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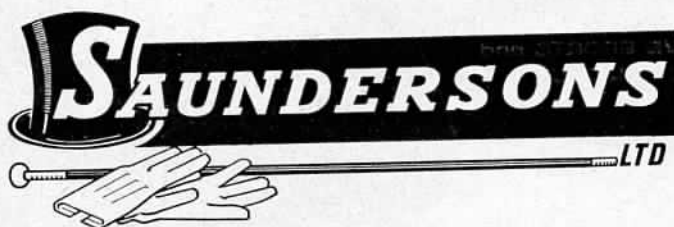
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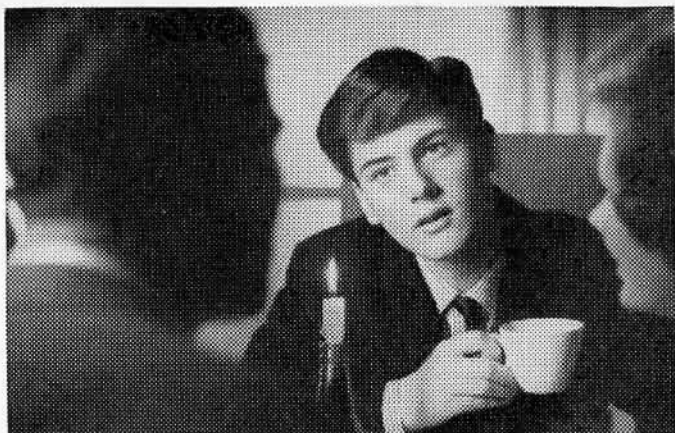


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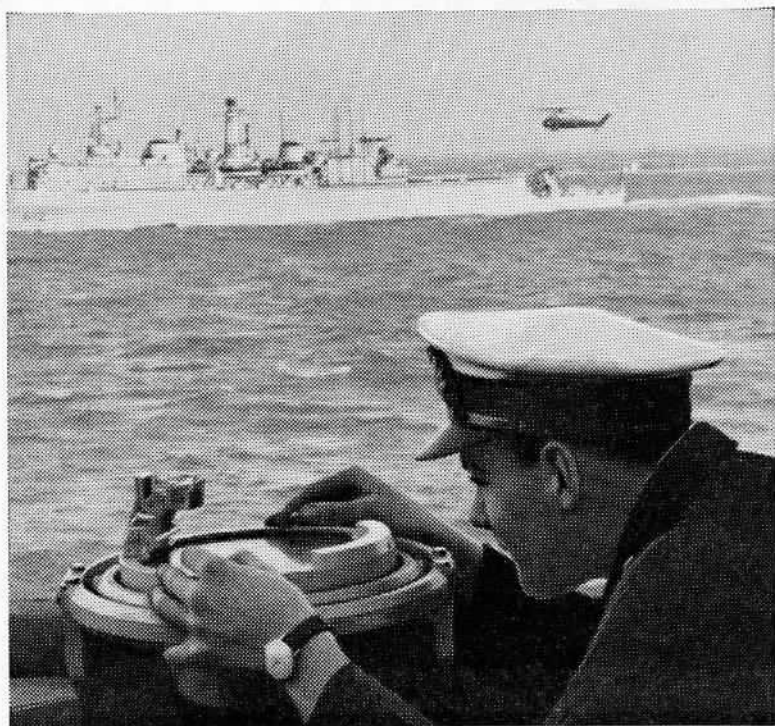
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EDITORIAL

DURING the last few years there have been many educational reports, newspaper articles and television documentaries, all pointing to the unsatisfactory provision of facilities for Higher Education. There have been many instances quoted of young people with adequate "A Levels" being refused places at universities and colleges.

This recent excess of demand over supply is perhaps so familiar to us that reviews of the situation tend to leave us apathetic, though we may occasionally comment, blaming the Government for its lack of foresight in dealing with this "bulge" demand for Higher Education. If there is a general attitude of nonchalance, boredom even, rather than an interest and concern in this problem, it is hardly surprising; only a minority of the population goes to university and therefore most people have no immediate interest. It is, however, in the national interest that there should be wider concern, for we should not neglect the intellectual potential of our country.

The seriousness of the situation is soon personally felt when applications to university or college are unsuccessful, and there is no doubt that the appeal for "a massive expansion of university and college education" in a recent issue of the magazine "Sixth-Form Opinion" derives from the frustration of Sixth-Formers facing the "18+."

Serious though the situation is, there is now evidence of some expansion and growth in Higher Education, which is encouraging. There is now a Clearing House system for entry to University and College, which has simplified the procedure for application and is enabling more students to be placed each year; Colleges of Advanced Technology and Technical Colleges are developing rapidly; and it will not be long before our seventh new university admits its first undergraduates. For pupils at school the future is somewhat brighter.

Already we are assured that the new universities will not prove to be a disappointment. In this present edition of "The Tower" there is a letter from one of our former pupils, which shows how stimulating life in new universities can be. In their curricula, while allowing for necessary specialisation, they aim to give a broader-based education than is provided in most of our established universities. It is to be hoped that the present and future achievements of these universities will stimulate the interest and support of the country as a whole, so that they may expand and so that further universities may be created. We will then be able to meet the demand for university education, and take a pride in the system we have achieved.

SCHOOL NOTES

IN July, after the G.C.E. examination had ended, a series of "Wider Horizons" lectures and discussions was arranged in the School for our Upper-Sixth pupils. A wide range of subjects was introduced by visiting speakers and members of staff. The lectures are to be continued this year.

The School Inter-House Swimming Gala was held at Midsummer Meadow Swimming Baths on July 17th, 1963. The Fred Watts Inter-House Trophy was won by Burghley House.

The School's first Commemoration Day Service was held on 15th October, 1963. In his address, the Headmaster described the School's growth and achievement from its beginnings in 1945 as part of the Technical College.

On October 17th, a most successful Careers Convention was held at Trinity High School. There is now an extensive Careers Library in School, from which books may be borrowed. Parents are welcome to come to School, by appointment, in order to discuss pupils' careers problems with the Careers Masters.

In October, members of the Upper-Sixth English group attended a performance of Harold Brighouse's "Hobson's Choice," given by Northampton Repertory Company. Afterwards they went backstage and were able to discuss the production with members of the cast.

On Thursday, 7th November, the sixteenth annual Whist Drive was held in the School Hall. This was a most pleasant and successful social occasion which provided eighty pounds for the School Funds.

At Christmas, as a result of a collection, donations and special efforts such as carol singing, the School was pleased to send ninety pounds to the Lord Mayor's Fund, ninety-five pounds to Oxfam, and nineteen pounds to the Northamptonshire Association for the Blind.

The School's production of "Iolanthe" will be given on the evenings of 10th, 12th and 14th December, 1964.

We are pleased to record the engagement of two of the School's former pupils, Bonita A. Cosford (1954-59) and John E. Forth (1954-61).

Audrey Chamberlain, Secretary of the School Debating Society, has been presented by the Northampton Drama Club with a cup for the most outstanding speech made this year.

We congratulate Audrey Chamberlain (6UM) and Gordon Bromage (6LS) on their each winning 1st Prize in the Mayoral Essay Competition open to the Grammar Schools of the Borough.

At the end of the Autumn Term we were sorry to lose the services of Mr. G. N. Syer, and, at the end of the Summer Term, those of Mrs. A. Payton, Mrs. M. Queensborough, Miss P. Stroud, Mrs. B. Taylor, Mlle M. G. Borros, Mr. D. Holland, Mr. A. Rayton and Mr. R. Waller. We wish them every happiness and success in their future careers.

The School welcomes Miss J. Davies, Mlle. G. Gilles, Miss J. C. Hamlett, Miss A. J. Perkins, Mrs. J. Oxley, Mr. I. de C. Greaves, Mr. L. Hill, Mr. H. M. Little, Mr. S. L. Meakins, Mr. K. K. Price and Mr. J. A. Williams, the new members of staff who have joined us this year.

TRINITY OLD BOYS RUGBY CLUB

THIS season saw a great improvement both in our standard of play and in the content and quality of our expanding fixture list.

More interest was shown in the Club and a greater number of players participated in matches. More boys than in previous years leaving school applied for membership and we are pleased to note the interest shown by the present school First XV players, who will greatly strengthen the teams we now have.

Several 'get-togethers' were arranged for members and an outing was organised to Leicester by D. Butlin, present School First XV Vice Captain, to see the famous "All Blacks" narrowly beat the Midland Counties.

A jumble sale was organised in the School Hall in June 1963, when £20 was raised for Club funds. Another one was held this June, and £29 was collected.

The Club would like to extend its thanks to Mr. Howard, our President, for his interest, to Mrs. Hogg for the use of the School Kitchen facilities, to Mr. Adams for the posters he has painted for us, and, of course, to Mr. Grimshaw for all the work he puts into the Club.

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected:—

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THE ANNUAL DINNER

ONCE a year, a dinner is arranged for former pupils who have entered universities and colleges. On April 2nd, 1964, the Annual Dinner was held at the Angel Hotel, and was the best-attended to date. Following an excellent meal, we listened to several amusing and enjoyable speeches. A toast was made to the Queen by Mr. Howard, and then the first of the main speeches was given by Councillor Peter Keedle, who was one of the first pupils of the then Technical High School to go to University and the first ex-pupil to become a Councillor. The subject of his speech was "The School." He expressed his thanks to the staff and particularly the careers masters for the help and guidance given to him whilst at school. He also mentioned amusing experiences that happened during his school years. The Headmaster responded with an equally amusing talk.

At the last dinner he would be attending in an official capacity, Mr. E. G. Newell attempted to wish "Success to our former pupils," but could not define "success" satisfactorily. He called on Miss Susan Ward to respond and made an amusing comment to the effect that she was always very good at answering back when a pupil. Susan, who is in her second year at the University of Hull, gave the shortest speech of the evening, and it was very fitting that she was the only lady speaker since she is well-known at the University for her attempts to join Hull Chamber of Trade and Commerce and to assert women's rights.

The very well-arranged Dinner concluded with a toast to "Absent Friends."

D. HEADLAND.

SPEECH DAY, 1964

AT this year's Speech Day the guest speaker, who was introduced by Alderman F. Tollit, the Chairman of the Governors, was T. A. Fraser Noble, M.B.E., M.A., the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester. His address was on the development of higher education, a subject which is very much in the public eye at the moment owing to the recent Robbins Report.

Mr. Noble said that, although it is a good thing to expand and develop facilities for higher education, this in itself is not enough. There must be uniform effort throughout the Education system, from the primary schools up to the universities, if we are to have complete success. This point was also mentioned by the Headmaster when he said that the Robbins proposals could provide "the roof" of our educational system, but that a completely sound building was also vital to support this roof.

Both Mr. Noble and the Headmaster spoke of the pressure to enter university this year, and also of the slight swing from science subjects to modern and arts subjects. Mr. Noble reminded us that some students are better suited to advanced colleges and training colleges, and he also drew attention to the fact that higher education for girls in England, although just beginning, is already growing fast.

His speech ended with an appeal to the pupils of the school to cultivate a sense of responsibility and respect, and also a sense of humour, as one of the main problems of students when they leave school to go to University or College is adjusting to a new role of independence and responsibility.

In his report, Mr. Howard referred to the increasing number of secondary modern pupils who are entering our sixth form; this year there are fifteen pupils from various secondary schools at our school studying subjects at an advanced level. He spoke of the many social activities of the school and also of the extensions to the building which will be starting in the near future. These extensions will allow for a full grammar school curriculum to be adopted.

The Mayoress, Mrs. G. J. Hackett, graciously presented the prizes, the Auricula cup for the most outstanding pupil being awarded to Patrick Davies. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor G. J. Hackett, J.P., and seconded by the Head Girl, Diane Headland.
A.P.

PRIZE LIST, 1964

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- Fourth Forms: G. E. Taylor, R. H. Westley, D. A. Littlewood, R. J. Ashby, R. M. Barnes, G. J. Cookson, D. Cooke, T. T. R. Douglas, R. A. Stringer, R. J. Coe, J. Curtis, E. J. Dexter.
- Upper School
P.E. Prizes: C. A. Harding, P. J. Essam.

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P. E. Tompkins Prize for History:	M. Eyton-Jones
History:	P. W. Thomas
Economics:	G. A. Harries, R. M. Lacey
Pure Mathematics:	T. F. Knibb, G. J. Warren
Applied Mathematics:	T. F. Knibb
Physics:	P. Davies, J. P. Tero
Chemistry:	R. D. Barnes, P. Davies
Engineering Drawing:	R. T. Hensman, C. R. Shepard
Handicraft (Metalwork):	R. J. Hinde
Domestic Subjects (Dressmaking):	A. D. Crawley, V. A. Humber
Domestic Subjects (Cookery):	L. C. Rixon

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The Fred and Hilda Watts Prize for Public Spirit:	V. A. Humber, P. W. Thomas
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