year students. Although we may occasionally moan about the amount of work we have to do, College life is very enjoyable. Three years seem, at first, to be a long time; but in ten weeks one of them will have gone. How time flies! Already we are saying, "I wonder what our 'first years' will be like?"

HAZEL MILLER

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MEMORIES of the Upper Sixth of Trinity High School began to fade away when I became one of the five thousand last October. Far away from the Tower Block in Trinity Avenue, I looked up at the massive Portland stone facade of the University with no braid on my blazer. I was a 'first year' again.



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At first I felt lost. The University covers a large area; there seems no evidence of planning—like Topsy, it just 'grew.' The Textile Department was completed in 1880; the Great Hall followed in 1890. The University itself was established by Royal Charter in 1904, and in 1936 the Brotherton Library was opened, and now contains well over half a million books and periodicals. Even today, building continues; a Civil Engineering block was finished recently, and ambitious plans have been put forward for an expansion of the student population to 7,000 by 1970.

The University Union is the social and student centre. There are over 130 clubs and societies, catering for every sport and interest from Fives to Fencing, and Ski-ing to Skronging. The Union building contains a refectory, a cafeteria ('Caf' to the lower orders of the student population), a library, a radio room, a television lounge, a card lounge, a games room, a coffee room ('the Moat Jones'—for social climbers), a book exchange, two common rooms, numerous offices and committee rooms, a large hall, and a bar ('Fred's place' to the initiated). The Union and the University provides its members with many other facilities—a vacation work office, an Appointments Board, an Air Squadron, an Officers Training Corps, a newspaper, and a host of magazines.

Union debates are magnificent occasions. The Speaker of the House, the Mace Bearer, and the other officers wear evening dress and gowns and come in regal procession to the Hall where the audience is assembled. They are greeted by a barrage of paper planes, flour bags, confetti, fireworks, toilet rolls and stink bombs. When order is restored the Debate begins, but the peaks of oratory are met only with more bags of flour and more paper planes. Nevertheless, debates are always enjoyable—and occasionally serious.

The feeling of being lost in strange surroundings soon goes, and one settles in. For myself, I made many friends and even more when lectures and tutorials began. In school one is taught, and often made to learn; but at University all this changes, and the responsibility lies with the individual. There is a certain amount of work that must be done: papers to prepare for reading at tutorials; laboratory courses completed and results written up; essays and questions handed in and marked. But many lectures are not compulsory and it is possible to idle one's time away and generally lead a work-free existence. The examinations, however, test everyone, and idling is not the best way in which to obtain a degree.

For many students it is the first time that they have lived away from home for any period of time. Some are lucky and obtain a place in the Hall of Residence; the majority (at least, in the larger provincial Universities) live in approved lodgings or, if over 21, in flats. Living away from home certainly makes one independent; but I will say no more of this, as my landlady is breathing down my

neck with a large shot-gun and saying unkind things about her shoes which, needless to say, were made in Northampton.

The University brings together people from all walks of life and from all over the world; at this University, over fifty countries are represented. Free discussion reigns; national and class barriers are broken down. University life never stagnates: there is always plenty to do, whether it is academic work, sport, or political activities.

The Yorkshiremen of the city have grown used to marching students. "Ban the Bomb!" "Ban the Means Test: Mac. must go!" "Death to Kasavubu and Mobutu!" "Solidarity with Cuba!"—these are the slogans. One old dear was once heard to mumble "Waystin' taxpayers' brass!" Her concern was cheerfully acknowledged with "Shurrup, gal, and 'ave a pamphlet!"

Undergraduates traditionally live a threadbare life, but our meagre grants are well-supplemented by "Brag" winnings, and any surplus is invested on the Stock Exchange and makes a huge profit.

ANON.

UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING COLLEGE NEWS

THE Editors extend their best wishes to the following old students who went to Training Colleges and Universities last September: A. R. Kingston and R. M. Wade, who are at Birmingham University; R. F. Osborn, who is at Leicester University; C. Finn and R. W. Alcock, who are at Leeds University; Pat Lea, who is at Bedford College, London University; M. Burrow, who is at Shoreditch Training College; Hazel Miller, who is at Derby Training College; and L. Northover, who is at Loughborough Training College.

CHESS CLUB

THE 1960-61 season of the Chess Club has proved another interesting and worthwhile one for its members. The same procedure—three concurrent competitions, consisting of a league, a knock-out competition, and a chess-problem competition—was followed as in the previous season. The meetings were held every Monday.

At the time of writing, none of the competitions have been concluded and, therefore, the winners for this year are unknown. However, it can be said that the league champion will either be Rooke (4A) or Barnes (5A) according to the outcome of their remaining games. Barnes, apart from being a near-certainty for the problem-solving title, is a finalist in the knock-out competition.

We would like to thank Mr. Clements for the amount of time he devotes to organising club meetings, and the very good advice which he gives to the members on their play.

R.P.D.

AMATEUR DRAMATICS WORKSHOP SOCIETY

DURING the past twelve months, the number of members has risen considerably. This new intake was a result of the large task set by the School's Dramatic Society: to build a large set of scenery and props for its third production, "The Ghost Train."

Every Wednesday night for six months, the members met to carry out the mammoth task. Slowly but surely, the platform in the Hall was transformed into a working theatre. This was a great achievement for Mr. Clarke, the Stage Manager, without whose organisation and energetic work, nothing could have been done. Only a few days before the production was staged, the set rose. Out of a pile of wood, screws and glue came a dilapidated British Railways waiting-room.

During the actual production, the four senior members of the Society—J. Dawkins, J. Forth, D. Jeyes and D. Jewell—assisted the Stage Manager backstage. This stage work was valuable experience for these members, who will soon leave the School for Training Colleges and Universities.

The members of the Society would like to thank Mr. Clarke for his great help and encouragement.

J.E.F.

ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB

MEETINGS, at which species and families of birds have been discussed by members, were held on most Wednesdays during term. A successful visit to Peter Scott's Wild Fowl Trust was arranged in November. Members were able to see many rare species, including specimens of the Trumpeter Swan, which is now nearly extinct.

G.N.S.

WOODWORK CLUB

THE Woodwork Club meets on Wednesdays after school under the guidance, watchful eye, and firm control of Mr. Waller. One of the members is Mr. Meldrum, who is busily engaged in making a mahogany sideboard. Knibb has just finished a drop-leaf table and other members have made tea-trays, table lamps, a model yacht, and a wood-carving.

M.R.K., T.A.H.

CRICKET SOCIETY

THIS is the third year of the Society which has, as yet, a small membership owing to the limited interest shown by pupils.

During this term, it is hoped to arrange trips to England v. Australia Tests on the 10th and 24th of June. Meetings are held every Friday during the Summer Term, when short games are organised if sufficient players come along.

The future aims of the Society are to gain a larger membership and to encourage interest in this country's major summer sport.

D.J.

DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Society re-formed on October 7th, 1960, and it was decided by those present that the Headmaster should be asked to continue as President, and that Diane Addington, R. Church and M. Ryan, should act as committee members.

At the first meeting, the foundations of a very successful season were ceremoniously laid by the 40 members who attended. The debate took the form of an "Any Questions Forum" and, from the enthusiasm displayed by panel members and audience alike, it was quite obvious that this type of meeting is popular.

Following this "pipe-opener" came a debate entitled "This House deplores the disappearance of the true amateur in national and international sport." The standard of debating was extremely high and the motion was carried by a large majority.

On November 11th, the Society held a debate with the Northampton School for Girls, with the intriguing title of "Stocks should be re-introduced as a form of punishment." R. Church and J. Dawkins represented the Society, and received support from 20 fellow-members. The motion was heavily defeated.

Other meetings which were held before the Inter-School's Debate ranged from a "Beginners' Night" to a highly-amusing debate entitled "Film censorship should be abolished." The Society also challenged, with the N.G.S., the Northampton Debating Society to a debate on February 21st, 1961, at the Neptune Cafe. Representing the School was D. Robinson and the committee would like to congratulate and thank him for the excellent manner in which he presented his case.

The winter session was brought to a fitting conclusion by the Inter-Schools' Debate Competition held on March 17th at the N.G.S. The four speakers proposed the motion "Modern civilization is beset by madness" and received high praise from the judges, even though the result went to the Notre Dame High School for the second year running.

It is hoped to challenge the Staff to an informal debate during the summer and give our two fortunate speakers the long-awaited opportunity of arguing with their superiors without the threat of extra homework.

In conclusion, as secretary it is my pleasant duty on behalf of the committee to thank Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Clements and Mr. Meldrum, for the invaluable help and guidance they have given during the season and I hope they have found as much interest in the various meetings as we have. J.D.

BOYS' SWIMMING CLUB

THE Boys' Swimming Club now meets at dinner-time on Thursdays at the Barry Road School Baths. Mr. Hammond was in charge of the Club until Easter, when he left the School. Mr. Houghton has now kindly taken over the reins.

It is hoped that the Life-Saving Class will combine with the Club next year, as this would make the organisation of both groups much easier and help to promote a better knowledge of swimming and life-saving generally. It is also hoped that the School will do much better in this year's Inter-Schools' Swimming Gala than it did in last year's.

R.R.

COUNTRY DANCING SOCIETY

THE Country Dancing Society meets every Tuesday after school in the gymnasium during the Autumn and Spring Terms. Meetings last until 5 o'clock and everyone has an enjoyable time with the guidance of Miss Rudling and Mr. Meldrum. New members—from the fourth, fifth and sixth years—are always welcome.

D.B.

TENNIS CLUB

LAST year, the Club had the best season since its inception, with new fixtures and ideas. The new fixtures included matches against the Challenge T.C. and one of the new ideas resulted in a successful trip to Wimbledon.

The Senior Tournament was again won by L. Northover, and the Junior by M. Kingston (4A). The standard of play improved throughout the season and the Club should have great resources this summer.

M.R.

CAMERA CLUB

THE Camera Club, now in its third year, is still flourishing despite the fact that many of our founder-members have left the School.

On November 16th, members took photographs of the school play at the dress rehearsal. This type of photography was a new venture for most of the members and produced some very pleasing results. Arrangements made to photograph the eclipse of the sun were, unfortunately, wasted, owing to clouds obscuring the "model."

It is hoped to arrange an exhibition of members' work before the end of term.

H.J.L., R.A.

LIFE-SAVING CLASS

DURING the latter part of the Autumn Term, a Life-saving Class was formed with the intention of making the pupils of the School aware of the fact that many lives are lost annually by drowning.

Some boys of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years were enrolled to form a class which, at the end of the course, could be expected to be proficient in life-saving. It is hoped that some of these will gain either the Bronze Medallion or the Intermediate Certificate of the Royal Life-Saving Society during the summer. The organiser of the class hopes to gain the Instructor's Certificate.

R. Church (U6 Modern) has won the Docker Peace Cup for Life-Saving and R. Relf (U6 Technical) was placed fourth.

R.R.

SCHOOL CHOIR

TOWARDS the end of last year, we attended the Northampton Eisteddfod at the Town Hall. We sang two songs and came third. In the Christmas Concert we sang a group of carols which everyone seemed to enjoy.

The choir had the honour of being asked to sing on Speech Day and, under the guidance of our new music master, Mr. Bertalot, we sang two songs—"Who is Sylvia?" and "Heigh Ho, Come to the Fair." We wish Mr. Bertalot many happy years with us and extend our thanks and best wishes to his predecessor, Mr. Chesters.
D.J.H.

SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

UNDOUBTEDLY, the most notable event of our year was the Inter-Schools' Christian Fellowship Conference held at our school in February. Professor Ingram, the Principal of North Staffs University, spoke on "Plan and purpose in the universe" and illustrated his talk with lantern-slides. After tea, which was prepared by some of our girls, we had a question-time. Many questions were asked, and much useful information obtained from Professor Ingram's answers. Representatives came from Christian Fellowships in schools at Corby, Wellingborough, Towcester, as well as from Northampton. It was an encouragement to our members to realise that we are a part, though small at present, of a larger whole.

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." If we truly believe that the way of Jesus Christ is the only way for the world today, then we should seize every opportunity of meeting with like-minded people and of increasing our knowledge of His Truth through Bible study, discussion and religious films. These are all included in the programme arranged by the committee, of which the members this year are:—

Richard Pearson (President), Christine Whitehead, Pat Barford, Elizabeth Merry, Jennifer Knibb, and myself (Michael Lacey).
M.J.L.

SEWING CIRCLE

LAST September it was decided to form a Sewing Circle for the senior girls of the school. But, as there are few girls in the Sixth Form, it has now been opened to the fifth-year girls, who have become very keen members. The club meets on Wednesday evenings, from 4.10 to about 5.30, and is very capably supervised by Mrs. Watson, who gives up her time to assist the girls in their needlework.

The work usually consists of dresses and skirts, which must be of a good standard. A small sub is paid each week for the refreshments, and the use of the equipment and cottons, etc.

We hope the club will continue to flourish and that, as a result of these evening classes, girls will become interested in making their own clothes in the future.
L.M.B.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

AT the first meeting, T. D. Randall was elected Secretary and R. Austin, S. W. Reeves, Linda Lewis, H. J. Linsley, K. J. Shulman, I. W. McIlravie, P. G. Cotter and P. R. Markstein as form representatives. A film, "From alchemy to atom-splitting," was then shown. Our other meetings were as listed below.

Brenda Harris dissected a frog and helped a large gathering of boys and girls to dissect worms. R. Austin gave a spectacular demonstration lecture on "Conduction in gases." A talk by Mr. A. L. Smith of the Technical College on "The Weather" was very well received. I. J. Spencer gave an illustrated talk on "Pond Life."

Two meetings for first and second year boys were well supported. A. F. J. McLellan gave a demonstration lecture on "Bi-metal strips," and M. R. Verity a talk on "The Solar System."

The final meeting consisted of a talk entitled "Relativity and the Expanding Universe" by T. D. Randall. This proved a most controversial subject.

All will be welcome at our meetings when we resume activities in the new school year.

T.D.R.

ENGINEERING CLUB

THE Engineering Club has been in existence for just over a year and meetings are held on Thursdays after school in the Metalwork Shop. The members are allowed to make anything they wish and many varied jobs have been done. Tools, model fittings, motor-cycle parts, rod-rests and weed-rakes, have been made. The members would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Burgess, who has so ably supervised the Club since its inception.

A.E.H.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

WE were all very sorry when Mr. Chesters left us at Christmas, but we are very fortunate, indeed, to have Mr. Bertalot as his successor.

The orchestra now consists of six descant recorders, one tenor recorder, one cello, one violin, one cornet and Mr. Guffogg's clarinet. We are steadily becoming more experienced and hope to play more advanced music in the near future.

New members—beginners or professionals—are welcomed with open arms.

M.H.

GYM CLUB

THE Gym Club was held after school on Mondays. The progress the boys made was very encouraging. About twelve of the best gymnasts were selected for the gymnastics display which was a part of the Christmas Concert. They performed some free standing

exercises to the accompaniment of a waltz tune; this was followed by advanced vaulting exercises on the box. At the time of going to press, the Club is preparing for a further display along similar lines for the Garden Fete to be held in July, 1961.

G.C.G.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

OUR first Inter-House Tennis Tournament was held last summer. It was arranged in conjunction with the School's Tennis Club. Each House was represented by three couples, consisting of two boys' couples and one girls' couple. The competition was very close and a high standard of play was maintained throughout. The tournament was eventually won in the last match by Kelvin, with Burghley in second place. Mr. Howard presented the Cup to Valerie Humber and C. Finn, the captains of the winning team.

M.T.R.

SPORTS DAY, 1961

IN contrast to last year's Sports Day, we were blessed with glorious weather and conditions were perfect for an athletics meeting. The standard was higher in these circumstances and many records were broken—in some cases, by big margins. Five new records were achieved by the girls, nine by the boys, and one boys' record was equalled.

In the finals of the boys' field events, which took place before Sports Day, six new records were achieved and the boys' team showed great promise for the Inter-School Sports at British Timken. Mobbs won the tug-of-war for the second time since the inclusion of this event. The Victor Ludorum Cup was won jointly by A. Hancock (5A) and B. Capell (U6 Science).

In the girls' field events, decided before Sports Day, no records were broken, although the standard was quite high. However, on Sports Day itself, several of the runners excelled themselves. Jean Leigh won the Senior 100 yards in the record time of 12.0 seconds, and the 150 yards in the record time of 17.4 seconds. A very exciting Senior Hurdles race, when three girls reached the tape almost together, also resulted in a new record: it was won by Penny Dickens in 12.2 seconds. The Middle School relay was won by Burghley in 56.8 seconds—a new record—and the Senior School relay was won by Blakeman in the record time of 54.8 seconds. Joan Brawn deservedly won the Victrix Ludorum Cup, having gained a 1st in the Senior Hop, Step and Jump, and 2nd places in both the Long Jump and 100 yards, as well as helping her House to a record-breaking victory in the relay.

The Inter-House Championship was won for the second year running by Burghley with 148 points; Blakeman was 2nd with 133 points, Mobbs 3rd with 131 points, and Kelvin 4th with 100 points.

I.M.R., G.C.G.

RUGBY, 1960-61

THE 1st XV proved to be a much better side than its predecessors. Although there were no outstanding players, it was a well-balanced side and had a successful season. M. Ryan was again a sound captain at fly-half and nursed his forwards with some good touch-kicking. He was selected for the County team after sound play in the Grammar Schools' trials, and Rixon was a reserve for this team. The forwards played quite well but could be faulted for a general lack of urgency in their play, and we could not find a pack-leader who could rouse them as a fighting unit. The backs defended well, but there was a lack of penetration and thrust in mid-field. The best effort of the season came in the match at the Grammar School against the G.S. Colts. The play see-sawed from end to end of the field, both sides grimly contesting every inch of ground. The result was a draw with no score. The poorest game, from our point of view, was the last match of the season against Towcester G.S. As we had previously beaten Towcester by 21—3, it was expected that we would again do well; but, as it turned out, we were lucky to draw 3—3. Towcester launched a series of sustained attacks on our line, and we spent most of the game in our own territory, our standard of play being disappointingly low. Colours were presented to P. Thomas (5A), G. Street (L6 Science) and M. Lea (5B).

The Under 15 team's playing record gives a false impression of its ability for, in all the five matches lost, the team came very close to winning. It also achieved some notable victories during the season and, just before the Christmas holidays, accounted for both Wellingborough G.S. and Northampton G.S. The victory over Wellingborough was particularly pleasing as it was the first time the School had beaten these worthy opponents. The team had many outstanding individuals, five of whom represented the town's team—Gregory (4C), Winkworth (4C), Goodman (4M), Wright (4M) and Asbrey (4A). Asbrey and Winkworth played for the County team and Asbrey, the captain of the Under 15 team, brought honour to the School when he was chosen for a Midlands trial. He was selected as a travelling reserve for the Midlands team against the North. This game was the first England trial. The success of the Under 15 team was not, however, only owing to the ability of these individuals. As the season progressed, the boys blended well together and played as a team. By Christmas the team had achieved a standard of rugby which exceeded that of its predecessors over the last two years. On the whole, this has been a very satisfactory season.

The Under 14 XV had a successful season, which culminated in the winning of the Collier Cup (the final is reported elsewhere in the magazine). Much of the credit is due to the heavy pack and,

whilst all worked hard, England and Adhemar must be mentioned for always being in the fray. The back-row of Harris, Clarke and Shaw broke quickly and harried the opposition continually. Butlin proved his versatility by converting to fly-half and then to scrum-half. He also took over the captaincy when injuries, etc., caused a rearrangement behind the scrum. The threequarters ran hard. Essam and Kirby improved steadily throughout the season and, at full-back, Hall was reliable.

The record of the Under 13 side is unimpressive ; so, unfortunately, was the standard of its play. In spite of hard-working forwards, outstanding amongst whom were Chivers, Jones and Stringer, the backs failed to take advantage of their opportunities, and few points were scored against worthy opponents. Weak tackling led to two early defeats and, although an improvement was noticeable in the latter part of the season, this aspect of the game must be concentrated on next season. A good team spirit developed and mention should be made of the small group of ardent supporters, one of whom, Dorr, stepped into the breach and proved himself to be a sound and determined full-back.

In the House matches, Kelvin won both the Junior and Senior sections and were worthy champions.

After the House games, the Staff fielded a team of novices, players, and veterans to take on nine members of the 1st XV. Owing to the speed of Mr. Gibson and the crash-tackling of Mr. Fellowes, the Staff emerged tired, aching, but exultant winners by 10—5. All the staff scores came from Mr. Gibson; the boys' scores came from a try by Dawkins which was converted by Ryan.

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

Season's playing records :

1st XV	Played—9 ; Won—5 ; Drawn—2 ; Lost—2 ; Points for—80 ; Against—30.
Under 15 XV	Played—13 ; Won—6 ; Drawn—2 ; Lost—5 ; Points for—132 ; Against—59.
Under 14 XV	Played—11 ; Won—7 ; Lost—4 ; Points for—181 ; Against—54.
Under 13 XV	Played—9 ; Won—3 ; Lost—6 ; Points for—88 ; Against—123.

SWIMMING GALA, 1960

THIS was the first occasion, since its inception at the Midsummer Meadow Pool, on which the gala had to be abandoned owing to a torrential downpour which occurred in the middle of the proceedings. Fourteen events were completed, however, and no less than seven new records were set up. No House Trophy could be presented under the circumstances. It is hoped that the weather will be better this July.

G.C.G.

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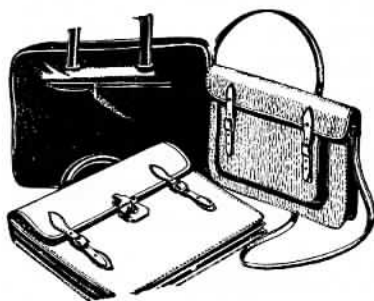
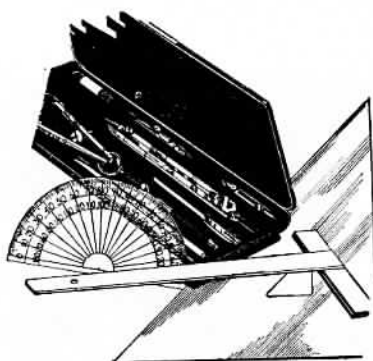
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THE COLLIER CUP

ON Saturday, April 29th, the Under 14 XV won the final of the Under 14 age group Knock-out competition in a match played at Franklin's Gardens prior to the Saints' game.

Our opponents were Cherry Orchard School. As they had just completed an Easter tour of three matches in the south and we had not played at all since half-term, we wondered what the outcome would be.

In the first half, two good tries by Clarke and Harris, both converted by Clarke, saw us 10 points up at half-time. A lucky bounce and some hard running by Chillingsworth increased the lead to 13 points, the final score being 13—0.

Although difficult to mention individuals in what was a grand team effort, Finlay at open-side wing forward and Whiteman as hooker did well. Butlin directed the pattern of play with some good kicking for touch and as captain received the cup from Alderman J. V. Collier.

L.W.T.

Team :

Hall ; Kirby, Essam, Clarke, Chillingsworth ; Osborne, Butlin (Capt.); Adhemar, Whiteman, England, Sullivan, Wills, Finlay, Harris, Shaw.

MOUNTAINEERING

AT the time of going to press, a weekend training course is to be held under the auspices of Wellingborough Mountaineering Club, from June 2nd to 4th, 1961. The course is designed to give an introduction to mountaineering and rock climbing to boys who are interested in the sport. The number of places is strictly limited but five of our boys have been accepted. They are: Linsley (3A), Stead (4M), Tuckley (4M), Robinson (3A) and Bonham (3C).

G.C.G.

FIRST YEAR CRICKET, 1960

LAST summer, a cricket team for boys of the first year was formed by K. Boyce, P. Bedwell and T. Dorr. Practices were held on Tuesday nights after school and it was found that there was considerable talent available. Mr. Hammond gave the team helpful hints and assisted in getting equipment.

Only two "serious" matches were played—both against a team from the Grammar School. We lost both matches, but by narrow margins. The outstanding batsmen were J. Taylor and R. Jones, and the best bowlers were C. Duff and J. Hall.

T.D.

Team (from) :

T. Dorr (captain), T. Jackson, P. Bedwell, J. Kerr, R. Jones, J. Taylor, M. Wimpess, S. Middleton, G. Diamond, C. Duff, J. Hall and R. Stringer.

SECOND YEAR CRICKET, 1961

Our first and only match so far was played against a team from Duston Secondary Modern School. Our team was: Duff, Jackson, Poynton, Taylor, Giles, Stringer, Jones, Luck, Dorr and Cosford. We won the match by 15 runs. Taylor took four wickets, Jackson three, Duff two and Jones one. The team played well as a unit. A second match, versus St. Mary's School, was arranged but later cancelled.

T.E.J.

BOXING

THE School's third Inter-House Boxing Championship was held in December, 1960. Blakeman won the Baker Trophy for the second time; whilst last year's winning House, Kelvin, dropped to last position. Blakeman scored 26 points; Burghley and Mobbs, 18 points; and Kelvin, 17 points. There was a good standard of boxing throughout the tournament. The best bout of the evening was between B. Wood (5A) and D. Morrison (5B). Morrison lost very narrowly on points and was awarded a special prize, donated by an anonymous donor, for his courageous display. The individual trophy for the best boxer was given by the judges to M. Thornton of Burghley. Medals were presented to the boxers by Alderman F. Tollit, the Chairman of the School Governors.

In the third Inter-Schools' Boxing Tournament in March, the Grammar School competed for the first time. Boxers were matched according to age and weight, but boxing ability was impossible to assess beforehand with unknown boxers. The result was that we saw in several bouts a great disparity in skill, and several fights had to be stopped because of the marked superiority of one of the contestants over the other. Many of our boxers forgot their skill in the heat of battle and had to be cautioned for their bull-like tactics. However, M. Thornton, M. East and M. Ganley, who all won their fights, are to be congratulated on their boxing and their observance of the rules. Campbell Square, the holders of the Inter-Schools' Trophy, tied with us, both schools winning four fights. The Grammar School won only one fight which counted towards the championship. Campbell Square will hold the trophy for six months and then we shall hold it for the second six months.

G.C.G.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT—DANCING

AS in previous years, the girls produced some dancing for the Christmas Concert. The girls of Form 4 opened the Folk Dancing with "Terschelling Reel," which looked most effective as they wore Dutch costumes. They were followed by Form 5 dancing "Tantoli," which needed some rather intricate footwork and formation. Their Lyndean costumes were greatly admired. To conclude, both forms joined together in a gay dance called "La Vinca."