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FOREWORD

BY F. LINCOLN RALPHS, M.Sc., Ph.D., LL.B.

WE believe that at Wymondham College we have an educational activity unique and abundantly worth-while. Although it is a new foundation in temporary accommodation, it has both reputation and tradition firmly established and of a high order. The Nissen huts in which it is housed were built for the cure of those of our Allies who, in the struggle against tyranny and suppression, persecution and dishonesty, had sacrificed much. Its founders then, were heroes from the New World who had suffered for the high principles which the traditional education of the Old World maintains.

When those who had withstood the advance of this enemy had left, the buildings were re-fashioned to train a second army. Teachers, men and women, training to wage war on the enemy, ignorance and misunderstanding, from which the first enemy had derived its strength.

When the teachers left, the Education Committee, acquiring the premises from the Ministry, established Wymondham College as a home for a wide variety of educational activities—children training for a technical age—those whose grammar school aptitudes were revealed later than at the normal time of selection—those who will work on the land, and pupils and students of all ages and interests who wish to come together in an educational environment. To Wymondham College have come teachers for refresher courses, professors and lecturers for field studies, youths interested in farming, in drama, in music, people from commerce and industry concerned to improve productivity and standards of products.

The main work is, of course, the secondary technical school and its close ally, the special grammar school. That these have established themselves is indicated by the keen competition to secure places and by the enthusiasm of parents and students for the work which is carried on. Nowhere in Norfolk is it more abundantly obvious that buildings do not make the school; here, literally, the school has made the buildings. By a practical demonstration, of what can be achieved in direct effort; by wise direction from the teachers, and by the care of those responsible for the residential side, Wymondham College has already done a good job of work.

We take this opportunity of saluting the production of the magazine which will be possessed by all pupils as a proud memento of the schools' affairs. It will, we understand, record their achievements and their aspirations, and we are confident that, in so far as it mirrors the life and educational work of Wymondham College, it will itself be an inspiration to those who read it and a source of gratification to the members of the Education Committee who were bold enough, despite financial difficulties, to make Wymondham College the property of the Local Education Authority, thus providing for Norfolk children an opportunity to which they have responded with enthusiasm and effect.

F. LINCOLN RALPHS,
Chief Education Officer.

June, 1953.

HEADMISTRESS'S INTRODUCTION

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

It is with pleasure that I wish success to the first number of the Magazine of the Technical and Grammar Schools of Wymondham College. Here the Editors have gathered records of the efforts and achievements of the past two years and give glimpses of our hopes for the future.

First ventures in any sphere of activity are invariably marked by feelings of excitement, apprehension and determination. The actor in the wings confesses to blankness of memory; the athlete waiting for the start feels his limbs stiff and unresponsive; and in school the new teacher and the new children regard each other with reciprocal awareness each for the moment a lone being. But the performance starts, the race is run, friendships are formed and confidence comes with the knowledge that an effort has been sincerely made. Since September 1951 we have all, Staff and children, experienced many "first occasions." Of the decisions we have made concerning work, games and the varied facets of School life, a great number may gradually be altered as we feel the need for improvement. Always we shall work towards our ideals.

Our particular interest in the Special Grammar School is with those girls and boys who qualify for further schooling of a broadly academic type at a later age than will allow for a five-year course. At Wymondham these girls and boys have been brought together to form a unit of a considerable size. The advantages of responsibility and corporate feeling that status as a School gives to Staff and pupils are considerable.

In the expansion of the School, which is not yet complete, much credit is due to the Staff for their hard work, loyal co-operation and patience in conditions which have sometimes been far from easy. Mr. J. N. Hodgson, Mr. A. L. Russell and Miss B. E. Shephard were the original members of Staff in September 1951. Mr. R. J. Garrard joined us in September 1952, and Miss K. A. Ashby came to the School temporarily from February to July 1953. In September 1953 we shall welcome Mr. P. Bailey, Miss T. C. Goodman, and Mrs. K. S. Mitchell from the Technical School Staff. For Science, Practical Subjects and Physical Recreation we have been largely dependent upon the Staff of the Technical School, and our thanks are due to Mr. Metcalfe and his Staff without whose assistance it would have been impossible for us to offer the children such a wide range of subjects.

The efforts of the School Staff would however be of little avail if we had not the co-operation of the girls and boys and their parents, the practical guidance of the members of the Norfolk Education Committee and its administrative officers, and the help of the many residential Staff.

To the girls and boys of the Schools we look with confidence. You are taking part in an adventure of education. The immediate and tangible results may be exam successes, but ultimately you will become men and women able, we hope, to live full and generous lives in a society that you will try to understand, and to which you will each contribute according to your talents.

HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION

TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

I AM grateful to the editors for giving me the opportunity of contributing to the first number of the Schools' Magazine, in order that I may thank, first, the Wymondham College Sub-Committee for their whole-hearted support in the development of the School to its present stage, and secondly, the Staff who have worked tirelessly in carrying it through.

The past two years have been years of rapid developments. Four laboratories have been equipped; the garden has been considerably extended, including the erection of a greenhouse, Dutch light house and garden frames; Metal and Wood workshops, Cookery rooms, an Engineering laboratory and workshop have been established, or will be before next term, in permanent buildings; a Drawing Office and Needlework room have been equipped, together with other specialist rooms; the playing fields have been extended and improved. Staff and pupils (Grammar and Technical) have given freely of their time and made a magnificent contribution to the general amenities of the College.

But not least in this process of development has been the steady growth of activities and societies, and the development of sport, proof of which is amply provided in the pages which follow. All these form part of the corporate life of any vigorous school and grow naturally out of the interests and enthusiasms of the classroom and the playing field. A spirit of co-operation has been built up and is still growing, with a consciousness of being members of a living society. A school does not consist only of the pupils who at any one time happen to be passing through it. The present generation particularly have an abiding part in it, for they will certainly have left their mark behind them in the contribution they have made to its welfare and the standards they have set.

Our aim is a simple one—to provide a broad general education, with opportunities for the appreciation of the beautiful in Music, Art and Literature, and in addition, anticipate the needs of our pupils in their future careers. They will sit for the General Certificate at the end of the five-year course, after which they may enter the sixth form for further study leading to the Advanced level of the G.C.E. Here let me hasten to add that the study of technical subjects involves as much mental discipline, as much culture, as much liberal thought and as much background as the traditional subjects.

In a boarding school, living and learning are intimately woven together. The same standard of thinking and conduct is expected in the classroom, on the playing field, in leisure activities and in the dormitory. In this way we hope to lay the foundation of a society based on trust, where people will be able to live as happy people and have life more abundantly.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL STAFF

Mr. R. V. Metcalfe, B.Sc.	..	..	..	Headmaster.
Mr. H. Appleyard, M.A.	..	..	..	Senior Master.
Mr. A. L. Chattaway, B.A.	..	..	..	English.
Mr. H. T. Mitchell, B.A.	..	..	..	English & Music.
Mr. S. T. Vernon, M.A.	..	..	..	History & Religious Instruction.
Mr. J. Turner, M.A.	..	..	..	Geography.
Mr. P. S. Kenyon, B.A.	..	..	..	German & Music.
Mr. P. Banham, B.A.	..	..	..	French & History.
Mr. E. Dudley, B.A.	..	..	..	Mathematics.
*Mr. E. A. Clark	..	..	..	Mathematics.
Miss L. F. Brunning, B.Sc.	..	..	..	Science.
Mr. C. V. Hughes	..	..	..	Science.
Mr. M. Baron	..	..	..	Rural Science.
Mr. D. J. Goman	..	..	..	Engineering & Technical Drawing.
Mrs. K. S. Mitchell	..	..	..	Art.
Mr. R. J. Mullenger	..	..	..	Handicrafts.
Mr. A. G. Seeley	..	..	..	Handicrafts.
Miss L. B. Dooler	..	..	..	Domestic Science.
Miss E. G. Fox	..	..	..	Domestic Science.
Mrs. M. J. Littlechild	..	..	..	Domestic Science (Part Time).
Mr. S. C. Littlechild	..	..	..	Physical Education & Music.
Miss P. M. Cooper	..	..	..	Physical Education.
Miss D. Abram	..	..	..	Commercial Subjects.
*Miss J. Jones	..	..	..	Commercial Subjects.
Mrs. J. W. Dudley	..	..	..	Housecraft (Part Time).

* These members have since left us and we wish them every success in their new appointments.

Mr. J. Turner will be leaving us in July 1953, to take up a post in Liverpool. We wish him every success and happiness.

We shall be welcoming the following new members of Staff in September 1953 :—

Mr. P. Pearce, B.Sc.	..	..	..	Senior Science Master.
Mr. J. Stavely, B.A.	..	..	..	Geography.
Mr. J. Howard, B.Sc.	..	..	..	Mathematics.
Mr. E. Reynolds, B.A.	..	..	..	German & Music.
Mr. K. Lamming	..	..	..	Art.
Mr. N. Canty	..	..	..	Handicrafts.
Miss B. Pattern, B.A.	..	..	..	English & Religious Instruction.
Miss K. Wilkinson	..	..	..	Domestic Science.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

MR. APPELYARD.

A MEETING of interested IVth Form pupils, with Mr. Appleyard in the chair, was held in the Physics Laboratory on the 3rd October, 1952 to consider the establishment of a Science Society. The aims and objects of such a Society were outlined and those present expressed a wish that a Society should be formed and their desire to become members. Officers of the Society were then elected; President, the Headmaster. Vice-Presidents, Miss Brunning and Mr. Appleyard. Honorary Secretary, J. Cushion and members of the Committee, A. Algate, B. Figgis, W. Hammond and B. Raines. It was stressed at the meeting that one very valuable purpose of the Society was to offer members an opportunity to give a talk on any scientific topic which interested them, preferably accompanied by demonstrations or exhibits. J. Vernon volunteered to give the first of such talks. This was given on the 10th October, his subject being "Galls," a phenomenon in which he was obviously deeply interested. The lecture was well illustrated by a large number of specimens of the various forms. As his fluent exposition remained unfinished at the time of closure of the meeting, it was the unanimous wish of the members that he should continue it the following week. So, on the 17th October, the talk was completed, and was followed by an almost impromptu and well delivered account by B. Raines of his visit to Germany the previous summer.

The first visit of the Society was made to Gaymer's Cider Factory on the 23rd October, where the whole process of cider-making was followed through. This proved fascinating, especially to those who had not previously seen large scale processes, and demonstrated industrial use of methods and materials which had been previously dealt with in the Laboratory. The members then thoroughly enjoyed a splendid tea generously provided by the firm and honoured by the presence of Miss Kate Gaymer.

The next meeting, on 31st October, was occupied by practical work and the following week Mr. Wheeler of Easton gave a talk on "The Science of Milk Production" which aroused great interest, as evinced by the number of questions asked. The rest of the term's meetings were devoted to practical work.

The opening talk of the Spring term was given by Mr. Banham on 30th January, his subject being "Norfolk Birds." This was illustrated by projected pictures and gramophone recordings. The topic proved so popular it was suggested by Mr. Appleyard that the lecture should be followed up, first by a visit to the Bird Rooms of Norwich Museum and later by a visit to the Bird Sanctuary at Blakeney Point. Hence an enjoyable and instructive round of the Museum was made the following week, guided by Mr. Banham, and arrangements are in hand for a visit to Blakeney in June.

Practical work occupied successive weeks until 5th March, when Mr. Baron gave an account of some research he had undertaken on the habits of trout, illu-

strated by photographs he had taken in connection with it. He surprised listeners by the numbers of variations which could occur in the fish.

Several more practical sessions were held, and the programme of lectures was concluded by an account by Miss Brunning of a visit she had paid to Malham Tarn Field Centre, and of the work being done there. It was illustrated by specimens she had collected.

Thanks are due to the Officers of the Society and to the lecturers for making this a successful first year.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

MR. TURNER.

THE society was formed in October 1952, in response to a suggestion made by two or three fourth year boys. At the inaugural meeting there were some sixty would-be members present, but this has since settled down to an "active" membership of about thirty. Meetings were held weekly or fortnightly during the winter terms; the programme of talks was as follows:—

B. Raines and R. Fancy (IVA): "Western Germany, 1952."

E. M. Jones (IIB): "Modern Turkey."

S. Handley (IVB): "Flood Damage and Drainage in the Fens."

Mr. Baron: "India, Hindu and Moslem."

Mr. Turner: "History of the O.S. 1-in. Maps."

Miss Tebbutt: "A Holiday in Austria."

In addition, the Society borrowed from the U.S. Information Service their 30-minute film depicting the results of the building of the Boulder Dam in Colorado, a film which proved to be of technical as well as geographical interest; and arranged two visits to factories in Norwich. The first of these, to Caley's Works, was certainly extensive, but no less rewarding, not only in revealing the size and complexity of the Mackintosh organization but also from the purely human—and toothsome!—point of view. For our second visit, to the Norvic Shoe Co's works, we were able to divide into unusually small groups, and thus, although no one saw everything, the combined knowledge of members after the visit enabled us to build up a remarkably detailed picture of this traditional and important Norwich industry.

Summer activities present some difficulty, owing to the lack of suitable places of geographical interest within walking or bicycling distance of the College, but a full-day excursion to Mundesley and Blakeney has been arranged, to study the well-known vagaries of the Norfolk coastline at first hand.

A small start was made by members working either individually or in small groups on topics of particular interest to them; this is a side of the Society's activities which might well be much more developed next year.

The officials of the society this year were:

Chairman: R. E. Daniels (IVA); Secretaries: I. R. Hipperson (IVA), H. Harbord (IVB); Treasurer: Betty Wykes (IIIB); Committee Members: Judy Hoyes (IIIB), S. Handley (IVB).

THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

MR. H. MITCHELL AND MR. A. L. CHATTAWAY.

"What revels are in hand? Is there no play

To ease the anguish of a torturing hour?"

Midsummer Night's Dream, Act 5, Scene I.

Our Society was inaugurated in 1952 when one section under Mr. Mitchell produced a one-act comedy. Another group under Mr. Chattaway joined with the School Choir in an arena dramatization of "The Boy Mozart."

This year we are rehearsing "Pip and the Convict," an adaptation from "Great Expectations," and joining again with the choir, this time in a version of Bach's "Peasant Cantata."

Our weekly programmes have consisted of progressive exercises in speech, mime and dramatic rehearsal. We have experimented with our apron stage using various systems of lighting and sound effects. In our search for suitable material we have read a great number of one-act plays and attempted our own original version on an early French comedy.

We are indebted to our friends who have helped us to stage our productions. There can be, however, no revels without revellers and no plays without players. We need more boys: handsome, rugged, skilled, unskilled but above all, willing. "You are welcome, masters; welcome, all," Hamlet says for us, ". . . come, give us taste of your quality: come, a passionate speech."

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

PLAYS PRODUCED DURING THE YEAR 1951-52.

"KING HENRY V."

In December 1951 the Vth Form produced their first play at Wymondham College. This was the "Battle of Agincourt" from King Henry V, produced for those taking the Cambridge English Examination.

John Hall made an impressive Henry, together with his height and rendering of the part. Carol Kirk took Chorus and also the cowardly French prisoner; a natural actress she did both parts admirably. Terence Tilley was an amusing Pistol, and Gwendoline Eastwood as the fiery Welshman and David Norfolk as William, caused laughter when their fight was interrupted by Jack Smith as the English Captain.

A good contrast in the tired, poorly-clad English Army, and the confident French was seen due to the difference in action, and costume of the players. The procession after the battle was a good finale, and the play was acclaimed as a success.

"AN ASSYRIAN AFTERNOON."

Performed on 7th April, 1952, this unusual play depicted the coming of the flood and the characters, Katun (John Hall), Kotza (Mavis Murray), Gamof (Terence Tilley), Tagan (Carol Kirk) and Boonik (Dorothy Paris) watching the building of the Ark. It was a static drama, and therefore required a deep under-

standing of words from the actors. The result was a difficult play well put over. "BEAUTY SPOT."

This light comedy acted as a relief to "An Assyrian Afternoon," and was the first complete three-scene play to be performed by the Vth. It shows the results of a natural beauty spot when turned into a public park. Margaret Kirton as Mary, hotly argued over the consequences of such a move with David Norfolk, suitably playing a confident young man. The first people to arrive were two char-ladies on an outing, one portrayed by a well-padded Gwen Eastwood with a cockney accent. The park-attendant otherwise Mervyn Beck, caused great hilarity by his manner and mobile face, and proceeded with the "chars" to eat oranges with great gusto. Characterization was added to by Janette Platten as an imposing M.P., and Beryl Chilvers, a typical outdoor girl, as a vigorous member of the Health and Beauty League. Other members of the fifth came in useful for crowd work, make-up assistants and notably for their help in making the costumes, all of which combined to produce a good play.

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE."

The "trial scene" from the "Merchant of Venice," a joint effort of the IVth and Vth, was performed on 26th July, 1952 to contribute to the activities of Open Day. Fay Stowers, a dignified and stately Duke of Venice in full regalia, took her seat and the trial of Antonio, played by Terence Tilley, began. David Norfolk as Gratiano and Mervyn Beck as Bassanio were his handsome friends, while he was attacked by a grasping Shylock, excellently portrayed by Carol Kirk. The letter to the Court was ready by Yvonne Plume, a gentle Narissa. On one side of the Court were the fair-skinned Venetian supporters of Antonio, finely dressed in gaily-coloured clothes, and opposite them were the dark-haired, dark-eyed supporters of Shylock, clothed in sombre black, all chosen from suitable IVth Formers. The splash of colour of the Venetians, and the robes of the courtiers contributed to a very colourful setting. Tension came at the correct moments, and it proved to be a very entertaining performance.

M. SPOONER (VI).

END OF TERM PLAYS—MARCH 1953.

On Thursday, 26th March, the Dramatic Group entertained the staff and pupils with three short plays. The plays were "The Red Velvet Goat," a Mexican play produced by Miss Tebbutt, an act from Dickens' "Christmas Carol," produced by Mr. Hodgson and "Pride and Prejudice," produced by Mr. Garrard.

"The Red Velvet Goat" was a play in a play, having the bright settings of a Mexican village or small town, in the time when the producer was the most important man in the play.

"The Christmas Carol" began in Scrooge's mean office. The atmosphere rose and fell throughout the play until just before the final curtain, when Scrooge offered to assist Cratchet's family. The play ended very cheerfully.

"Pride and Prejudice" was performed solely by members of the IVth Form. A group of boys spent many evenings beforehand working on the lighting and

settings which were greatly appreciated at the performances.

Make-up was taken on by a group of girls with the assistance of members of Form VI on the afternoon of the plays.

Miss Tebbutt was wardrobe mistress.

CHLOE LEWIN (III).

DEBATING SOCIETY.

(GRAMMAR SCHOOL).

THE FIRST DINNER OF THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

THE Christmas holidays approached, and the committee of the newly-formed Debating Society began to make plans for an event which they hoped would become annual, the Dinner of the Debating Society. After much discussion and occasional argument, plans took shape and working parties were organized under the careful guidance of Miss Tebbutt, Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Garrard. It was decided that the sixth form class-room was of adequate size for the occasion, and at once the VIth began to clean up the debris of books, loose papers and general oddments which had accumulated during the term. Miss Tebbutt ably gathered together the necessary foodstuffs and a group of VIth Form girls prepared the salads in the domestic science room. The kitchen promised to supply soup, cheese and biscuits and coffee, as well as the cutlery and crockery, whilst Mrs. Hodgson kindly made some delicious trifles and Miss Dooler proffered the seasonable mince pies. The cider arrived, and all was ready.

With Miss Tebbutt as prime hostess the committee assembled in party dress to greet their guests, who arrived in twos and threes—Dr. Mosby, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hodgson and Miss Shephard, and of course the remainder of the VIth Form. When all the guests had assembled and the candles and table decorations had been admired the Dinner began. Everyone talked, laughed and ate, and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the occasion. Dishes were cleared and replaced by efficient waitresses and waiters recruited from the VIth, and in due course our "toastmaster" Mr. Beck, arose to propose a toast to "The Queen." Solemnly the toast was drunk, and Mr. Smith began his speech in approbation of our Headmistress. Although he said he had been told to "Stand up, speak up, and shut up!" he delivered a fairly lengthy speech, recalling some of the many kindnesses which Miss Tebbutt had shown to himself and the members of the "Thetford Course." Replying charmingly, Miss Tebbutt described some of the members of the course on the day of the interview some three years past.

Under the admirable guidance of Mr. Beck, toast followed toast quickly and easily. Mr. Hodgson in his usual humorous manner proposed "The Semicircle," to which Mr. Hall as Chairman answered adequately. Following this, Miss Spooner mentioned Mr. Garrard's work in founding the Society—a noble effort for such a new member of the Staff. The founder expressed a wish that the Society should continue, and be expanded in future years. "The officers" was

the toast which Miss Stowers proposed, and Miss Bugdale in her capacity of secretary replied. Mr. Norfolk although nominally toasting the Guests, in actuality gave a farewell speech as he was to leave at the end of the term. As representative of the Guests, Dr. Mosby echoed the sentiments of the gathering in an amusing and entertaining manner.

To round off the evening a general vote of thanks was proposed, the last mince-pie eaten, and the last glass of cider drunk, and the first Dinner of the Debating Society brought to a close.

M. MURRAY.

THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL CHOIR.

MR. KENYON.

THE Choir was formed in October 1951 with a small group of girls. Since then it has gradually increased in numbers, and now totals thirty-four.

The Choir's main function is to lead the hymn-singing at morning assembly, and occasionally to sing descants. The aim includes a concert at the end of the Christmas Term, and an operetta in collaboration with the Dramatic Society at the annual Open Day.

In December 1952 the choir contributed a large part to a concert which included solos, vocal and instrumental. The Choir sang three groups of songs, most of them in two-part harmony.

Since then the Choir has been working hard at the music of the next operetta which again is being produced in combination with the Dramatic Society. It is the stage version of "The Peasant Cantata" with music by J. S. Bach.

A report of the operetta given last Open Day, July 1952, appears in the Technical School section.

ART CLUB.

Mrs. MITCHELL.

THE Club's activities extend over a wide range; our twenty members are able to follow any aspect of the subject which appeals to them.

During the Winter term we were busy chiefly with the designing and painting of scenery for the schools' current plays. Greeting cards also proved a popular pastime at this season of the year, whilst some of the members are to be congratulated on the making of the Christmas decorations for the Staff Common Room which they arranged very artistically.

In the Spring and Summer, outdoor sketching is the predominant occupation, and when the weather permits cycles are fetched out and neighbouring villages explored. Preliminary sketches are later finished in the art room. Occasionally we make for places further afield such as Wyndham, where the Abbey and some of the streets yield interesting artistic material. On wet days raffia work and lino-cutting come to the fore.

Most of the painting is executed in powder paint, but water-colour, charcoal and pen and ink are also popular mediums. On Open Day, the Art Club is responsible for the arranging of the Art Display.

The Club has proved popular with the keener members, though attendance has often been affected by Games team practices which, unfortunately for us, occur on the same day. We are hoping some other arrangement will be made next year, and that the Club's activities may be further extended.

THE MADRIGAL GROUP.

MR. MITCHELL AND MR. BANHAM.

TOWARDS the end of the Autumn term, 1952, a small group of Grammar School IIIrd and IVth Formers, joined to form a Madrigal Group. Its size was purposely restricted since the delicate subtleties and the high degree of precision and co-ordination required in good madrigal singing do not come in large numbers.

Our meetings so far have entailed much hard work and concentration. Unaccompanied five-part singing when one is not particularly skilled in sight-reading can only be achieved by dogged perseverance and endless repetition. Nevertheless, in our experiments with several Elizabethan madrigals we have made good progress and found considerable enjoyment. This groundwork laid by our tiny nucleus will make things much easier for future members, and it is hoped that by next year we shall have reached a reasonable "concert" standard.

EMBROIDERY CLUB.

MISS DOOLER AND MISS FOX.

THE Club opened in October, 1952 with a small group of Technical School girls keen to do further work in embroidery. Since then meetings have been held regularly on Friday evenings and several pieces of embroidery have been neatly executed. The articles have included tray cloths, small mats, cushion covers and tablecloths.

The Club now consists of about thirty-five members. The actual Club meetings are smaller in numbers as many members work independently in the dormitory, only seeking help from the Club when difficulties arise.

During the coming year it is hoped to introduce the girls—and boys—to more advanced types of work.

BOYS' GYMNAS TIC CLUB.

MR. LITTLECHILD.

THE Club was formed in October 1951, and met weekly on Friday evenings throughout the year. Membership was open to any boy who wished to improve his personal standard of gymnastics.

The Club flourished throughout 1952 and had about thirty-five members, all of whom showed great keenness. Twenty-four of them were selected to give a display on Open Day. This display was quite successful, and was well received by the spectators. Its most meritorious feature was the precision and co-ordination

shown in all the items performed.

We are now working for a similar exhibition which we hope to stage on a larger scale for Open Day, 1953.

GIRLS' GYMNASTIC CLUB.

MISS COOPER.

IN the Autumn term, 1952, a girls' gymnastic club was started on Friday evenings. The Club continued to thrive until the beginning of the Summer term ; but then its activities had to cease as there were so many athletics practices before Sports Day.

The aim of the Club is to give would-be gymnasts a chance to improve their skill—especially in agilities and vaulting. It is hoped that the activities of the club will be resumed in the very near future with all its former vigour and enthusiasm.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP.

MR. HUGHES.

DURING the Autumn term of 1952 a number of camera enthusiasts from the Technical IIIrd Forms organized a Photographic Group. A small room in Butler 36 was converted into a darkroom and the necessary equipment installed.

The group has since gained much valuable experience in photography, having carried out a series of exercises involving both indoor and outdoor subjects.

Many photographs have been taken of various aspects of the College and of school activities, and a selection of these will form a valuable record. It is hoped that an exhibition of the year's work will be held sometime during the Autumn term. We regret that space is not available for reproductions in this issue of the magazine.

Active membership of the group must of necessity be restricted, but arrangements are being made for a series of lectures on photography to be given, which will be open to anyone having an interest in the subject.

HANDICRAFT CLUB.

MR. R. J. MULLENGER AND MR. A. G. SEELEY.

THE club was formed firstly to provide workshop facilities for boys already having a practical hobby which they would normally practise in their workshops at home, and secondly to encourage and stimulate an interest in craft for those on the look-out for a new hobby for their leisure hours.

Both the Woodwork and Metalwork shops with all their equipment were put at the club's disposal on Friday evenings throughout the Winter terms. The response was so great that membership had to be limited to the IVth Forms for the time being.

The purpose of the Club is not to provide systematic instruction. The boys may use any of the facilities provided, and help is only offered on request. The masters in charge are there primarily to offer advice on design, construction and suitable materials.

A wide variety of jobs has been attempted in both workshops, ranging from "turned" wooden table-lamps to the making and refitting of worn-out parts of model aero-engines. Twenty boys have formed the nucleus of the group, making articles such as stools, coffee tables, ash-trays and garden hand-tools, whilst there has been a constant "floating population" dropping in to thread a screw for use elsewhere, shape an aeroplane nose-block or re-stud their football boots!

The Club has been a healthy, going concern from the start, popular not only with members but with other active groups such as the Gardening section and the Dramatic Society, who have sought our help from time to time as constructional jobs cropped up. The liaison has worked both ways: we are grateful to the Art Club and others for their help in times of need. Never let it be said that our workshop is a closed one!

THE DANCE CLUB.

MISS COOPER.

A DANCE club for girls was started in the Autumn Term, 1952. As the membership was so large, and there was no room suitable for dancing in such a large group, the club had to be divided into two sections—a junior one, which danced the Sailor's Hornpipe, and a senior section, which did Scottish dancing. This arrangement, however, was unsatisfactory as it allowed barely half an hour for each section, and on some Wednesdays several girls and Miss Cooper were away playing netball and hockey matches.

A new arrangement was made in the Spring Term, and eight very keen Third Year girls learnt several national character dances, and performed them with the addition of some original mime, for the club's enjoyment.

The dance club does not function in the Summer Term, but it is hoped that its activities will continue when the colder, darker days of winter come along.

BIRD-WATCHERS' CLUB.

MR. BANHAM.

THE beginning of the nesting season brought the annual re-awakening of interest in birds, and an active bird-watchers' society quickly developed. The immediate surroundings of the College have had plenty to offer, and hardly a nest has gone un-noticed. Several birds have succeeded in rearing young, in spite of everything, including the bird-watchers.

To see species which still refuse to make the College their home, there have been some outings, including several to Breckland, and one to Blakeney Point. Though large numbers of interesting birds were seen, and sometimes identified, the latter trip was most notable for the live crabs which were brought back, and one of the former for the adder which luckily refrained from biting its triumphant captors.

Like the swallows, bird-watching societies find it hard to survive the English winter, but we hope to carry on at least during the Autumn, when Norfolk becomes the temporary stopping-place for such rarities as the avocet, the ruff and the reeve, the spoonbill and the peregrine falcon. We can always hope.

SCHOOL SPORTS

THE 1952 CRICKET SEASON.

THE 1952 season provided us with very little cricket, as only one representative match was played.

This one inter-school match was played against Unthank College at Eaton Park, and resulted in a win for Unthank by three wickets.

Wymondham batted first and were all out for 73 of which Mr. Seeley made 41—a master was allowed to play for both sides. After Unthank had lost seven wickets they passed our total, thus winning by three wickets.

Apart from this inter-school match there was however a tussle between the school and the staff—and tussle it was.

The match was played on the park on anything but a perfect wicket. There had been rain all the morning and there was an ever-threatening dark sky.

The school batted first and scraped up 52. We thought the Staff would walk away with the match, but our hopes were raised when Mr. Seeley had been dismissed for a few runs. The wickets then fell with some rapidity, and we could see victory in sight. Despite a gallant knock at number 11 by Mr. Vernon, the school, amidst a great cheer, won by one run.

J. W. SMITH (Captain).

ATHLETICS—1952.

THE Sports Day at the College consisted of all the finalists for all the events, who had entered and won the eliminating rounds during the previous two weeks. The finals were eventually won by the following who represented the College in the Area Sports held at Wymondham. This team does not contain all the winners of the finals at the College as only one person was allowed to compete in one event plus a relay.

BOYS.

100 yds. 11-13, David Spinks.
 100 yds. 13-15, Wilfred Nichols.
 220 yds. 13-15, Andrew Street.
 440 yds. 13-15, Graham Crane.
 High Jump, 11-13, Brian Beba.
 High Jump, 13-15, Ivan Hipperson.
 Long Jump, 11-13, Brian Newman.
 Long Jump, 13-15, Tony Howe.
 Shot, 13-15, Aubrey Hammond.
 Javelin, 13-15, Jack Brown.
 Hurdles, 11-13, Anthony Colbourne.
 Hurdles, 13-15, John Goss.
 Relay, 11-13, W. Webb, J. Curry, R. Newman,
 D. Spinks.
 Relay, 13-15, I. Hipperson, G. Boldero, W. Nichols,
 T. Howe.

GIRLS.

90 yds. 11-13, Ruth Brown.
 100 yds. 13-15, Pat Basey.
 150 yds. 13-15, Shirley Doughty.
 High Jump, 11-13, Eileen Blunden.
 High Jump, 13-15, Felicity Newton.
 Long Jump, 11-13, Dorothy Ducker.
 Long Jump, 13-15, Jean Hurn.
 Hurdles, 11-13, Glenda Angell.
 Hurdles, 13-15, Anne Thornton.
 Relay, 11-13, Eileen Blunden, Janet Bean,
 Gillian Doughty, M. Patten.
 Relay, 13-15, Pat Basey, Denise Tate, Shirley
 Doughty, Maureen Arbour.

At Wymondham, in glorious sunshine, the teams did very well considering this was their first year of training. We had some very bad luck, however,

Anne Thornton and Glenda Angell, both hurdlers, fell a short distance from the winning post. Crane, after covering 100 yards of the 440 in fine style, tripped and was left far behind. From this position in an amazing effort he finished 3rd, to the greatest roar of College cheering to be heard that day.

The following won their events and qualified for the County Sports at Yarmouth.

Spinks—100 yds. and Area, 11-13, Relay team.
 Howe—Long Jump and Area, 13-15, Relay team.
 Hammond—Shot (absent from Yarmouth owing to illness).
 Jean Hurn—Long Jump.
 Eileen Blunden—Area Relay team, 11-13.

At Yarmouth, the following won in their respective relays, and thus qualified for the quadrangular at King's Lynn.

D. Spinks. T. Howe. E. Blunden.

Also at Yarmouth the Vth Formers obtained the following :—

J. Smith—440 yds., second. M. Beck—220 yds., third. M. Spooner—100 yds., second.

At King's Lynn Spinks and Howe won their relay events. J. Smith came 5th in his 440 yards, E. Blunden 2nd in her relay and M. Spooner 3rd in her 100 yards.

B. W. TURNER (III).

SOCCKER SUMMARY (Senior team) 1952-53.

Our first soccer season can justifiably be looked back upon as a highly successful one. The School was at a disadvantage in that it had no Vth Form, and the choice had to be made from the IVth Forms and a very small VIth.

Apart from the odd off-day the team played some well-constructed football, although the use of the back-pass would have been beneficial on more than one occasion.

During the season we had to adjust the line up, owing to the departure of D. Norfolk and P. Read at Christmas, and G. Lines towards the end of the season. H. Harbord substituted for Norfolk at right back, Cope for Read at inside-forward, and R. Daniels took the place of Lines at centre-forward. A few other changes were a result of minor injuries.

The team encountered varied opposition. The most outstanding tussle was against Thetford G.S. at home when after a hectic second half of fine, robust football, we collected both points in a narrow 2-1 victory. A good game.

Swaffham at home in the first match of the season proved another exciting game. The score was 3-3, with the end drawing near, when they took the lead and held on until the final whistle.

The team has not only enjoyed good football during the season, but has shown a splendid team spirit throughout. Part, at least, of our success must be attributed to this. I sincerely hope it is maintained.

Looking back, I am sure every team mate will agree that our Monday night

meetings brought forth a fair harvest, and, although we hold no superstitions in the team, it is interesting to note that the toss was lost only twice, and those same games brought defeat.

The team was selected throughout the season from Smith, Norfolk, Harbord, Bacon, Diggle, Collison, Westnott, Beck, Hammond, Street, Crane, Cope, Lines, Daniels, Read, Howe, and Leverett, and was coached by Mr. D. Goman.

M. G. BECK (Captain).

SEASON'S SCORE TABLE.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
11	9	0	2	46	11	18

RESULTS.

Swaffham (H.)	Lost 3—4	Unthank College (H)	Won 5—1
Downham Market (A)	Won 3—1	Unthank College (A)	Lost 1—2
Unthank College (H)	Won 2—0	Thetford (H)	Won 2—1
Diss (A)	Won 8—0	Bracondale (A)	Won 8—0
Unthank College (A)	Won 5—1	Bracondale (H)	Won 5—0
King's Lynn (A)	Won 4—1		

SOCCER SUMMARY (Junior Team) 1952-53.

For their first season the "Under 14" XI have given a very creditable performance:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
13	11	1	1	58	22

Two "Under 15" teams were also matched against Paston G.S. and the C.N.S., both away. Here, however, we had to admit defeat.

The "Under 14" team's one and only defeat came with their first fixture (Swaffham G.S. at home). Swaffham found their two goals easier than they might have done, owing to our somewhat nervous goalkeeper, but it must also be admitted that our play was not up to its later standards.

Then came a long series of away fixtures, six in all. Perhaps the most thrilling and hard-fought match of this group was the C.N.S. match. At half time the teams were equal but during the second half the hard pace of the game seemed to tell on our opponents who gave away three more goals at the expense of one from a rather shaky wing shot.

The next three matches were played at home, the stiffest opposition coming from Thetford G.S. whom we narrowly beat by one goal after a well-fought match.

The last three away matches proved a fitting climax to a good season. Here again, the furious pace of the game left its mark on Bracondale who, after giving fairly equal play in the first half, crumbled under the onslaught which resulted in a final score of 10—1! Still hungry for goals we went on to beat Unthank by 8—1.

The last match of the season against Paston was a terrific game. We were

losing 3—1 eight minutes from time when by an all-out effort we snatched three more goals to win 4—3.

The team, which was coached by Mr. Littlechild, showed good style and clever teamwork all through. They have set a high standard for next year's "Under 14's."

The team, with minor exceptions, was chosen from the following :—D. Spinks (Captain), Eaton, Purple, Harvey, Hardesty, Woods, Manley, Coppin, Ward, Chamberlin, Anderson, Turner, Bull.

RESULTS.

Swaffham (H)	Lost 1—2	Unthank College (H)	Won 5—1
Downham Market (A)	Won 2—1	Bracondale (H)	Won 3—1
Diss (A)	Won 5—2	Thetford (H)	Won 3—2
Holt Hall (A)	Won 5—3	Bracondale (A)	Won 10—1
C.N.S. (A)	Won 4—2	Unthank College (A)	Won 8—1
Unthank College (A)	Won 6—2	Paston (A)	Won 3—1
Kings' Lynn (A)	Draw 2—2		

B. W. TURNER (IIIA).

HOCKEY 1952—53.

OUR early beginnings were fraught with difficulties. The first practices had to be held on inadequate and unsatisfactory ground, and even the opening of the new field demanded restricted practice and light footwear in consideration for the young grass. It should also be noted that many of our girls (even the older ones) were quite new to the game. Thus it was quite a triumph for Wymondham College this year when they managed to produce a hockey eleven, capable of competing against established teams in the district.

As early as the 19th November a team had to be chosen for the first hockey fixture at Diss G.S. (away). The team was as follows :—

G. K. Susan Chilvers	R. W. Jacqueline Savage
R. B. Denise Tate	R. I. Mavis Murray
L. B. Maureen Seaton	C. F. Margaret Delph
R. H. Maureen Arbour	L. I. Maureen Spooner (Captain)
C. H. Doreen Gallant	L. W. Joyce Daniels
L. H. Brenda Chapman	

The team did very well indeed and only lost by two goals to three, against girls who play more hockey than netball. At half-time Diss were leading by two goals to nil. This score and the inclement weather damped spirits and chilled hearts as well as hands. In the second half, however, the players, although tired, worked very hard, and J. Savage and M. Spooner scored one goal each. Everyone returned home fairly satisfied.

There was only one more match in the Autumn Term. This was also away, at Dereham. As it was a Saturday and the Commercial girls were not available, Joy Emmerson played in goal, Anne Thornton came to right back, and Madge Allard to left half. It was in this match that J. Emmerson first showed her capabilities as a goalkeeper, and she proved to be the hero of the day, as she bravely and energetically saved many shots at goal—only letting two go over the line into

the net. With more practice next season she should be a reliable goalkeeper. Our forwards, however, did not combine well, and any individual effort was swamped immediately by the numerous Dereham defenders, who seemed to be everywhere at once.

A heavy blow was dealt to the hockey team when so many of the VIth Form left school at Christmas. Several other players had to be found for the Spring Term. Maureen Arbour was moved from right to centre half, and promises to be good in this position; Mary Hall who had been reserve was brought in to play right wing. It was, however, harder to find good half-backs, the most difficult and energetic positions on the field, and so few of the girls had played long enough to have good stick-work for this position. In the end Mary Freestone played left half; and Anne Bean and Jennifer Sayer both tried their hands at right half.

The highlight of the matches this season was late in February when Dereham, who had already decisively beaten our XI, came to play a return match at Wymondham College. It was the first hockey match to be played at home and many spectators came out to watch during break. The pitch proved satisfactory and our team determined to win. Encouraged by spectators they played good, fast hockey and beat Dereham by four goals to nil. They were to be congratulated on this courageous effort on home ground, the only time this season.

The greatest defeat the team suffered was also perhaps the most enjoyable afternoon of all. On 11th March, the XI visited Thorpe, and although the hockey team lost by five goals to nil, Thorpe House entertained them well and the girls enjoyed comparing notes with girls from an all-girls Boarding School. They decided afterwards that perhaps Wymondham College had its advantages here!

RESULTS :—

Wed., 19th November, 1952, Wymondham College XI v. Diss Grammar School XI (away). Lost 2—3.
 Sat., 6th December, 1952, Wymondham College XI v. Dereham High School "A" XI (away). Lost 2—2.
 Sat., 28th February, 1953, Wymondham College XI v. Dereham High School "A" XI (at home). Won 4—0.
 Wed., 11th March, 1953, Wymondham College XI v. Thorpe House School XI (away). Lost 5—0.

NETBALL 1952—53.

THIS Netball Season was a very enjoyable and successful one. The only disappointment was the cancellation of the Schools' Tournament in this area because of sudden snow and continued bad weather. The Senior Netball VII played well and decisively won all except one of their matches—they lost, when the team was incomplete and termed as a "IVth Year VII", at Dereham. The Junior VII have set up an unbeatable record, and are to be congratulated on playing so ably and consistently to win easily every match on the Fixture List.

The Senior Team in the Autumn Term was as follows :—

S	Rosamund Walker	DC	Maureen Arbour
A	Brenda Chapman	D	Jacqueline Savage
AC	Peggy Wright	GR	Monica Baumber
C	Maureen Spooner (Captain)		

Denise Tate, Annette Blunt, Pat Basey, Doreen Fenton and Yvonne Plume also played.

In the Spring Term the Senior VII consisted of :—

S	Annette Blunt (Captain)	DC	Maureen Arbour
A	Brenda Chapman	D	Doreen Fenton
AC	Jacqueline Savage	GR	Monica Baumber
C	Anne Thornton		

Pat Basey played twice. Valerie Hall, Denise Tate and Jennifer Sayer also played.

The Junior Netball VII was as follows :—

S	Valerie Cox	DC	Joan Gibson (Captain)
A	Jill Howes	D	Dorothy Ducker
AC	Sylvia Caston	GK	Doris Maidstone
C	Glenda Banham		

Reserve :—Jennifer Herring.

At very short notice the Junior VII represented Wymondham College in the Norfolk County Schools Tournament at Sprowston. This is the first Netball Tournament at which a Wymondham College Team has been present : their entry was warmly welcomed, and they certainly did not disgrace themselves. The team came third in Section A in the Junior Division.

They lost to the Notre Dame VII ; drew with North Walsham High School's VII ; defeated Pulham's VII ; lost to the Gurney Henderson School's VII (who came third in Section A in the Junior Division.)

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The last fixture, when Wymondham Secondary Modern School's teams visited the College, proved a glorious climax to the Season. One team from each year played ; and as it was on a Saturday afternoon there were a large number of spectators to cheer all our four teams on to their respective victories. The teams were as follows :—

1ST YEAR VII

S	Iris Broughton (Captain)
A	Cynthia Maidstone
AC	Bette Fendley
C	Jennifer Williams
DC	Anne Rudd
D	Ciceley Fancy
GK	Diana Gosling

2ND YEAR VII

S	Brenda Amies
A	Janet Bean (Captain)
AC	Josephine Spraggons
C	Eileen Blundon
DC	Frances Willimott
D	Pat March
GK	Mairin Pullen

3RD YEAR VII

S	Valerie Cox
A	Stella Carmen (reserve)
AC	Sylvia Caston
C	Glenda Banham
DC	Joan Gibson (Captain)
D	Jennifer Herring
GK	Doris Maidstone

4TH YEAR VII

S	Annette Blunt (Captain)
A	Brenda Chapman
AC	Jacqueline Savage
C	Pat Basey (reserve)
DC	Maureen Arbour
D	Doreen Fenton
GK	Monica Baumber

In addition to the girls mentioned, many other promising players played some very good netball during the course of the Season. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the standard of the game in the School, and the standard of the match play will be even higher in the coming year than it was this Season.

RESULTS

1952

- 1st October. Senior VII v. Downham Grammar School VII. Won 21-1.
 1st November. Junior VII v. Downham Grammar School VII. Won 23-2.
 19th November. Junior VII v. Diss Grammar School VII. Won 8-1.
 26th November. Senior VII v. Holt Hall VII. Won 15-2.
 6th December. IVth Year VII v. Dereham High School VII. Lost 9-12.
 6th December. Junior VII v. Dereham High School VII. Won 13-6.

1953.

- 28th February. IVth Year VII v. Dereham High School VII. Won 18-7.
 28th February. Junior VII v. Dereham High School VII. Won 9-8.
 21st March. 1st Year VII v. Wymondham Secondary Modern VII. Won 10-0.
 21st March. 2nd Year VII v. Wymondham Secondary Modern VII. Won 11-7.
 21st March. 3rd Year VII v. Wymondham Secondary Modern VII. Won 16-5.
 21st March. 4th Year VII v. Wymondham Secondary Modern VII. Won 6-3.

RESULTS OF SWIMMING TESTS 1952

First Proficiency	1 Boy 1 Girl
Second Proficiency	2 Boys 1 Girl
220 yards	8 Boys 5 Girls
100 yards	12 Boys 8 Girls
25 yards	22 Boys 15 Girls
Beginners' Certificate	42 Boys 27 Girls

Open Day, 1952

On 26th July, 1952, we rose from our beds at an early hour, to a glorious morning, with the sun streaming through the windows out of a cloudless sky.

We were all frightfully excited as it was our first "Open Day" at Wymondham College, and some of our parents had never seen it at all. This thought determined us to work hard to make everything look bright and nice.

It had been a hectic week, with no official time-table and girls and boys running in all directions, intent upon their own particular job. Some were making models, others were painting posters and maps of the site and some were printing the programmes for the afternoon's events. It was all very exciting and, rather miraculously, by lunchtime everywhere and everything was spick and span and ready for critical eyes.

Our parents began to arrive about 1.45 p.m. and we assembled on the grass outside "Admin." Some of us were dressed and made-up in preparation for the

“Merchant of Venice,” the “Crimson Cocoanut” and the Operetta—“Boy Mozart” and the “Grand Cham’s Diamond” which we performed before our parents during the afternoon.

We showed our parents round the College, inspecting books, models, specimens and taking them to the gymnastic display which was held on the gym field.

At four o’clock, tea was served in the dining hall at a small cost, and the exhibitions in the classrooms were closed at 5.45 p.m. After four o’clock our parents were allowed to treat us out to tea if they preferred.

After our parents had gone (about 7 or 8 o’clock) we went back to our dormitories to tell our experiences and parents’ opinions to our friends. We then climbed into bed about 9.30 p.m. very tired, happy, but noisy girls.

BRENDA BROUGHTON (IV)

The Library

OUR library which contains about 500 books, is one of the largest school libraries in Norfolk. At first Miss Tebbutt and Mrs. Hodgson were the librarians, but later they coached a few children from both Technical and Grammar schools, who now run the library by themselves, with the help of the two staff if necessary.

To begin with, one found the work confusing but after a few weeks it came quite naturally. On Tuesday the library is open between 1.20 p.m. and 1.45 p.m. to the IIIrd Formers, on Wednesday at the same time for the IVth Formers, and on Thursday evening for the staff and VIth Formers and other residential members of the College.

Friday is the day for all pupils of the College to exchange their books, and the library is open from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The books are arranged in alphabetical order in their Juvenile and Fiction groups. At the first table in the library, the tickets are issued to the members, then they choose their own books and go to the second table where the books are stamped and their tickets are filed in numerical rotation. If the books are not returned within fourteen days, the borrower is fined the amount of 1d.

The librarians are :—

TECHNICAL—

3rds —Ruth Halsey
—Jennifer Ash.

4ths —Doreen Fenton
—Joanne Rose.
—Phyllis Barker.

GRAMMAR—

3rds—Sheila Barwick.
—Ernest Duffield.
—Angela Tagg.
—Michelle Howard.

4ths —Joy Emmerson.
—Denise Tate.
—Pansy Sewell.

PANSY SEWELL (IV).

SCHOOL VISITS

HOLIDAY IN GERMANY.

ON the 24th July 1952 I started on my journey to a town called Lorrach, which is situated on the borders of Switzerland and Germany. The journey lasted three days and it was very tiring as the weather was so hot. On the second day of our journey we stopped at a place called Bonn and went for a tour around it in a 'bus. As we were travelling along we passed the birthplace of Beethoven, and then we stopped and went into the German Parliament which was very interesting.

Then we went on the Rhine for a four-hour trip which was very exciting; the scenery was so lovely, and stretching up each side of the river were forest-clad hills with castles and hotels on the top.

When I arrived at Lorrach I was rather nervous as I could not speak a word of German, but once I saw my friend Renate and her mother I was contented. The days seemed to pass so quickly, much too quickly for my liking.

The first two days I went to Renate's school and had a thoroughly good time. The first lesson I attended was French, which was rather pleasant because the children were reading from a book and I found I could understand it.

After a while the English master wanted me to go with four other girls and boys to talk to the top form. It was rather a funny lesson as they all asked different kinds of questions, some about cricket, games for girls, the fens and buildings.

On 1st August the English master invited us to go for a short walk with him and the other girls and boys to a castle. This short walk turned out to be a tour but it was so interesting I forgot my aching feet.

Most of the time I spent either swimming or going for long walks. Once I went into the Black Forest for a day with some friends. We had great fun when we descended the hills, for we could hardly stop running and when we did run we had to pray for a tree to be in our path so that we could cling on to it. After we had had our packed lunch Renate and I went swimming. When we went home we slid down the side of the hills instead of walking round and round them.

One Sunday afternoon Renate and I went for a walk up to the summit of the hill where we could see three countries; Germany, Switzerland and France. From where we were standing the River Rhine was like a thin strip of silver paper lying on a dark green carpet; it really did look wonderful. When we came back I saw a rather unpleasant sight; it was a field of potatoes with all the tops eaten by the Colorado beetle.

On the last day, Mrs. Schall arranged a going-away party for us both. It was held in the garden on the Saturday evening. The garden looked very pretty with different coloured lanterns hanging on the trees. For our tea we had biscuits, fruit, cakes and pineapple cider. Then we had dancing which I enjoyed

very much. After all our guests were gone Renate and I tumbled into bed, the time being 3 a.m.

On the Monday, Renate and I set out on our journey back to England. We had a very pleasant journey, the sea being very calm. On the Tuesday I woke up early, and with my friends and Renate went up on deck to watch our arrival into Harwich. Oh! I had had a wonderful holiday in Germany, but I was very pleased to get back to dear old England with its green fields and cool refreshing air.

CYNTHIA ROBINSON (IV).

“YEOMEN OF THE GUARD.”

ONE day during last term the school organized a trip to the New Theatre Royal at Norwich to see a Gilbert and Sullivan opera called “Yeomen of the Guard,” in which Mr. Littlechild, the P.T. master at the College, played a leading part.

We were very excited on entering the theatre and after finding our seats, we had to wait only a short time before the orchestra started playing one or two lively marches. Then the curtains slowly opened revealing delightful scenery. It showed a young lady spinning, in the battlements of a tower, and singing a very sad song. After this, many characters appeared; her father, brother, her lover, who had been taken captive although he was innocent, his guard, a jester and his girl and others including the “Yeomen of the Guard,” who were beautifully dressed in red, black and gold.

We all enjoyed the show very much and were talking excitedly about it on the way home and for days afterwards, and sometimes on the wireless I hear some of the tunes from the opera and it reminds me once again of how much I enjoyed “Yeomen of the Guard.”

JUNE WADE (IIIa).

“FOCUS ON CRICKET.”

IN March there was a “Focus on Cricket” programme at Norwich Lads’ Club, where three Surrey stars, the Bedser twins and Jim Laker attended. A ’bus load of boys from Wymondham College went to this meeting. When we arrived we went straight into the Lads’ Club, which was like a big arena with nets in the middle to stop the ball from hitting the spectators. We found ourselves some good seats, and when the Surrey cricketers appeared we gave them a good cheer.

They started first by explaining how to hold a bat, then how to swing the bat for the various strokes. In the next item a boy was allowed to bat, and Laker bowled to him to find out his faults, and then to tell him how to correct them. Bowling instruction came next, and this was mainly on how to spin a ball, by holding it between the two middle fingers and thumb. There was then a match between three Norfolk players and the three Surrey players which ended in a draw. This was the end of the programme. We filed out of the club room and returned to College feeling we had had a very instructive and interesting evening.

BRIAN WATSON (IIIa).

CONTEMPORARY DUTCH ART EXHIBITION.

ON 17th March, 1953 a party of thirty-five IVth and VIth Formers from both schools, accompanied by their Art teacher Mrs. Mitchell, visited the Contemporary Dutch Exhibition on view at the Castle Museum, Norwich. The collection included works of the older and younger generations from many parts of the Netherlands.

We were all immediately impressed by the very varied styles and techniques to be seen. Indeed the extreme variety proved a most interesting feature of the exhibition.

After spending a most enjoyable one and a half hours expressing our various opinions, we each chose the five pictures which appealed to us most. We were united in one choice, an excellent portrait in oils by A. C. Willink which amazed us all with its brilliant technique, giving the effect of a perfect colour photograph. "Glaziers," by Ch. Roelofsz, a stippled and line technique in brown monochrome, was also a favourite. After that the choice widened with individual tastes. It was most noticeable, however, that the "modern" style of painting had little or no appeal for us; we did not feel any artistic "urge" to rush back and paint a dead multi-coloured cockerel hanging from a butcher's hook—a subject chosen by one of the artists.

We hope to have more visits of this nature in the near future.

THE ST. MATTHEW PASSION.

IN March a party from both schools attended a performance of The Passion according to St. Matthew given in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich, by combined Norfolk choirs and Norfolk County orchestras, conducted by Mr. Sidney Twemlow.

Perhaps because the party had gone courageously prepared to give all their attention to a long and difficult work, they enjoyed all the more this powerful and expressive performance. A large orchestra and the massed voices of ten choirs brought out the full thrill of Bach's majestic choruses. Both soloists and orchestra showed a very high standard; the latter deserves special praise for some beautifully-phrased passages on flutes and oboes in the quieter sections.

But the most moving items in the whole work were, perhaps, the Chorales (rather unfortunately labelled "Hymus" in the programme). These lovely pieces for unaccompanied voices, with their wonderful counterpoint and harmonies, give Bach's deepest feelings of pathos and devotion, expressed in utter simplicity. Indeed, at many points in the work it was difficult to obey the programme's injunction, "No applause"!

GRAMMAR SCHOOL SECTION

SCHOOL PREFECTS.

J. Smith—Head Prefect.

Mavis Murray—Deputy Head Prefect.

Maureen Spooner. M. Beck. Fay Stowers. G. Lines.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION 1952.

THE School's first experience of the G.C.E. examination was in July 1952. All twenty-two members of the Vth Form were successful in obtaining a pass in at least one subject, at a standard corresponding to that of "Credit" in the former School Certificate. An encouraging number of very good individual results was achieved. Several girls and boys took subjects in December 1952 to supplement their July results.

PASSES in JULY 1952 :

6 Subjects—Carol Kirk.

5 Subjects—Stephanie Bugdale, Beryl Chilvers, D. Footer, Mavis Murray, Maureen Spooner, Fay Stowers, T. Tilley.

4 Subjects—M. Beck, Gwen Eastwood, G. Lines, D. Norfolk.

3 Subjects—Pamela Frost, J. Hall, Gwen Howes, Janette Platten.

2 Subjects—Doreen Gallant, J. Smith.

1 Subject—Margaret Delph, A. Greenfield, Rita Last, Patricia Luckhurst.

PASSES in DECEMBER 1952 :

3 Subjects—J. Smith.

2 Subjects—Margaret Delph, G. Lines, Rita Last, Maureen Spooner.

1 Subject—M. Beck, Doreen Gallant, J. Hall, Fay Stowers.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR 1951-2.

SUBJECT PRIZES—FORM V. :

English Mavis Murray

History Carol Kirk

French Mavis Murray

Mathematics G. Lines

Geography D. Norfolk

Biology Fay Stowers

Art G. Lines

G.C.E.—5 Passes.

Stephanie Bugdale, Beryl Chilvers, D. Footer, Maureen Spooner, T. Tilley.

FORM PRIZES :

III Mary Freestone, Pamela Cooper.

IIIa P. Robertson, B. Winn.

THE COTSWOLDS.

DURING the Easter holidays of 1953 we had a lovely week of Youth Hosteling in the Cotswold hills. The first day we spent journeying to Oxford, where we spent our first three nights. We called at Whipsnade for an hour before reaching our destination. On the second day we made for Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain, on to Salisbury and home by Winchester. Winchester being the oldest county borough in England, had a lovely Cathedral and lots of old quaint little streets with arches over them.

Oxford, from "Shotover Hill," looked an enormous place on our third day. The colleges and universities were very interesting in the afternoon, especially all the college chapels being a "T" shape and very much alike.

On the Thursday we packed our bags, and set out for our second three nights at Stratford. We stopped on the way at Chedworth Roman Villa, which was very interesting, with all the original mosaic floors. Next stop from Birdlip Hill on the scarp side we overlooked Gloucester and Cheltenham. Gloucester Cathedral was also very interesting. We spent Friday in Birmingham, the morning at Bournville Cadbury Chocolate Factory, and the afternoon in the town, in which we saw the slums and the shops and places of interest, such as Aston Hall.

We spent Saturday in Stratford, the morning looking at the places of interest, and the afternoon at Chipping Campden just outside Stratford, a little Cotswold town. In the evening we went to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre to see Michael Redgrave and Peggy Ashcroft in "The Merchant of Venice."

On Sunday we made our way home very pleased with our week's tour.

MARY FREESTONE (IV).

SIXTH FORM VISITS.

IT was decided that the VIth Form should prepare for an extra paper in the General Certificate of Education namely, that of "Public and Economic Affairs." To help us in the study of the subject, certain visits and lectures were arranged during the year.

The first of these outings consisted of a visit to the Wymondham U.D.C., which gave us an insight into local government affairs. This was followed by a tour of the Norwich City Waterworks.

Our next interest was in the study of the law, and to help us in this we had a lecture from Inspector Watson of the Norfolk County Constabulary and a solicitor. Visits were also paid to a Magistrates' Court and the Assizes in Norwich.

To help us with the industrial side of the paper interesting visits were paid to Jentiques, Bonds of Norwich, Marks and Spencers, Colman's Mustard Factory and Harmers Clothing Works.

Other items of interest during the year were a visit to Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and lectures on Trade Unionism and the Business of Farming.

J. HALL.

"THE THETFORD TRANSFEREES."

IF during the school terms of the school years of 1949 and 1950 you had taken a walk down the Bury Road, Thetford, and had called in at St. Mary's Church Hall, there you would have found the "Thetford Special Grammar School Course."

It had been intended that the course should remain there for three years, but after two years—during which time five of the original number of pupils left—the Course was transferred to Wymondham College for its final year.

At the end of the 1951 Summer Term a removal van drove up to St. Mary's Church Hall and after an hour's packing the school drove off—minus pupils, of course.

On the 27th September, 1951 we arrived here—twenty-two in all—and from thence for several months we were referred to as “The Thetford Transferees.” The name of Vth Form was then adopted, but even after that we were not recognized as “part of the college.”

The year passed with many pleasant as well as amusing incidents. The G.C.E. was taken at the end of the Summer Term, and very good results were obtained.

During the latter part of the year it was made known to us that we would be given the opportunity of staying on as a VIth Form for a maximum time of one year. Fourteen of us decided to take advantage of this opportunity, whilst the others left to start their future careers.

The people who left then, and who have left since, are known to most of the college, and I will endeavour to give some idea of their present employment. No one person was more prominent than another so respect will be held for the aged in dealing with them first :

BERYL CHILVERS is filling in the year before going to college at Eastbourne by teaching at Gaywood Park Modern Secondary School, King's Lynn.

JANNETTE PLATTEN has passed through P.T.S. at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and is continuing the work there aiming at the S.R. examinations.

GWEN HOWES is at present nursing in Swaffham Cottage Hospital.

GWEN EASTWOOD now nursing in the Jenny Lind Hospital enters P.T.S. at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in a few months time.

PAT LUCKHURST who is living in Bourne-mouth is employed in clerical work.

CAROL KIRK is making the best of an opportunity to see the world, and is in Singapore with her parents.

TONY GREENFIELD training for R.A.F. aircrew is now serving his three years' apprenticeship at R.A.F. Halton, Bucks.

DAVID (HERBY) FOOTER is working at Peter Wozley's garage as a motor mechanic apprentice.

The VIth Form then started its first term with fourteen members. We were now recognized as “part of the college” and were given more responsibilities. At the end of this term our numbers were reduced once more—a further six leaving us. Again respect for the oldest :

RITA LAST following in the steps of Jannette has nearly completed her P.T.S. training at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

DOREEN GALLANT yet another of our nurses, bringing the total to five, is doing some preliminary nursing at Thetford Cottage Hospital before entering P.T.S. at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

DAVID NORFOLK has completed a course in London, and is now employed in meteorology at R.A.F. Coltishall. He is awaiting national service.

MARGARET DELPH is working in the newspaper offices of the *Eastern Daily Press* in Norwich.

STEPHANIE BUGDALE has reached about half-way stage in a six month's course of shorthand and typing at Underwoods in Norwich, after which she will take some secretarial post.

PAMELA FROST might be seen any day of the week in the windows of Bond's store, Norwich. She is there as a window dresser.

Our VIth Form started the year of 1953 with eight members, and we thought we had now reached our minimum number.

GRAMAM LINES, however, had a little idea up his sleeve, and he left us a few weeks before Easter. He has gone to Paston G.S. to take advanced G.C.E., the results of which will decide his future.

It is here the story of the little nigger boys ends, as the seven of us remaining are now in our final term.

The three girls remaining—MAVIS MURRAY, FAY STOWERS and MAUREEN SPOONER are entering the teaching profession, and they all start college in September.

By the time we four boys finish here we will be awaiting call-up for national service. This will have no effect on two of us, however, as we wish to take up careers in the services. TERENCE TILLEY in the R.A.F., and myself in the R.N. Of the other two, we have yet another teacher-to-be in JOHN HALL, and last but by no means least MERVYN BECK wants to enter into the C.I.D. branch of the police force.

That then concludes the tale of "The Thetford Transferees." I think I am right in saying that we have all enjoyed our time here, and will always look back to the "good old days."

As a closing comment I would like to say to all the people who have started their careers and to all those continuing their studies, the very best of luck, and most important of all—DON'T FORGET THAT REUNION!

JACK W. SMITH.

MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF WYMONDHAM COLLEGE

I ARRIVED at Wymondham College on 25th September. When I got out of the 'bus I saw nothing but a lot of black Nissen huts. I was checked into the college by Miss Wilson, and then I had to walk for what seemed ages to a dormitory. When I got into the dormitory I felt as though I was in a rocket ship. It was very long and bare-looking and the roof was like a half circle. After that I was taken to the dining-hall where I had quite a nice dinner; I began to wonder whether I would ever know all the girls that were in it, there seemed to be hundreds. After dinner I was shown round the College. All the buildings looked alike, and I thought that I would never find my way about. I remember that the first morning I was there some of the other girls and I got lost and went up to the technical instead of the grammar assembly hall, and about half way through the assembly a teacher came after us and hustled us back to the grammar school, where the rest of the school had been waiting for us for a long time. My impression of Wymondham College was that it was a very black-looking place, but I have since come to realize that it is not the buildings that make a place, but the people.

BETTY WATLING.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL SECTION

PREFECTS

J. Bacon, IV _A	Madge Allard IV _A
R. Daniels, IV _A	Pauline Crowe, IV _B
A. Hammond, IV _A	Patricia Dack, IV _A
H. Harbord, IV _B	Hazel Leveridge, IV _C
I. Hipperson IV _A	Maureen Seaton, IV _B
B. Leverett, IV _B	Margaret Smith, IV _A
W. Nicholls, IV _B	Rosamund Walker, IV _B

FORM PRIZES, 1951-52

Form IA	Rosemary Holliday
Form IB	Anthony Rogers
Form IC	William Webb
Form IIA	Brian Turner
Form IIB	Betty Wykes
Form IIC	Michael Sands
Form IIIA	John Cushion
Form IIIB	Margaret Sandford
Form IIIC	Reginald Reader

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL NOTES.

MR. BARON.

IN common with most other School activities the Rural Science Unit is being developed from small beginnings, and these notes can provide little more than a statement of the final plan, and a chronicle of the progress made towards it.

On the College site the School has come into possession of a cultivated garden about two roods in extent, almost an acre of neglected orchard, and another small piece of land on which poultry have been run. Together the three areas form one large rectangular block of land $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres in extent; and it is hoped that this area can be restored to full production, and used to demonstrate horticultural practice for home and market gardens, in addition to showing practical applications of Biological Science and Chemistry.

This Horticultural Section is being developed first, and though much remains to be done, some indication of the shape of things to come can now be seen. The original garden area, which is enclosed by a beech hedge has been laid out as a Standard Three Course Vegetable Rotation with additional Courses for Herbs, Rhubarb and other Permanent Crops, and for crops requiring special treatment such as Outdoor Tomatoes and Celery. The remainder of the garden is at present undercrop to soft fruit, salads and cut flowers, but will eventually go down to the propagation of top fruit, fruit stocks and soft fruits.

The Orchard has been partially cleared, only some twenty half-standard trees remaining; the turf has been ploughed under and the area is carrying a clearing crop of early potatoes which will be lifted in July and replaced by Brassicas. After this the land will be manured, cultivated and replanted as opportunity permits with a representative selection of fruit tree types. Here the pruning, top working, manuring and spraying of orchard fruit will be shown, and it is also hoped to use part of the area for similar work with roses. The old poultry run is now being prepared for a Brassica Crop after which it will be used as a cage for mature soft fruit bushes.

A 20-ft. by 12-ft. greenhouse has been built in the orchard area, and is in use chiefly for propagating work. In it, bedding plants are being raised, and also tomatoes, cucumbers, marrows and selected strains of maize for use in demonstrating Mendelian inheritance of seed colour. Both pots and soil blocks are in use, and it is hoped to supplement this house by another identical structure.

The outdoor tomatoes from the propagating house will go into the garden, but indoor varieties will be accommodated in a temporary "Re-Dutchable" structure now being made. After use for late chrysanthemums this structure will be dismantled and the lights used on the flat, possibly over hot beds, for early vegetables and flowers.

Since Christmas we have been most fortunate in having Mr. W. E. Bushall as resident full-time gardener, and his expert knowledge and willingness to help at all times have been invaluable to us—we do thank him very much indeed.

Development of the Agricultural side is just commencing and provision is now being made for brooding 100-day old chicks under an Emitter Lamp, and for fattening six store pigs.

The chicks will be put into rearing folds when old enough and run on until Autumn, when some will go into batteries, some on to deep litter, and some into a laying fold. It is also intended to run two groups of cockerels, one group being caponized with stibioestrol. In the same way it is hoped that pigs will be reared on different systems, and experiments on ration composition and growth rates attempted.

On the arable side it is hoped that the acquisition of a Ferguson tractor, and the keeping of sheep and cows will make possible the development of a small scale rotation, including the use of grass leys and demonstrations with different manurial techniques. However these things can as yet be only tentatively suggested.

At present the school only possesses one hive of bees, but preparations are now being made to divide the stock and it is intended to build up a small apiary.

It is felt that the College site offers an excellent opportunity for the development of a School small-holding: the children have put a great deal of really hard physical effort into this development work, often in their own spare time, and I should like in conclusion to express my thanks to them, and say that if we keep it up I think we can build here a holding of which they can be proud.

BUILDING PROJECTS.

MR. GOMAN.

DURING the Winter of 1951-52, when the School first came into being, a great deal of thought and organisation were devoted to the problems of accommodation. The ensuing allocation of building space left the Engineering Department with a building which, although it was as long as required (a) was not wide enough and (b) was so designed that it was impossible for a motor vehicle to enter the building. As a result it was decided that the Engineering Classes could not commence until suitable accommodation was available, and the time allotted for Engineering

lessons would be devoted to making the necessary structural alteration to the Engineering block.

The task is being undertaken in two stages. The first stage, which was to be completed by Open Day 1952, consisted of constructing a bay which included a pair of eight feet double doors and a pit, nine feet long, four feet wide and four feet deep. The bay was twelve feet wide and protruded eight feet from the main block ; it had a lean-to roof. The second stage consisted of extending the width of the building by eight feet through two-thirds of its length. This extension would embrace the bay constructed in Stage I, and would also include a battery bay, an engine bay, a store and a study room, and a further pair of eight feet double doors.

Stage I was commenced about four weeks before the Easter holiday 1952, and after the exterior wall of the block had been demolished where the bay was to be built, a start was made on digging out the pit. The six-inch concrete floor of the block was marked out and then knocked down into the hole that had been excavated beneath it. After two or three long sessions at the excavation, the building party began to get hardened both physically and mentally—the shafts of wit that were hurled at them by the interested spectators flew fast and furious. However the builders won ; the hole was completed before Easter and the concrete raft to form the bottom of the pit, was duly floated.

After Easter the walls of the pit were built, and by Whitsun the pit was completed and the footings and floor of the new bay were laid. From Whitsun until Open Day the weather remained fine, and it was with a sigh of both relief and contentment that the building party (as they became known) laid down their tools and viewed the completion of Stage I on the eve of Open Day.

Due praise must be given to the devoted nucleus of the building party amongst whom must be mentioned Frank Bone, Michael Doe, John Howard, William Freeston, Barry Peacock and, last but certainly not least, Terry Wagg. Grateful thanks are rendered to Messrs. Mullenger and Seeley who assisted us in so many ways and who have never said “ No ! ” to any of our, often strange, requests. The double doors were manufactured in the Woodwork Shops by Mr. Seeley with the assistance of some of the IIIrd Form. The Resident Engineer, Mr. Betty was very helpful with his timely advice and his efforts to obtain the raw materials. The driving force behind the whole project was the Headmaster, and on Saturday afternoons the volunteers, under his able direction, contributed considerably towards the progress of the project.

The work on Stage II was commenced at the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1952. The first task was that of preparing the necessary drawings and estimates ; these were completed by the Fourth Year pupils during their Technical Drawing lessons.

The very wet Autumn slowed down the progress of the building operations, but in spite of the difficulties of the weather, the foundations, footings and floors were completed by the end of that Term. The Spring Term of 1953 gave us even worse weather, and the apparently increasing frosts effectively prevented any

bricklaying. At the time of writing the walls are rapidly increasing in height, and it is hoped to have the whole project completed by Open Day 1953.

Other building operations that have taken place are the walls of the greenhouse and the yards of the pigsties. The greenhouse foundations were marked out by IHC and the walls were erected of concrete blocks made by the School Blockmaking Machine. The building of the greenhouse walls was a race against time as the end of the financial year appeared to be almost on top of us before the weather would permit building operations to commence. However, once the foundations and inner blocks had been laid, the walls were quickly erected. So many pupils helped in the building operation that it would be wrong to mention anybody by name. The piggeries are the latest project for the builders to undertake, and although they have only recently been started, it is hoped to have them completed by Open Day.

Summarising the building projects to date, we recall the feeling of frustration at the repeated removal of bricks that had been lifted by the frost, and the feeling of impotence at the sight of steady, remorseless rain, and of intense satisfaction at the completion of Stage I. We are looking forward to the day when the doors are opened and the equipment moved into the first building project that has been planned, designed and built by the School.

“THE GRAND CHAM’S DIAMOND.”

This short one-act comedy was performed on Open Day, 1952 by a small group of juniors chosen from the first and second forms. This was the first serious attempt at acting for them all and they acquitted themselves very well. The cast took the play at a very brisk pace and instilled into the quite exciting plot all the vigour and movement necessary to bring it alive.

An alarming setback occurred only a few hours before the performance. T. Coppin, who had already taken part in a preliminary performance to the School, was taken ill. Without any previous rehearsal experience Josephine Spraggons gallantly took his part, which included the rather tricky timing of the difficult window-leap in the climax.

The cast consisted of Julie Howell, Christine Beckett, D. Spinks, T. Briston and T. Coppin (J. Spraggons). Joan Gibson, stage manager, was in charge of a loyal party responsible for the scenery. The play was produced by Mr. Mitchell.

“THE BOY MOZART.”

The Dramatic Society and Choir of the Technical School, combined to perform this delightful little operetta on Open Day 1952. Using Mozart’s own music, the story deals with the composer’s early childhood when his genius was first discovered. It culminates in a splendid court scene in the Palace of Schonburn in Vienna, when little Mozart, aged six years, performed before the Empress one of his own compositions.

This provided a very gay and colourful spectacle, heightened by some excellent chorus singing, and a very graceful and neatly executed minuet. The scenery and stage props (the latter including a very realistic reproduction of a clavichord constructed in the woodwork room) was simple but adequate. The whole operetta gained in life and movement from the additional use of an arena in front of the stage.

The part of Mozart's father was played by Mr. Littlechild, Mozart himself by Rosemary Holliday, his mother and sister by Annette Blunt and Barbara Scott respectively, the Empress by Wendy Fuller, the Emperor by Alan Algate, the playmates of the Mozart children and the lords and ladies in the Court scene by other members of the Choir. Members of the Dramatic Society also performed some small parts. The music was under the direction of Mr. Kenyon and the production was by Mr. Chattaway. Other members of the Dramatic Society did valuable work behind the scenes. Scenery and costumes were the result of hard work in the Craft Rooms, and by wives of members of Staff, the Commercial girls and Miss Jones. Four performances in all were given and, by all accounts, greatly appreciated. All concerned felt that the hard work put in had been well worth while.

VISIT TO ROUDHAM HEATH 1953.

On Wednesday, 20th May, the 1st Form paid a visit to Roudham Heath Tree Nursery. On the first part of the long journey we saw Great Stitchwort growing by the hedge. Later, nearer the Heath, we saw Field Chickweed. Just past Attleborough there was a large wood with Sweet and Horse-chestnut trees. They looked very pretty, especially the Horse-chestnuts, for they had large white flowers on a dark green background. In the hedgerows were golden patches of Broom and Gorse and white patches of May. There was a good deal of Wild Chervil growing in the hedgerows along the route.

The Heath was a dull brownish grey colour with patches of green and the heather felt dry and springy. The soil was brownish-grey, very fine and sandy. The plants growing on the heath were heather, bracken and grass with a few other small, low-growing plants.

The Nursery itself was on flat land with trees on three sides of it and heath land on the other. The seedlings were set out in neat rows in the very light sandy soil of the nursery. The soil is so light that when the seeds are set, granite chips have to be scattered over them to prevent them from blowing away and also to prevent the soil from caking after rain.

The seeds set were mostly Conifers, but Oak and Silver Birch were also set. The Oaks which were grown from locally collected seeds and set in March, were just showing through the soil. Douglas Fir and Silver Fir seeds were collected from North America and Corsican Pine seeds were collected from the Mediterranean. Most Conifers are about three inches high when they are one year old, but Oaks would be one foot high at the end of their first year.

One of the pests of the Nursery is the mole which seeks the worms in the Spring and disturbs the soil around the seedlings. Some of the seeds contain Weevils whose eggs were laid in the seeds before they were collected. The young ones eat out the centre thus killing the seeds. The common weeds of the Nursery are Spring Hair Grass and Annual Meadow Grass.

VALERIE BALL (IA).

THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL LIBRARY.

THERE were few books available for general teaching when the Technical School opened. It was decided that a library should be formed by the pupils, each of whom could present a book to the shelves. The response was very gratifying. Both parents and pupils were very generous. The Education Committee supplied a further thirty volumes, making the total nearly two hundred and fifty.

The County Library is now in full operation in the College and the Technical School Library, having fulfilled its earlier function, is now being slowly developed into a senior reference library organised and run by the pupils themselves.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION.

A PAPER compiled by Mr. Chattaway of one hundred questions over a considerable range of topics was presented to the IIIrd and IVth Forms for their entertainment, and the exercise of their "detective" powers over the Easter holidays. No more than three answers were to be obtained from any one adult. From a large and closely contested field the two following IVth Formers emerged triumphant and earn our congratulations. The prizes were presented by Mr. Chattaway at morning assembly the following term.

DAVID BATTERBEE (IVA).

MONICA BAUMBER (IVA).

VIOLINISTS

A VIOLIN class has been started this year, instructed every Wednesday by Mr. Ward. The pupils, mainly from the first and second forms, have progressed from plucking exercises to bowed exercises, and are now playing recognisable tunes. In them eventually we hope to have the basis of a future school orchestra. We wish them every success.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CONCERTS—1951 & 1952.

OUR first Christmas concert was one in which the whole school took part. Each music class prepared and sang two unison songs, accompanied at the piano by their respective music teachers. Mr. Twemlow, the county organizer, kindly accepted our invitation to hear the concert and afterwards to give his opinions on the singing.

The programme lasted a long while as the boys and girls were then divided for music lessons. However, we enjoyed ourselves and Mr. Twemlow gave us some very helpful criticism. His most frequent criticism of many of the classes was

that Norfolk children rarely open their mouths enough (musically speaking)!

The 1952 concert was constructed on completely different lines. Six pleasing two-part songs by the choir and several solo items by both children and members of staff gave us a very enjoyable afternoon. Piano solos were given by Paul Hazell and Monica Baumber, Velma Miles sang a song and Glenda Angell and Ruth Brown combined for a Mozart duet. Mr. Ward, who takes the school violin class, gave us two violin solos. Mr. Banham and Mr. Littlechild received warm applause for their groups of songs, as did the delightful quartet, "Tower Green," from "Yeomen of the Guard." This was sung by Miss Brunning, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Littlechild and Mr. Appleyard.

The headmaster summed up the concert by saying how pleased he was at such a display of hidden talent by both children and members of staff. He said that he hoped these Christmas concerts would become a regular feature of the school.

MAIRIN PULLAN (IIA).

LETTER EXCHANGE.

LAST Spring a letter exchange scheme was organized between six members of FORM IVA and a school at Villingen in Germany. Several people who visited Germany last year also developed a correspondence with the families with whom they stayed. In addition to letters, photographs and magazines are also often exchanged. The scheme is still operating successfully and much profit has been derived from it; apart from help with the language the children have come to learn much about each others' countries—their people, manners, customs—through this friendly exchange.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Littlechild on the birth of their son, Michael Charles, on April 3rd., 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Chattaway on the birth of their second daughter, Margaret Mary, on 28th May, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes on the birth of their second daughter, Margaret, on 4th November, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullenger on the birth of their second son, Timothy Charles, on 17th February, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Banham on the birth of their daughter, Clare, on 3rd March, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell on their marriage in September, 1952.

Mr. Seeley and Miss Cooper on their engagement in January, 1953.

Miss Dooler on her engagement to Mr. R. Wyatt, of Peterborough, in April, 1953.

Mr. Chattaway on obtaining his L.R.A.M. this year.

Nancy Carman (Form IV Gr.) on gaining 2nd Grade (Pianoforte) of the Associated Board of the R.S.M., London,

