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COLLEGE SECTION

COLLEGE NOTES.

THERE are at present 377 pupils in the Technical School and 167 pupils in the Grammar School. During the year 1954-55 79 pupils entered the Technical School and 60 pupils entered the Grammar School.

In September, 1954 we welcomed the following members of staff to the Technical School :

Mr. J. Hawkyard, B.Sc.	Senior Mathematics Master.
Mr. J. E. H. Ryde, M.A.	Science.
Miss J. Hartland-Rowe	Domestic Science.
Mrs. R. Mewton	Domestic Science.
Mr. D. C. Freeman, A.T.D.	Art.

and to the Grammar School :

Mr. S. G. Gregory, B.A.	French and R.I.
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and in January 1955 to the Technical School :

Mr. G. E. Hobday, B.A.	Senior Language Master.
Mr. R. G. Powell, M.A.	Senior History Master.

We shall be sorry to lose the following members of staff in July, 1955. We wish them every success in their new appointments :

- Mr. Baron—Rural Science and Biology, Tettenhall Comprehensive School.
- Miss Fox—Domestic Science, Tettenhall Comprehensive School.
- Miss Charters—Headmistress at Bolham C.P. Tiverton.
- Mr. Chattaway—English Lecturer, Loughborough College.
- Mr. Mitchell—Senior English Master, Wellingborough Technical School.
- Mrs. Mitchell—Henceforth full-time housewife !
- Mrs. Mewton—Housewife too.
- Mr. Gregory—German Master, Hatfield School.
- Mr. Hughes—Senior Science Master, Bourneville Technical School.

We also offer our congratulations and best wishes to :

Mr. Baron and Miss Fox on their marriage in August.

Mr. Gregory on his marriage in August to Miss J. Peck, of Norwich.

Mr. Howard on his marriage in August to Miss G. Newton of Norwich.

Mr. Ryde on his marriage in August to Miss J. M. Barker of Ipswich.

Mr. and Mrs. Littlechild on the birth of their second daughter, Deborah Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Chattaway on the birth of their son, John Leo.

Mr. and Mrs. Banham on the birth of their second daughter, Patricia Reyner.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell on the birth of their daughter, Anne Frances.

Miss Goodman on her recent engagement to Mr. Skoyles.

Postscript

I record our thanks to Mr. Mitchell, who is leaving us this term, for the excellent work he has done as editor of the College and Technical High School sections of the "Alliance."

R.V.M.

CHAPEL NOTES.

One of the prominent features of our Norfolk landscape is the church tower. We can see three from the College and the churches to which they belong each form the centre of a community. Although the College has no church tower our Chapel is, in a way, the centre of our community : we all use it and it is never closed.

During the past year we found it necessary to enlarge the Chapel by including in it a small room, previously unused, at the East End. This alteration, while contributing greatly to the comfort of the congregation, has enhanced the beauty and dignity of the Chapel in no small measure. The two brass vases, given to the Chapel by the Old Wymondians' Association and an oak cross made by Mr. Mullenger are now in a setting worthy of them. We are also grateful to a recent Drama Course for the two wall vases they gave us for the further adornment of the Chapel. We still have more schemes for improvement and hope to obtain one or two pictures to modify the rather austere bareness of the West Wall.

Our Chapel Services have acquired a tradition of simple beauty and dignity, thanks to the congregations who realise that, though only a nissen hut, the Chapel is a house of God, to the joyous singing of the choirs under the able leadership of Mr. Banham and Mr. Reynolds, to those ladies who, week by week, give the flowers and to those men and women whose addresses during the past year have been a source of inspiration to us all. During the year we have been privileged to hear

addresses by Lord Ironside, Miss Shaw, Dr. Ralphs, the Rev. J. Williams, the Bishop of Norwich, Canon Edwards, Mrs. Ralphs, Miss Duff, Mr. Harper, Bishop Belcher, the Dean of Norwich, Dr. Hudson and by the end of the Summer Term Miss Copeman, the Rev. Sidney Myers, Alderman Sam Peel and Dr. Mosby will have added to their addresses. To them all we should like to express our appreciation and also to those members of the College Staff who have helped in this way.

Besides attending the Chapel Services, more than three hundred boys and girls also attend the Church of their own denomination. Sixty-three candidates are being presented for Confirmation in the Church of England this year, and eight are being prepared for full membership of the Methodist Church. We are indebted to the Rector, the Rev. John Thorne, to the Rev. Goodwin Burndred of the Methodist circuit, and to Father Cowin for their interest in those boys and girls in the College who belong to their churches. We are sorry to learn that the Rev. Burndred will be leaving Wymondham shortly and we send him our best wishes for happiness in his new circuit at Swaffham.

Solomon said that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" and in a College such as ours, where the quest of wisdom and learning is the aim of all our work, it is gratifying to see such a lively interest in Religious Worship and in the Chapel which is its centre.

C. S.

THE COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR

MR. BANHAM.

DURING the year, this choir has performed occasional anthems for the regular Sunday evening services, but its main task was the Carol Service at the end of the Christmas term. The carols were also sung in St. Botolph Church and at the Old People's Hospital in Wicklewood.

Next year many of the choir will have left, and any senior boys or girls who would like to join are invited to apply to me, preferably before the end of this term. The only qualification required is the ability to sing in tune!

JOHN MOSBY.

It is with great regret that we record the departure of Dr. Mosby from Wymondham College; he will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. During his three years as Warden, from 1951-54, he has given invaluable service to the establishment of a new College, and he has seen the numbers increase so rapidly that the once-empty buildings are now filled with 575 boys and girls from all parts of Norfolk. His task was not an easy one, and he showed particular skill in the way in which he so ably contrived the adaptation of buildings, and the many improvisations necessitated by a so-rapidly increasing community. His wise experience and his deep interest in all problems connected with youth, were of great help in

the general organisation of the College, and he was always particularly interested in the welfare and well-being of the children.

Wymondham College has indeed been fortunate in having someone of the calibre of Dr. Mosby at its head. In the first World War he was awarded a D.S.O. for gallantry under fire, and was mentioned in despatches. He has achieved high academic honours, and was awarded the degree of Ph.D. of London University for research in Agricultural Geography with particular reference to Land Survey. He is also the author of several text books and various other publications.

One of his greatest interests and one which has had a profound effect on the communal life of this school is centred round his own religious convictions; he has done his utmost to make the Chapel the real centre of College life, and we all fully appreciate his unsparing effort to foster a real spirit of Christian fellowship in this community. He will also be missed by religious bodies of all denominations in this district, since he was always very willing to give them his time and help, and always sought to strengthen the link between them and the school. His work as a Lay Reader, prior to his ordination, showed his close devotion to the service of the church. His example will always be remembered, and the tradition he has established will be a significant influence on the future development of the College.

We shall remember him, too, for more personal reasons—for his deep understanding of children and his great kindness to them. He has always been most ready to help them, and he showed a great kindness and sympathy towards those in real need. Those who experienced his help in time of trouble know how much they gained from him. The staff, too, appreciated his friendly and courteous manner and his willingness to give help where it was needed. His scrupulous fairness gained their respect as well as his readiness to listen to their points of view and give them due consideration.

He will indeed be missed by all branches of the College—the whole community feel that they have lost a friend. But he has left us a worthy tradition; under his Wardenship the reputation of Wymondham College has been deservedly high and we shall not forget him. Although he has retired from educational work, his service to the Church continues, and we wish him many happy years in his charming home in Wymondham.

R. V. M.

THE SONG OF WYMONDHAM COLLEGE.

JULY 16TH, 1955 will mark a unique event in the annals of this College. Alderman Sam Peel, chairman of the Norfolk Education Committee, will lay the foundation stone of the first hall of residence. To commemorate this event, Dr.

Lincoln Ralphs has composed a new College song, the words of which are printed below.

“ FLOREAT SAPIENTIA ”

Throughout the days of history
 Our kinsmen fought for liberty,
 That truth might conquer tyranny
 And justice only frame our laws.
 The Pilgrim Fathers' sons returned
 And Wymondham's verdant acres turned
 To simple buildings, thus concerned
 To suffer bravely for this cause.
 Now, in tradition proud, we claim
 Our College honours still the same
 Eternal values ; we exclaim,
 Floreat Sapientia, Floreat Sapientia,
 Floreat Sapientia.

Let Wymondham College students see
 That they fulfil their destiny,
 In triumph or adversity,
 Floreat Sapientia.
 Let knowledge, faith and courtesy
 Our triple inspiration be,
 That we may say with constancy
 Floreat Sapientia ;
 And when the game of life is played
 Still forward looking undismayed,
 Of final judgment unafraid,
 Floreat Sapientia, Floreat Sapientia,
 Floruit Sapientia.

COLLEGE SPORTS

CRICKET 1954

THE cricket season of 1954 provided us with many interesting and outstanding games. Against Unthank College, at Eaton Park, the College 1st XI scored 122 for 4 declared, and with some very good bowling dismissed Unthank for 37. Two evening matches, which were very entertaining, were played against Spooner Row and Morley Cricket Clubs.

Our standard of play improved by leaps and bounds, mainly owing to Mr. Boswell's coaching classes, and two artificial wickets which made strokes easier to

play. The staff match made a bright ending to the season. Mr. Boswell played for the Staff and played so skilfully that he soon had our bowlers wishing that the badge on his cap was a white duck instead of a white swan.

This season we have entered the Scot Chad Cup Competition and the schools' match against Club and Ground to which we are hoping to send some representatives. The Under-fourteen XI had an enjoyable season too, and it is to those members that the school is looking for future 1st XI players. Both 1st and 2nd elevens will join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Seeley for making our cricket so enjoyable.

RESULTS.

<i>Match.</i>	<i>Opposition's Score</i>	<i>College Score.</i>
Thetford Grammar	47 runs Hammond 19, College won by 4 wickets.)	48 for 6 wickets.
Unthank College	19 runs (Leverett 3 for 5, Howe 5 for 4, College won by 52 runs)	71 runs
Bracondale	48 for 4 wickets. (Eaton 24, College lost by 6 wickets.)	44 runs
Fakenham Grammar School	54 runs (Hammond 5 for 11, Fakenham won by 18 runs)	36 runs
Bracondale	50 runs (Eaton 25 not out, College won by 8 wickets.)	51 runs for 2 wickets.
Spooner Row C.C.	76 runs (Mr. Seeley 25 not out, Spooner Row won by 11 runs)	65 runs for 8 wickets.
Norfolk School of Agriculture	47 runs	47 runs
Unthank College	37 runs (Hammond 56 not out, College won by 85 runs)	122 for 4 wickets. declared
Norfolk School of Agriculture	78 for 7 wickets. (Stearman 47, match drawn)	100 runs
Swaffham Grammar School	73 runs (Eaton 26, College lost by 13 runs)	60 runs
Morley C.C.	83 for 5—declared (Rain stopped play)	29 for 2
Diss Grammar School	38 for 2 (Rain stopped play)	—
College v. Staff	65 for 8 (Purple 31, Mr. Boswell 29 not out, Staff won by 2 wickets.)	61

AVERAGES.
(First XI).

<i>Batting.</i>	<i>Innings.</i>	<i>Times N.O.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Purple	6	3	64	31	21.3
Stearman	5	—	75	47	15
Hammond	10	2	99	56 N.O.	12.3
Eaton	12	—	106	26	8.8
<i>Bowling.</i>	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Hardesty	33	13	50	11	4.5
Leverett	37.1	7	86	17	5.0
Hammond	81.5	20	169	29	5.8
Howe	58.4	16	101	16	6.3

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(Under-14 XI.)

Played 7, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 1.

<i>Batting.</i>		<i>Innings.</i>	<i>Times N.O.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Dewing		6	2	103	46	25.3
Syrett		8	3	81	47	16.1
Read		5	1	52	21	13
<i>Bowling.</i>		<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
Croxford		53.2	27	62	38	1.6
Syrett		33.4	9	62	12	5.1
Dewing		32.6	12	59	11	5.3

A. HAMMOND (Tech. VI)
 Captain 1st XI

ATHLETICS 1954

WITH the added competitive spirit amongst the now established Houses very keen, the three weeks prior to Sports Day were full of bustling activity and strenuous rivalry. Every member of the school had the chance here to win a few standards for his House, and House members for the most part rallied splendidly to the call. Indeed, it was this enthusiasm of the lesser athletes which gave such zest to the athletics season.

The great day arrived and Dame Nature granted us a sunny afternoon. Excitement mounted as results and interim "states of the parties" were announced over the field microphone. The contest for first place was a close thing, but was finally won by East House amid tremendous cheers. The winners (excluding the over-fifteen age group) represented the college team at the Area Sports at Hardingham.

GIRLS.

11-13.	90 yds., J. Williams High Jump : D. Gosling. Long Jump : V. Tubby. Relay :—J. Williams, A. Silverstone, V. Tubby, P. Eglan.
13-15.	100 yds : J. Parry. 150 yds : M. Chapman. Hurdles : G. Angell. High Jump : E. Quinton. Long Jump : V. Preston. Javelin : D. Drake. Discus : J. Taylor. Relay :—M. Chapman, J. Taylor, J. Parry, J. Bean,

BOYS.

11-13.	90 yds., V. Womack. High Jump : Furness. Long Jump : Webb. Relay :—Sharpe, Bartram, Webb, Womack.
13-15.	100 yds., D. Newman (Gr.). 220 yds : D. Spinks. 440 yds. : J. Curry. 75 yds. : K. Crawford. High Jump : A. Utting. Long Jump : B. Newman (Tech.). Shot : Rowell. Javelin : Haynes. Discus : Daniels. Relay :—D. Spinks, B. Newman (Gr.) B. Newman (Tech.) Anderson,

At the Area Sports the following won their events and, together with our over-fifteen team, represented the Area at Cromer in the County Sports.

GIRLS.		BOYS.	
11-13.	90 yds. and Relay : J. Williams.	11-13.	Relay : Womack.
13-15.	150 yds. and Relay : M. Chapman.	13-15.	100 yds. and Relay : Newman (Gr).
	100 yds. and Relay : J. Parry.		220 yds. and Relay : Spinks.
	Javelin : D. Drake.		440 yds. : Curry.
	Relay : J. Bean.		Hurdles : Crawford.
15 +	100 yds. : P. Coles.		Shot : Rowell.
	150 yds. : S. Barwick.		Javelin : Haynes.
	High Jump : F. Newton.		Discus : Daniels.
	Long Jump : M. Arbour.	15 +	100 yds. : Forrest.
	Hurdles : A. Thornton.		220 yds. : Collison.
	Discus : J. Emmerson.		440 yds. : Ash.
	Javelin : A. Thixton.		Long Jump : Bull.
	Relay : P. Coles, S. Barwick,		High Jump : Crane.
	A. Bean, M. Arbour.		Hurdles : Turner (B.)
			Discus : Winn.
			Javelin : Batterbee.
			Shot : Street.
			Relay : Forest, Crane, Collison, Street.

The County Sports proved to be an afternoon of crowd-thrilling events.

Our own representatives performed exceedingly well. The over-fifteen team won the County shield. The following qualified for the quadrangular at Henderson :—

100 yds. : P. Coles.	Relay : Newman.
Discus : J. Emmerson.	100 yds. : Forest.
High Jump : F. Newton.	440 yds. : Ash.
220 yds. : Spinks.	Long Jump : Bull.
440 yds. : Curry.	High Jump : Crane.
Shot : Rowell.	Discus : Winn.
Javelin : Haynes.	Shot : Street.
	B. W. TURNER (Tech. VA).

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL 1954-55

THE 1ST XI had a very successful season's football, winning eight of the eleven matches played. This season was the first when both Grammar and Technical schools had a Sixth Form, and this fact certainly proved advantageous. Success, however, never came at the end of an easy path. The side was weakened in the very first game at King's Lynn when Ash was seriously injured. Anderson took over and played magnificently throughout the season. At the end of the Autumn term, three regular players left college and then illness affected the team.

The season proved an enjoyable one. Although some of the opposition seemed formidable, the team spirit prevailed throughout, and in most cases it brought favourable results. The match against Fakenham Grammar School was the highlight of the season. Everything pointed to a loss, but the team played as never before and came away worthy victors by 5 goals to 3. The two matches against King's Lynn brought us our biggest scores of the season : a win of 8—3 away, and a resounding 11—0 victory at home.

Throughout the season Mr. Goman helped us in every way possible, and I am sure every member will be grateful for the way in which he coached us.

Throughout the season the team was selected from the following: Cope, Crane, Street, Goss, Diggle, Handley, Anderson, Harbord, Bacon, Westnott, Keddy, Howe, Hammond, Fuller, Ash, Daniels.

At the end of the season, the College Games Committee awarded Football Colours to Hammond, Westnott and Anderson, and half-colours to Harbord, Handley and Crane.

		RESULTS.							
		P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.		
		11	8	3	—	44	18		
		Home	Away			Home	Away		
King's Lynn	11—0	3—8	Swaffham	3—0	—				
Diss	3—2	2—1	Fakenham	—	3—5				
Paston	2—1	3—0	Thetford	3—2	2—1				
Downham	—	0—3							

A. HAMMOND (Tech. VI)
Captain 1st XI.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

UNDERS-15 XI.
Diss (Away). Won 14—0.
Fakenham (Away). Draw 4—4.
Swaffham (Home). Won 3—1.

The following played for the above team: Frohawk, Haynes, Syrett, Welch, Newman, Dewing, Palmer, Everitt, Moulton, Hipperson, Chamberlin and Read, R.

UNDERS-14 XI.
Downham Market (Away). Won 9—4.
Holt Hall (Home). Won 6—2.
Thetford (Away). Lost 8—3.
Bracondale (Away). Won 6—1.
Thetford (Home). Won 7—0.
King's Lynn (Home). Won 4—3.

The following played for the above team: Herring, Adkins, Marsh, Bean, Webb, Matthews, Lister, Womack, Kirk, Furness, Smith A., Smith D., Eagling, Everitt, Critten, Frosdick and Young.

A large number of boys were called upon to play for the College during the season owing to illness at various times. In spite of such difficulties the results indicate the pleasing playing standard acquired by both teams.

HOCKEY 1954—55.

THE team was as follows: G. K., J. Emmerson; R.B., P. Coles; L.B., M. Pullan; R.H., M. Howard; C.H., M. Arbour (Capt.); L.H., J. Bean; R.W., J. Pearce; R.I., H. Buck and J. Taylor; C.F., A. Thornton; L.I., M. Rudrum; L.W., J. Daniels.

At the beginning of the season we were unfortunate enough to miss three fixtures, because of the College quarantine restrictions. Although our team underwent several changes again this season, the members settled down and very soon marked improvements upon last year's efforts were noticeable. A. Thornton changed her position from R.B. to C.F. and immediately proved her skill in the forward line. During the first half of the season, the forwards increased their speed, and later showed their ability in goal-scoring. The defence very soon developed strategic methods and maintained steady play throughout the season.

Our first two matches were away, at Downham Market and Thetford, which we lost 5—0 and 6—2 respectively. The last match of 1954 however was a memorable occasion. After a hard-fought game we beat Thorpe House 5—3 and from this point victory was ours for the remainder of the season.

The greatest achievement of the season was our success against Thetford, whom we beat 4—3 on the return match at home. The matches against Diss were very close; both teams were very evenly matched. In the away match the College XI won by two goals to one, the winning goal being scored in the last few minutes by our left winger, J. Daniels. The home match was equally exciting, with another success for Wymondham.

For this season's success we owe many thanks to Miss Goodman for her help and never-failing encouragement, and also to those gallant members of staff who, on various occasions, came out and gave us very good practice.

At the end of the season the College Games Committee, awarded Hockey Colours to M. Arbour and half-colours to J. Daniels and A. Thornton.

MAUREEN ARBOUR (Gr. V) (Capt.).

NETBALL 1954-55.

ALL the fixtures for the first half of the Autumn term had to be either cancelled or postponed because of the quarantine restrictions. As a result of this and the bad weather in February, the seniors played only one match this season. The Under-15 VII had six fixtures and the juniors had three. The season was a short but very successful one and the standard of netball was good. We are looking forward to next season when we hope the standard of play of our opponents will be even better.

The teams were as follows :

	FIRST VII	UNDER-15 VII.
S.	Valerie Cox	Cora Burton
A.	Jill Howes	Janet Bean (Captain)
A.C.	Sylvia Caston	Judy Wright
C.	Glenda Banham	Jean Parry
D.C.	Joan Gibson (Captain)	Frances Willimott
D.	Rosemary Hughes	Glenda Angell
G.K.	Jill Taylor	Jill Taylor
Res.	Pamela Wegg	Mary Patten

UNDER-15 " B " VII		2ND YEAR VII.
S.	Iris Broughton (Captain)	Molly Veal
A.	Moira Chapman	Valerie Preston (Captain)
A.C.	Anne Rudd	Margaret Roos
C.	Cynthia Maidstone	Joyce Cook
D.C.	Cicily Fancy	Jill Squires
D.	Diana Gosling	Peggy Hunt
G.K.	Margaret Palgrave	Sonia Turner
Res. :	Suzanne Scott	Sheila Whittred

The results were :—

1st VII	<i>v.</i> Downham Grammar (Away).	Won 35—5
Under-15 " B "	<i>v.</i> Downham Grammar (Away)	Won 28—5
Under-15 Extras	<i>v.</i> Holt Hall (Home)	Lost 12—16
Under-15 " A "	<i>v.</i> Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 15—7
Under-15 " B "	<i>v.</i> Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 6—3
2nd Year VII	<i>v.</i> Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 9—6
2nd VII	<i>v.</i> Thorpe House (Home)	Won 23—9
Under-15 " A "	<i>v.</i> Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 8—4
Under-15 " B "	<i>v.</i> Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 7—1
2nd Year VII	<i>v.</i> Old Buckenham (Away)	Won 8—2

We should like to congratulate Jill Taylor for being chosen to play in the Norfolk Schools' VII and Valerie Cox for being chosen as reserve for the same team. Unfortunately, because of bad weather, Jill and Valerie played for the county on only one occasion.

At the end of the season the College Games Committee awarded College Netball Colours to Valerie Cox and Jill Taylor, and half-colours to Joan Gibson and Glenda Banham.

ROUNDERS 1954.

THE teams were as follows :—

	1st IX.	2nd IX.	Junior IX
Bowler	C. Beckett	D. Drake (Captain)	D. Gosling
Back Stop	J. Gibson	J. Bean	M. Palgrave
1st Post	J. Taylor	R. Brown	C. Fancy
2nd Post	P. Coles	P. Emmerson	J. Squires
3rd Post	J. Pearce	G. Angell	P. Robertson
4th Post	B. Broughton	M. Patten	D. Myhill
1st Deep	R. Hughs (Captain)	M. Pullan	B. Fendley (Captain)
2nd Deep	H. Barker	J. Fuller	R. Williams
3rd Deep	J. Hoyes	J. Herring	R. Riches
Reserves	B. Scott	—M. Rudrum	V. Preston
		—S. Ward	

The season proved to be a very successful one ; the 1st team remained undefeated throughout, and the 2nd team lost only two of its matches.

The highest scorer of the season was Janet Bean with a total of 20½ rounders.

Although undefeated by other opposing school teams, the 1st team were, however, beaten by the Staff team at the end of term. In the team's opinion this was their most exciting and strenuous game. It was enjoyed equally by players and spectators.

Results

		1st IX.	2nd IX	Junior IX
North Walsham High School	(Away)	Won	Won	—
Diss Grammar School	(Away)	Won	Lost	—
Fakenham Grammar School	(Home)	Won	Lost	—
Thorpe House	(Home)	Won	Won	—
Sprowston	(Away)	Won	—	Lost
Old Buckenham	(Away)	Won	Won	—
Sprowston	(Home)	Unfinished	—	Won

R. HUGHES (Tech. VB) (Capt.).

HOUSE NOTES

NORTH HOUSE.

WHILST there are no outstanding achievements to report, the year has been one of steady progress in Games and Athletics.

In the cross-country race the seniors gained second place and the juniors shared first place with East. The seniors again reached the football final after beating West 2—1, but were defeated by East 3—1. Although weakened by the absence of several members of the XI owing to sickness, the juniors played well before being defeated 5—3 by East.

We are sorry to report that North again finished last in Athletics. However, this time we were only half a point behind South, and next year trust that we shall leave the bottom place once and for all. A pleasing result was that we returned the largest number of standards of any House.

The girls' Hockey team, although practising enthusiastically, was not quite good enough and was beaten 3—0 by East. At Netball the seniors lost in the first round to East, but the 13—15 team and the Under 13 team reached the finals in their respective competitions. In these finals the 13—15 side lost to East and the Under-13 to West.

In last summer's Cricket competitions the seniors were defeated by East in the finals, but both the 13—15 and Under-14 teams were beaten in the first round of their competitions by West and East respectively.

Our thanks are due to the Games captains and House staff for help given during the year. In particular, we would like to thank Mr. Gregory for his strong support of House activities. We are very sorry to lose him, but give him every good wish for his future happiness in marriage and in his new post at Hatfield.

K. WESTNOTT & M. BROWN (House Captains).

SOUTH HOUSE.

Boys.

Cricket has never been a game in which the house has excelled, and this was shown when the seniors lost to North, and the juniors lost to East in the final. The boys of South House are extremely light-hearted; when they see a fellow return with utmost cheerfulness to the pavilion after being bowled for a "duck,"

they have a habit of thinking that this is a most pleasant way of spending the afternoon and follow likewise!

Football was also rather undistinguished; both senior and junior XIs lost in the early rounds. There are two things a House needs when entering a competition—a good team and plenty of luck. Naturally, we claim a good team, but I fear we were behind in the queue when luck was given out!

The Cross-County Run found us at our best. The seniors won the event and had ten runners in the first twenty home. The highlight of that enjoyable day came when a party was given by Mr. Bailey and Mr. Freeman for the victorious team of twelve runners.

Athletics proved a success in the House. Many people obtained maximum standards, and many others shone on Sports Day. Spinks won the 440 yards in almost the same time as it takes Mr. Bailey to say "lights out." Peacock hurled the javelin into the frosty atmosphere, and Bull had to lower his "flaps" to keep himself on the long-jump pit. Wiskin and Mace were outstanding in the juniors. Not everyone was a star performer but everyone proved a star trier.

A. HAMMOND (House Captain).

Girls.

Throughout the year our girls have been most keen and co-operative in all sporting activities, especially the tennis four, who fought well against North in the semi-finals and finally beat East by 19 games to 9. The main success during the Rounders season was our junior team which beat all its opponents comfortably. Although our Hockey and Netball teams played well, no successes can be claimed here. Much enthusiasm has been shown towards Athletics with the result that we had many outstanding successes, especially amongst the seniors. Jane Pearce gained 20 out of a possible 21 points and other distinguished competitors were A. Tagg, J. Taylor, and B. Taylor.

JOYCE DANIELS (House Captain).

Postscript.

We shall both be leaving college at the end of Summer Term and would therefore like to say how very much we have enjoyed captaining the house. We wish our successors and the house itself the very best of luck for the future.

EAST HOUSE.

Since the beginning of the last Summer term we have done well in all sporting events. Boys and girls have practised hard, and have shown great enthusiasm; the results are much to their credit.

Last summer, our Rounders and Tennis teams won through to the finals only to be beaten by North and South respectively. We met West in all three cricket finals. The Senior team, captained by Diggle, was successful, as was the Under-14 XI, but the Under-15 team unfortunately failed to obtain the "hat-trick."

We maintained our standard at Hockey. With Maureen Arbour as captain

we beat West 3—0, after a great struggle in the necessary replay. The Senior Soccer team, led by Diggle, demonstrated some fine teamwork, beating North 3—1 in the final tie. The Under-15s endured icy conditions in forcing West to a draw 1—1 after extra time. This was a further indication of their hardiness, for the Juniors had put up the best performance in the Cross-Country Run, having shared first place with North.

In Athletics, the House teams were captained by Maureen Arbour and Turner, but even the slowest of the boys and girls played their parts in obtaining standards.

On Sports Day, with our colours flying we ran, we jumped, we threw and once again we won, and although Keddy's three firsts were conceded to be fine efforts, our success was due to the friendly co-operation of all members of the House.

Both Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Baron are leaving us this summer. On behalf of the House, we would like to thank them for everything they have done for us, and to wish them every success in the future.

ANNE THORNTON, JOSEPH KEDDY (House Captains).

WEST HOUSE.

Inter-House competition throughout the past school year has become increasingly apparent. This is as a direct result of the re-organisation of the dormitories into Houses. Consequently, all members of the House have become more intimately concerned with the progress which the House is making. This we think is reflected in the results which our athletes and other teams have obtained in sporting events this year.

The girls showed a new-found enthusiasm for sport in more than one field, winning the first round of the Hockey but losing in the final after a replay. Out of the three teams which represented the House for Netball, two teams won their final matches.

The boys, although they showed the same keen enthusiasm, were not quite so successful at football. The senior House team, of which two members sustained injuries, was defeated in the first round, whilst the other two teams reached the finals only to suffer defeat.

On the introduction of the Cross Country event, the House was well represented and achieved good results. The first two places in each age group of the race were taken by West House: in the senior age group, Purple and Homer and in the junior age group, Colk and Kirkland.

The opening of the Athletics season brought with it the usual keen competition for standards and places in the final events. Here, despite some sparkling performances from West House athletes, we were finally placed second on Sports Day.

At the end of this school year we say goodbye to certain members of our House. Amongst the girls J. Ash, M. Roy, R. Hughes, G. Banham, J. Gray, D.

Fenton ; and the boys, G. Crane, H. Harboard, M. Harvey, C. Stearman, G. Homer, T. Purple, J. Alvey, M. Sands, and M. Hathaway. We all wish these boys and girls success in their future careers.

We would also like to thank all members of West House Staff, especially the House Masters and Mistresses, for the smooth and efficient running of the House. We give special thanks to Miss Fox who is leaving us and wish her every success and happiness.

D. FENTON, A. CHILVERS (House Captains).

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

MISS PATTERN AND MR. GREGORY.

At the end of last year eleven of our members left school, including one committee member. The other two committee members remained, and Vivienne Champion was elected secretary in place of Joanne Rose. Recently, Margaret Roy has been elected Missionary Secretary. Last December we adopted a class of boys and girls at the Kamama Intermediate School in Kenya. At Christmas we sent them a parcel of toys and gifts which we made ourselves. Many of us have written to the children, who are aged about fourteen, and it has been very exciting to receive replies. At Easter we sent them a large parcel of books to help them in their study of English.

During the Easter term we had three visiting speakers, as well as our weekly Bible Study and Prayer meetings. The first was Miss Daphne Johnson, commandant of the Pioneer Camps for Girls. She showed us slides of the camps and of the work in the South Africa General Mission. The Rev. Leslie Lawrey, a travelling secretary of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship was able to show the film "God of Creation" (the first in the series of Fact and Faith films) to both Technical and Grammar schools. In this film, science and religion combined to show us the wonders of the universe in which we live and the wonder of the fact that the God of this same universe loves us. Shortly after this film we held a "Squash," when every member invited a friend. The speaker was Miss Sheila Bennett, an old friend of our fellowship, and her talk was followed by a lively discussion, showing the interest the film had aroused the previous week.

We are all most grateful to Miss Pattern for the invaluable help and advice she has given us since we started. We were glad to welcome Mr. Gregory last September, especially as there has been a steady increase in the number of boy members since then. We are very sorry to lose him and wish him every success in his new post.

In the Christmas holidays, Margaret Roy and Judith Harris represented our society at the I.S.C.F. residential conference in Staffordshire. There were two hundred members present, representing societies similar to our own in over a

hundred schools in England and Wales. We returned from this conference with renewed enthusiasm greatly encouraged by the fact that our own society is linked with these others in this great chain of fellowship.

JUDITH HARRIS (Tech. VI).

THE COLLEGE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

MR. BAILEY AND MR. STAVELEY.

ONCE more it may be recorded in the annals of this still young College that the Geographical Society has flourished greatly during the last school year. Attendances have been enormous and on many occasions it has been necessary for the doors to be locked and barred in order to prevent history repeating itself—The Black Hole of Calcutta!

On these magnetic Tuesday evenings, the members gather together to be transported into far-distant lands or to study relatively unknown industries. The meeting commences and the members move from place to place in a foreign country or join a camera-man for a conducted tour of a particular industry.

But what attracts the pupils to Room 38a? Is it the urge of the members to learn more about this planet of ours? Certainly they have their opportunities. They have trespassed into China, India, Africa, Austria, Holland and France; into a coalmine, a chemical plant, an underground limestone cavern and an iron-and-steel works.

To whom do we owe this mobility? Mainly to the initiative of our staff, who seem to be extremely well-travelled, almost nomadic, either travelling individually, or organising a school party to accompany them. Truly without them the committee would have suffered many headaches. For the enterprising films shown, the praise must go to Allan Chilvers. Alone he stood, the society depending entirely on his choice of subject-matter for the forthcoming meeting. How good his choice has proved to be.

Officials elected this year were:—President, Mr. Metcalfe; Chairman: Mr. Staveley; Vice-Chairman: Mr. Bailey; Secretaries: Alan Chilvers, Michael Cork; Committee: Jane Pearce, Joyce Daniels, Morrith Cope, Terence Coppin; Treasurer: Reggie Daniels.

M. CORK (Grammar VI).

VISITS

PIONEER CAMP—NORTH WALES.

MISS PATTERN.

IN August a party of girls went with Miss Pattern to the pioneer camp in North Wales. There were seventy campers altogether, coming from schools all over England. The camp was held at St. Chad's School, a lovely building surrounded by the Prestatyn hills and within easy reach of the sea. It was an individual place,

with a swimming-pool, tennis court and large games field ; a few of us also enjoyed horse-riding over the hills or along the beach.

Several outings were planned ; our first trip was to Conway, where we spent a pleasant day boating on the river and exploring the ancient castle. Here, too, we went into the smallest house in the British Isles. Other outings included visits to Llangollen, the Horseshoe Pass, Bettws-y-Coed and the Swallow Falls. The highlight of our holiday was the trip to Snowdon. We can proudly announce that, of all the campers attempting it, one of our Wymondham party was first to set foot on the summit.

Of course we had the traditional "sausage sizzle", and also a midnight feast with ghost stories told by candlelight. Among other games, a table-tennis tournament was played, once again the honours going to Wymondham with Deanna Drake as champion. A "Crocker" match, a swimming gala and a boisterous afternoon spent "Hunting the Officer," all combined to give us a very enjoyable holiday.

Each day concluded with evening prayers. One of the speakers was a missionary from Africa, with some exciting experiences to tell us. Bible Studies were held before breakfast for any who wished to attend. The Scripture Union passage for the day was read at breakfast time, and we were glad that so many of our Wymondham Campers became S.U. members while at St. Chads.

Although none of us was able to attend the Campers Reunion in London last January, Miss Daphne Johnson, the Commandant of the Pioneer Camp, visited the College during February and we spent a happy afternoon reviving memories of last summer.

MARY COOKE (Tech. IVc).

WEEK-END VISIT OF THE REVEREND JOHN WILLIAMS, M.A.

THE Assistant Secretary of the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service of the British Council of Churches spent a busy week-end in College early in the Spring term, 1955.

On Sunday, January 30th he gave the address at the Junior and Senior Chapel services, and showed filmstrips and a film to both Junior and Senior scholars. These showed us the appalling conditions in which refugees in Germany and Korea exist. We realised that we should help in any way possible.

Mr. Williams explained several methods of assistance. Our own Refugee Committee of staff and scholars decided to collect £100 which would pay for one house for a war-widow in Korea.

By means of two collections at half-terms and the collections from two of Miss Charters' dramatic productions we are proud to announce that we have reached our target. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped to make this big achievement possible.

JUDITH HARRIS (Tech. VI.)

TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

SCHOOL PREFECTS.

Judith Harris		A. Hammond
Doreen Fenton		H. Harbord
Sheila Bolton		S. Handley
Margaret Roy	(Form V)	R. Daniels
Ruth Halsey	(Form V)	J. Bacon
Sylvia Caston	(Form V)	A. Chilvers

Form Prizes, 1954.

- 4A. B. Turner
- 4B. D. Forder
Sylvia Caston.
- 4C. P. Hazell.
- 3A. Rosemary Holliday.
- 3B. Patricia Marsh.
- 3C. R. Read.
- 2A. D. Burdett.
- 2B. G. Critten.
- 2C. Suzanne Scott.
- 1A. Linda Barker.
- 1B. Angela Smith.
- 1C. Wendy Leveridge.

Subject Prizes, 1954.

- Best G.C.E. : J. Cushion.
- English : Mary Hall.
- Geography : R. Fancy.
- German : R. Bell and Linda Barker
- French : D. Forder.
- Maths : J. Brown.
- Science : J. Cushion and J. Brown.
- Tech. Drawing : B. Figgis.
- Woodwork : D. Everitt.
- Metalwork : I. Hipperson.
- R.I. : R. Fancy.
- Art : A. Watering.
- Commerce : R. Walker.
- P.T. : Sheila Bolton and I. Hipperson.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1954.

Algate, A. J.	E. Lang.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Woodwk.	*Tech. Dr.			
Bacon, J.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	Metalwk.			
Batterbee, D. G.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Gen. Sc (2)	Tech Dr.	*E. Lang.	*E. Lit.	
Boldero, G. W.	E. Lang.	Tech. Dr.	Woodwk.					
Bone, F. T.	Gen. Sc.	Woodwk.						
Brown, D.	Gen. Sc.	*E. Lang.	*Geog.	*Metalwk.				
Brown, J. E.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Gen. Sc (2)	Tech. Dr.	*E. Lang.	Metalwk.	
Cushion, J. E.	E. Lang.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Gen. Sc. (2)	Tech. Dr.	Woodwk.	
Daniels, R. E.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	Metalwk.			
Doc, H. J.	Geog.	Metalwk.						
Everitt, D. L.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	Woodwk.			
Fancy, R. B.	Geog.	Rel. Kn.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.				
Farrow, R.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	Metalwk.			
Figgis, B. L.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	Metalwk.	*E. Lang.	*E. Lit.	
Freestone, W. J. A.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.				
Goss, J. W.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	*Metalwk.			
Hammond A. J. F.	E. Lit.	Geog.	Gen. Sc.	Woodwk.	*E. Lang.	*Maths.	*Tech. Dr.	
Hammond, W. J.	E. Lang.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	Metalwk.		
Handley, S. A.	Maths.	Tech. Dr.	Woodwk.					
Harbord, H. E.	E. Lang.	Geog.	Gen. Sc.	Woodwk.	*Tech. Dr.			
Hipperson, I. R.	E. Lang.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	Metalwk.			
Keddy, J. D.	Geog.	Gen. Sc.	Metalwk.					
McNeill, H.	Geog.	Tech. Dr.						
Nichols, W. D.	Geog.		Tech. Dr.	Woodwk.				
Raines, B. W.	E. Lang.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Gen. Sc. (2)	Tech. Dr.		
Reader, R. A.	Hist.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	*E. Lang.				
Sendall, W. G.	E. Lang.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.	Woodwk.		
Stacey, M. W.	E. Lang.	Hist.						
Street, A. C. H.	Tech. Dr.	Woodwk.						
Thomas, D. R.	E. Lang.	Geog.	Gen. Sc.	Tech. Dr.				
Allard, M. O.	E. Lang.	Needlewk.						
Baumber, M. W.	E. Lang.	Gen. Sc.						
Bean, A. I.	Geog.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Needlewk.				

Bolton, S. A.	E. Lang.	Needlewk.	*Cookery			
Fenton, D.	E. Lang.	Maths.	Gen. Sc.	Needlewk.	Cookery	
Fuller, R. V.	Needlewk.	Cookery				
Hall, M. E. G.	E. Lang.	E. Lit.	Hist.	Gen. Sc.	Cookery	
Harris, J. A.	Hist.	Gen. Sc.	*Rel. Kn.	*Cookery.		
Keeler, A. D.	E. Lang.	Hist.	Art	Gen. Sc.		
Leveridge, H. K.	E. Lang.	Hist.				
Sandford, M. R.	E. Lang.	Geog.	Gen. Sc.	Needlewk.	Cookery	*Rel. Kn.
Seaton, M.	E. Lang.	Hist.	Art			
Talbot, S.	E. Lang.					
Walker, R. M.	Cookery					

* These subjects taken in December.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY.

MR. CHATTAWAY.

A CHERISHED hope of Mr. Chattaway and, indeed, of many others materialised when the Debating Society was inaugurated. The society has prospered extremely well in its first year. It has offered a refreshing entertainment and presented an opportunity to acquire self-confidence, wit, self-expression and other social assets, to air some dusty views and to speak rhetorically, seriously, sardonically or ridiculously as one felt inclined.

The first year has been one of slight shyness and finger-biting. We would like to witness more contention and wrath to the constitutional limit of leg- and hair-pulling. Our stewards (forceful expellers) have complained bitterly of enforced idleness.

But obviously, the success has not been achieved without energetic and capable members: the perspiring genius of Mr. Chattaway has been equalled only by the calm control of our unshakeable rock of a chairman, Mr. Alan Chilvers, who brought to the role of "Big Brother" an acid humour and a passion for relevance which were more than a match for the House. Other more startling aspects of character were revealed in some speakers whose injudicious personal revelations gave great delight. But let us have more response from the floor of the House—one feels there is still much talent being "flinged, flang or flung" away!

J. CUSHION (VI)(Secretary).

SCIENCE SOCIETY.

(Biology Section.)

MR. BARON AND MR. RYDE.

A BIOLOGY CLUB has been formed for members of the 4th and 5th Forms and meets every Friday evening.

The first job was the setting up of a tropical aquarium which was then stocked with Guppies. Great excitement was shown when one female gave birth to about twenty young! Next came a similar job in the housing of a male Platy, a female

Swordtail and a pair of Gouramies in two more aquaria. The Gouramies have shown little interest in each other, but the Swordtail has given birth to young.

Mr. Baron gave a talk on aquatic ecology from a survey he had made himself, and Mr. Ryde gave one on the effect of medical research on disease and length of life. Two films entitled "War under the Microscope" and "Man Against Mosquito" were shown.

In addition we set up cultures of microscopic pond animals, although these were not very successful. A wormery has been established for the study of tunnelling techniques in different soils. Microscope slides were made of bees' legs and wings, and a fertile pigeon's egg was dissected.

In the near future we intend to study the fauna and flora of different areas in the college grounds to try to determine the factors causing various biological effects.

MAIRIN PULLAN (IVA).

(Chemistry Section.)

MR. PEARCE.

So far, we can claim no spectacular achievements from our Tuesday evening meetings since this section is as yet in its early stages. But we have derived considerable enjoyment under Mr. Pearce's direction, from our modest beginnings and look to the future for more ambitious work.

We have studied and made notes on some branches of chemical analysis, which has increased our practical and theoretical knowledge a good deal. We soon found that keen observation during the analysis, linked with a good memory for past observations in the laboratory, were essential.

There were a few meetings, however, when we varied the normal routine. The explosions at the meeting just after Guy Fawkes' night were exciting enough, but no-one will forget the night the carbon di-oxide apparatus was converted into a compound called Rubble-bubble!

P. W. WOODYARD (VA).

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

MISS PATTERN.

THE first production of the Society was "Toad of Toad Hall," which was performed at the end of last summer term, all parts being taken by First and Second Formers. It would be difficult to select any one character for particular praise, but Peter Herring (Toad), Michael Herring (Badger), Robbie Fielding (Rat) and Molly Veal (Mole) played their parts with great success; Molly Veal is to be congratulated on a fine performance, as she took the part at very short notice after Michael Bartram, the original Mole, developed chicken-pox. Wild Wooders and River Bankers alike acted with obvious enjoyment, and, aided by music composed by

Mr. Reynolds, and settings designed by Mr. Lamming, these animals became as real to the audience as the Judge and the other humans.

A very different theme was chosen for our Christmas production : an adapted version of the Coventry and Wakefield Nativity Plays. Under the guidance of Mr. Chattaway, we attempted to produce these plays as first performed by the trade-guilds of the 14th century, with improvised costumes and with no scenery other than a dark cloth. Over seventy Juniors took part in this performance and acquitted themselves well under rather difficult conditions.

Although innate acting ability is possessed only by the chosen few, enthusiasm and energy have marked both rehearsals and performances, and after a "closed season" last term, we have begun rehearsals again, this time of "The Knave of Hearts," a play which sets out to dispel the cloud which has always surrounded that unfortunate character named in the title.

FIRST YEAR DRAMATICS.

MISS CHARTERS.

EARLY in the Autumn Term, 1954, a group of First Years started regular rehearsals several times a week for a full-scale Nativity Play, "The King Born in a Stable," by the producer, Miss C. P. Charters. This meant very hard work for everyone since both soloists and choral-speaking choir learnt the whole script (founded upon the Bible words) and all the songs and carols.

Many head and heart-aches were caused by the need for split-second synchronisation between the cast, the long-suffering pianist, Paul Hazell, and the "Back-Room Boys" (some of whom were stationed in various strange places) operating both the lighting of rainbow hues and the many props and costumes. After many hectic hours of chasing round with yards of electric flex, improvised flood-lighting stands, hammers, screwdrivers and bits of string, all was ready for the two performances.

It was felt that all was well-worth-while when a succession of beautiful stage pictures was seen by the appreciative audiences who enjoyed the sound of young voices singing old and new melodies (some composed for the production) and the sight of juvenile performers really living in their parts. Although not wishing to make distinction, mention should be made of Caroline Watts' portrayal of the Virgin Mary and of Patricia Woodworth's Angel Gabriel. Many were the complimentary remarks showered upon the whole production.

In the Spring Term the same group worked upon an Easter play, using what is believed to be an original medium in school Drama. Each section of the play was tape-recorded by Mr. Hughes. After many technical hitches, the whole recording was presented, together with a home-produced film strip, at three performances in Butler Hall,

JUNIOR SCRIPTURE UNION.

MISS PATTERN.

ALTHOUGH many girls in the Junior school had been members of the Scripture Union for some months, it was not until January 1955 that we first met as a society. Since then, we have held meetings each week and our numbers have increased rapidly.

Last term, Miss Sheila Bennett, from the Scripture Union headquarters in London, showed us a film entitled, "Diary of a Bible." We were also interested to see her copies of S.U. Notes published in many different languages, ranging from Norwegian to Eskimo, and we examined one in Braille for the blind. Another visitor was Miss Daphne Johnson, whom many of our S.U. members had met at the Pioneer Camp in North Wales the previous summer. We are grateful to Mr. Gregory too, who has taken a few of our meetings, and we are glad to hear that he has introduced Scripture Union to some of the Junior boys.

There has been keen competition over the "Comet Flights," and the Skippers and Officers have piloted their crews well in the "delivery" of S.U. cards from England to as far distant places as Tokio and Tonga. The speed of the delivery is determined by the number of marks gained each week from questions on the daily Bible readings. Although congratulations should be offered first to Comet III, the winner last term, the close results were due to the keenness and loyalty of each member of the four crews.

1955 marks the seventy-sixth anniversary of the world-wide Scripture Union, and a few of our members were able to attend the S.U. Anniversary Rally in Norwich during April, when the speaker was Dr. J. H. Laird of India.

HANDICRAFT CLUBS.

THREE clubs have been held during the winter terms. Mr. Canty assisted those interested in Engineering Metalwork, Mr. Mullinger organised the class in Beaten and Decorative Metalwork, and Mr. Seeley was responsible for a woodwork group concentrating on children's toys.

Once again the clubs were well attended, and some valuable knowledge gained in their happy and informal atmosphere. It was found, as in the past, that the short duration of the meetings was the greatest obstacle to real progress. Several creditable pieces of work have had to be shelved until our next sessions open in September, when, we are afraid, much of their interest will have been lost.

It is hoped that intending members will inform the workshop staff of the type of work in which they are interested, so that the necessary preparations may be made for an early start next term.

THE NEEDLEWORK CLUB.

Miss Fox.

THE Club resumed its meetings in September, 1954, and girls from both Technical and Grammar Schools joined forces to make a gathering of friendly needlewomen. This was a great opportunity for all those who did not take needlework in school hours to show their skill in, as it were, an "amateur" status.

Since September the girls have shown enthusiasm and ability; garments have ranged from babies' frocks to dressing-gowns with elaborate embroidery designs and perfect finishings.

We began our club in the old Needlework Room in Block 40, but recently on the expansion of the Domestic Science buildings, we have moved over to the new department. Two hand, two treadle and three electric sewing machines have been installed together with the very latest commercial finishing machine, which will tack or even make button-holes. We find this machine a great labour- and time-saving device.

We owe a good deal to the patience, endurance and unfailing good humour of our instructress, Miss Fox. We are sorry to be losing her at the end of this term, but with four happy years behind her, we all wish her more happy years in the future. All members of the club cordially thank her for everything she has done for them.

A. THORNTON, S. CASTON.

FIFTH FORM BOYS' D.S. CLUB.

Miss WILKINSON AND Miss HARTLAND-ROWE.

TWENTY-FOUR boys have attended the weekly meetings during the past year under the supervision of Miss Wilkinson and Miss Hartland-Rowe.

Although we brought more dash and spirit than initial skill to this strange art, nevertheless, spurred on by the hopes (or fears) of having to eat what we cooked, we produced reasonable results. So it would seem from the envious remarks of the outsiders who witnessed the results of our labours.

We conclude by expressing our indebtedness not only to our instructresses, but also to the girls who risked their aprons in the hands of such inexperienced cooks!

D. SPINKS, B. TURNER (Tech. VA).

CHESS CLUB.

Mr. HOWARD AND Mr. MITCHELL.

DURING the winter, special rooms have been set aside for chess in the main Common Rooms, and as a result of this many people have seen the game played for the first time. In some cases their interest has grown and developed quickly and many of them are now playing regularly.

The Monday evening club meetings have been split this year into three sections for Seniors, Juniors and Beginners, and although the numbers attending have fluctuated considerably from week to week, there have been many enjoyable evenings. The standard of play on the whole seems to be higher now than it was twelve months ago, and the number of pointless and bad moves made seems to be decreasing. Two major tournaments have been arranged within the club, and in one of these Brodie played extremely well to win convincingly. In the other Blasby and Hanwell both showed a sound understanding of the finer points of the game.

Wagge, Burdett and Clare are three players of promise in the Junior Section, and we look forward to games with them and other Third-Formers next year. If the progress that has been shown can be maintained, matches with other schools will be played during the coming winter.

ROGER HIRONS (Gr. V).

BIRD WATCHERS' CLUB.

MR. BANHAM.

GREATER numbers of boys than ever are showing an interest in bird-watching this year; in fact, a small band of faithfuls even held regular meetings through the winter. This is a good sign as there is much to be seen at all times of the year, although of course the nesting season provides the greatest interest. This year there has, I think, been less wilful damage to nests and eggs, but I must emphasise that many birds desert their nests if they are too often disturbed, even by keen ornithologists who certainly mean them no harm. One such example this year was the hawfinch, a rather uncommon bird which, as far as I know, has not previously attempted to nest here. On the whole, however, we seem to be having a successful season.

FENCING CLUB.

MR. BANHAM AND MR. FREEMAN.

DURING the autumn term members engaged in several well-fought contests for the delectation of invited audiences. Our efforts appeared to be received with interest. During the winter term, practice continued normally. The club has been challenged by a Yarmouth body and intends to uphold its, and the school's, honour to good effect, on Saturday, June 11th. There have been no fatalities as yet!

ART CLUB.

MR. FREEMAN.

SEVERAL of the keener people have made use of the art room facilities to do some extra painting; the first major project has just been started—the painting of a mural in the art room.

I would like to start a class devoted to Handwriting; interested persons are invited to contact me at any time.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

MR. REYNOLDS.

THE main problem in this first year of the orchestra's existence has been to gather together a sufficient number of pupils who would be prepared to attend our weekly meetings regularly, and to encourage them to play as a group rather than as individuals. In this I think we can say we have been successful. There is still much work to be done, however, in the sphere of intonation. I must point out that this is in no way an adverse criticism of the players. They have very difficult and special problems with which to grapple. Most people can sing in tune, given a certain freedom from catarrh and cantankerous conductors, but the young violinist has not only to hear a note but has to produce it accurately on what at times is a most intractable piece of catgut.

There have been those who have raised a questioning eyebrow at the fact that we have not performed in public some impressive Beethoven symphony. We have preferred to devote the year to amusing ourselves and, at the same time, to criticising constructively our attempts at playing the pieces in our repertoire. We have not impressed the public—indeed they have not yet heard us—but this is inevitably the lot of those who, having a difficult task to accomplish, seek to crawl before they can walk.

THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

MR. REYNOLDS.

THE choir has continued its work during the year. All members have made a great effort to attend meetings regularly in spite of difficulties and I should like to say how much this has been appreciated. We hope that a concert will be possible in the near future.

SCHOOL VISITS

EXPEDITION TO THE CENTRAL PENNINES, JUNE 5th—12th, 1954.

MR. STAVELEY.

AN expedition to study the geography of the region around Ingleton and Stainforth, Yorks. was organised by the Geography Department during Whit. week. The party consisted of twenty boys and girls from the Third and Fourth forms. The work consisted of a systematic study of the geography, geology, ecology, farming and industries of a small region around the three peaks, Ingleborough, Pen-y-Ghent and Wharfedale, and every evening was spent in compiling notes on the day's experiences. All three peaks were climbed by various members of the party and many of the caves in the limestone were explored, often by rather unorthodox methods. The weather was consistently bad, but this in no way dampened our spirits and some hardy Fourth formers were seen swimming in the open-air baths at Ingleton on many occasions. The field work was well done and one girl was lucky enough to find a very rare plant (*Daphne Mesereon*) near the vil-

lage of Feizor. It was agreed by all that the trip had been very enjoyable, and that we had learned a great deal about a district which is different in almost every respect from our usual environment.

HOLIDAY IN NORTH WALES. EASTER 1955.

MR. STAVELEY.

THE holiday in North Wales was organised by Mr. Staveley who took a party of sixteen boys and two girls youth hostelling, climbing and walking in Snowdonia. Mr. Baron and Miss Fox also went on the trip. Some of the members of the party had been climbing before, but to the majority it was a new and enjoyable sport.

Thursday, April 14th.

First day spent climbing Cnicht, a 2,265 ft. peak which involves a considerable amount of steady walking on a gradual slope. After resting at intervals we arrived on the peak and, although it was not a clear day, enjoyed an admirable view.

Friday, April 15th.

Party split into groups. One energetic group climbed Moel Hebog, a 2,566 ft. peak. The second went to study the farming in the Upper Croesor Valley and to climb Moelwyn (2,527 ft.). The third walked over the lower Croesor Valley and the fourth went to Portmadoc by 'bus.

Saturday, April 16th.

Left Cae Dafydd hostel to move to Harlech. Again the party split up. Half walked over Harlech Dome and the remainder went on to Harlech by 'bus, visited Harlech Castle and went over the dunes to the beach.

Sunday, April 17th.

Party split into groups. The day was spent in a research on local geographical features.

Monday, April 18th.

Travelled to the foot of Crib Goch, one of the peaks of the Snowdon Horse Shoe. Had dinner on the peak of Crib Goch. Continued along the ridge and by 4 o'clock were on the summit of Snowdon, quenching our thirst with a cup of tea. Continued round the Horse Shoe and had yet another peak to climb before descending to the guest house in Dolfrigi.

Tuesday, April 19th.

After the strenuous day spent climbing Snowdon, we went to Portmadoc and Borth-y-Gest for a lazy day on the beach.

Wednesday, April 20th.

Party split into three groups. Two groups were to visit farms in the Pennant Valley, and the third group climbed Moel Hebog. The first group found themselves in the wrong valley with a set of inhospitable farmers; the second group were troubled by the presence of bogs. Both groups had happy days but farming

research did not go far. The third party set out to do some climbing on Moel Hebog.

Thursday, April 21st.

Moved from Dolfriog and spent its morning travelling to the foot of Tryfan said to be the only mountain in North Wales that cannot be climbed without the use of the hands. An enjoyable afternoon's rock climbing.

Friday, April 22nd.

Visited a local woollen factory and lead mine.

Saturday, April 23rd.

Returned home.

JANE PEARCE (VA).

A PRIVATE TRIP TO AUSTRIA.

MR. STAVELEY.

ON July 28th, 1954 three weary members of the Fourth Form might be seen sitting on the pavement, surrounded by a motley assortment of bedding, rucksacks, kettles and sundry old iron outside Liverpool St. Station, while an equally weary member of staff was exploring this vast building in search of officialdom. So began our expedition which led eventually to the Dolomites and the border of Yugoslavia. After this hesitant start, apart from a few complaints on the part of an overloaded car, everything went reasonably smoothly.

The eventual goal was somewhere in Austria. The party was ferried across the Channel in a British freighter, and then proceeded on a very devious route through North France, Belgium and Germany to the Bregenzer Wald in West Austria. This was reached after some exciting travel on the great autobahn from Frankfurt to Ulm, and adventures which included one night spent in a very wet field in Bavaria!

Our first night in Austria caused much consternation owing to the inability of the youthful and inexperienced members of the carload to find their way under the large feather bolsters (dumplings) which formed their bedclothes. A very pleasant day or so, however, was spent walking in this area. Later we visited Innsbruck and thoroughly explored the Stubaital. Our experiences here included a stay at an alpine hut 7,000 feet above sea level, much fun and games on various glaciers and the conquest of the Mair Spitz—a 10,000 ft. peak. From the Stubai we crossed the Brenner into Italy, and thence eastwards via the Dolomites into Carinthia. Our homeward journey was notable for the crossing of the Gross Glockner road which reaches nearly 8,000 ft., and the fact that when we reached Salzburg we realised that we only had two and a half days to reach Calais—a mere 800 miles away—resulting in high speed travel, and an arrival at Charleroi at 3 a.m. to the grave suspicion of the Belgium police!

In the course of our journey we visited France, Belgium, Germany, Italy,

Austria, Luxembourg and Saarland, covered 3,000 miles, lost a passport down a drain, ate the most amazing assortment of unfamiliar food without any ill effects, and, in short, had a thoroughly good time. Many thanks to Mr. Staveley!

D. BUCKINGHAM, K. CRAWFORD, R. RAMM.

YARMOUTH FISHING INDUSTRY.

ANOTHER visit to Yarmouth was organised last October by Miss Charters for the Third Forms. We spent an enjoyable afternoon inspecting most of the processes of this interesting industry, including the unloading, gutting, smoking and canning of the fish. Some of us also had the opportunity to go on board the boats to inspect at close quarters their gear and radar equipment and even transmit messages.

J. MATTHEWS (III^B).

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL NOTES.

MR. BARON.

IN earlier reports the tenor of these notes has always been the hope of future developments, but by the time these words appear in print the School's first candidates for the General Certificate of Education in Agricultural Science will have sat for their examination; and so perhaps it is not too much to claim that the School Holding is now established in its true function—that of teaching and demonstrating the principles of good husbandry.

During the past twelve months innovations have been few, and the main effort has been concentrated on consolidating the gains of the previous two years.

In this connection, it has been especially pleasing to note the rapid response of our older apple trees to a programme of pruning, spraying and mulching, and the almost complete control of a heavy Winter Moth infestation, achieved by grease banding. One tree, considered beyond reclamation by ordinary means, has been "be-headed" and is being worked over to another variety.

A major alteration has been the removal of the Soft Fruit to the Orchard, thus allowing the last untamed corner of the Beech Garden to be subdued. At present the land so cleared is being cultivated by the Fifth Form Agricultural Group in twelve plots which together form fertiliser and fertiliser placement trials involving different varieties of beans, potatoes and cabbages.

Other similar investigations being carried out are comparative fertiliser trials with swedes, flowers and grass, and another trial to determine the optimum rate of application of a General Fertiliser for increase of potato yields. In addition, experiments involving the effect of different methods of soil sterilization upon

tomato yields, the inoculation of indicator tobacco plants with virus from cigarettes, and the use of chemical weed killers, have been set out.

The new potting shed is nearing completion, and this will solve the problem of storage space which has been a crippling difficulty.

On the stock-keeping side, the feeding of differing rations to store pigs, the weekly recording of weights and weight increases, and the graphical expression and analysis of the results obtained has become an integral part of the course.

Any survey of the year's work inevitably brings to one's mind the names of all those people whose help has been so freely given. First we should like to pay a tribute to the help of Mr. Ryde, whose ever-cheerful energies have been the sources of many improvements in the course, and whose waistcoats have added yet further distinction to a College Department which has always prided itself upon displaying a sense of sartorial originality.

Again I should like to say thank you to Mr. Bushall of whose struggles during the holidays we see nothing but the successful results. To the Engineering Science Department, who have re-juvenated the Ironhorse, and to the Woodwork and Metal Workshops we are also indebted.

Finally I should like to wish well to all the pioneer General Certificate of Education Agricultural Candidates—may they have every success in the future.

COMMERCIAL COURSE, 1953-54.

MISS ABRAM.

THE COMMERCIAL COURSE, 1953-54 wish to be remembered to the staff and pupils of Wymondham College, and would like to express their thanks and appreciation for the help they received during their year's training.

We were all successful in the R.S.A. Examinations, some securing five or six certificates, many with credits.

The sports side of our activities was very eventful, as Averil Thixton honoured us by gaining first place for throwing the javelin in the Inter-House competitions, and by doing so was able to represent the College in the County Sports at Cromer. At the end of the Autumn Term seven girls from the Form competed with other Form teams in a Netball tournament. We were very pleased to win this tournament, thanks to some brilliant goals from Jacqueline Turner.

Towards the end of our course we visited Gaymer's Cider Factory, and the Norwich Union Insurance Society, where we were taken on conducted tours. Our thanks are due to Miss Abram for arranging these outings.

We are all now at work in various jobs in which we are very happy. We hope that all who leave Wymondham College after a first class Commercial training will be equally successful in finding suitable employment and wish them every success.

HAZEL PAGE.

