



EDITORIAL

July, 1953.

This term we have celebrated the Coronation of our gracious sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II. June 2nd was a great occasion in the lives of all British people, but especially so for the young members of the community who were at school at this time, for they will live nearly all their lives with Queen Elizabeth II as their sovereign. From the boys and young men who are now at school will come the devotion, loyalty and support for the Queen in the future, as she carries on her shoulders the heavy burden of monarchy.

To commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, not only was the School given three days' holiday, but also each member of the School was presented with a special Coronation edition of the New Testament, given by Lindsey County Council. These New Testaments have a blue binding, with the royal cypher stamped in silver on the front cover. All boys who live in Brigg were also presented with Coronation mugs or Coronation propelling pencils, according to their age. A charming portrait of the Queen was presented to the School by the Urban District Council, and it now hangs in the Assembly Hall. Throughout her reign, this will remind all members of the School of the devotion which is due to her. To conclude the Coronation celebration, the whole School recently attended a performance of the film, "A Queen is Crowned," at the Grand Cinema. This is a wonderful film of all aspects of the Coronation—the processions and the actual crowning ceremony in Westminster Abbey—with wonderful landscape pictures of our own land.

"This royal throne of kings, this scepter'd isle."

It is a most moving film, and evokes deep feelings of patriotism, making one feel proud to be British. In these various ways, the momentous event of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II has been celebrated by the School.

Now the splendour, the pomp, and the ceremony of the Coronation is over. But we may well hope that it has marked the beginning of a new and great Elizabethan era. The Coronation has rallied peoples from all the Queen's realms throughout the world round the monarchy, and we have been imbued afresh with a deep and catholic spirit of the Commonwealth. Constitutional monarchy is one of the most fundamental guarantees

of individual freedom. During its gradual evolution, it has passed through many difficulties, which have only eventually been overcome by the good sense, perseverance and loyalty of the British people. The British form of constitutional government has been copied by various countries of the world, but there is still the vast domain under the cruel and tyrannical system of Communism to be transformed to ensure the complete freedom of humanity.

If that spirit and sense of loyalty, devotion and duty which has been aroused and made manifest by the Coronation in England can spread throughout the nations of the world, a great step towards the peace of the world will have been taken.

#### OBITUARY

Robert Francis Wilson  
aged 18  
School House, 1947-53

It is with the deepest regret and sorrow that we have to record the death of Robert Francis Wilson, who died by drowning as the result of a most unfortunate accident on the first Monday of the Easter holiday.

He was one of the most well-liked boys in the School. He always wore a smile, whether in the classroom or on the playing field, in success or adversity. He carried out his duties with cheerfulness and energy, and played his games with zest and enjoyment.

The death of a dear friend strikes us all very hard, but especially those members of the Boarding House who lived with him and knew him best. On behalf of all members of the School, we wish to convey our most sincere condolences to his parents.

D. H. THOMPSON.

Robert Wilson came into School House from Clee in September, 1947, and quickly made his mark as an outstanding athlete. He sat successfully for the G.C.E. Ordinary Level in July, 1951, and was a candidate for the Advanced Level this July, hoping to go to the University in October.

There is no doubt that none who knew him at School will ever forget him, for he has left a host of memories. Always gay, never downcast, he was a pattern which we might well all follow.

He showed particular promise as a cricketer and his expert captaincy of the 2nd XI last season kept him from his place in the 1st XI. He was, too, an outstanding cross-country runner, and we shall all remember his gallant finish in the Inter-Schools Cross-Country at Scunthorpe.

For School House he did much, not only by his own exertions, but by his example.

That he is gone is hard to realise, but he is secure in the memory of those here who loved him.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines, with apologies for any accidental omissions:—

The Lincolnian.

The Pioneer.

### SCHOOL LISTS—SUMMER TERM, 1953

Captain of School: P. J. P. Wade.

Prefects: P. J. P. Wade, H. K. Stothard, D. H. Thompson, J. Sellars, J. Markham, C. J. Windass, W. Rickatson, M. S. C. McKay, S. H. Douce, G. Henthorn, H. Marshall, C. Redpath, B. L. Taylor, T. N. Russell, J. E. Thompson, B. A. Wilson, D. W. Bains.

Captain of Cricket: D. H. Thompson.

Vice-Captain of Cricket: C. J. Windass.

Captain of Athletics: H. K. Stothard.

Vice-Captain of Athletics: M. S. C. McKay.

The "Briggensian": D. H. Thompson (Editor), P. J. P. Wade, D. W. Bains, Mr. Richards.

House-Captains and Masters:

Ancholme: G. Henthorn (House Captain and Athletics), A. J. Taylor (Cricket), J. E. Thompson (Swimming).

Nelthorpe: J. Sellars (House Captain), J. F. Ward (Athletics), R. Willey (Cricket), S. H. Douce (Swimming).

School: P. J. P. Wade (House Captain and Athletics), D. H. Thompson (Cricket and Swimming).

Sheffield: B. A. Wilson (House Captain and Cricket), M. McKay (Athletics and Swimming).

Yarborough: J. Markham (House Captain and Cricket), H. K. Stothard (Athletics and Swimming).

Sports Committee: House Masters and Captains, Mr. Watts (Secretary).

The Library: Mr. Henthorn, D. H. Thompson, D. Leaning (Librarian) and Assistant Librarians.

2nd Brigg Scout Troop: Mr. Jarvis (G.S.M.), Mr. Paisley (S.M.), G. Henthorn (Troop Leader).

Music Society: The Headmaster (President), Mr. Knight (Treasurer), Mr. Richards (Secretary), Mr. Pratt, Mr. Morris, Mr. Henthorn, Mr. Thumwood, Mr. Watts, Mr. Pimlott, Mr. Romans.

Athletics Club: P. Wade (Chairman), H. K. Stothard (Vice-Chairman), M. S. C. McKay (Secretary), H. Marshall (Treasurer), Mr. Bell, Mr. Morris, Mr. Barker.

Philosophical Society: D. H. Thompson (Secretary), Mr. Butterworth.

Scientific Society: J. Sellars (Secretary), Mr. Thumwood.

# SCHOOL NOTES

We extend our deep sympathy to the relatives of Robert Wilson, a member of School House, who was accidentally drowned during the first few days of the holidays.

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. R. E. Hardy, who has been a member of the Governing Body of the School for many years.

The School won all three trophies at the Inter-School Sports at Scunthorpe on May 20th.

The collection in School in aid of St. Dunstan's realised £4 15s. 7d.

Two parties from the School have visited Stratford to see "The Merchant" and "King Lear."

The School saw the film "A Queen is Crowned" on July 3rd.

Copies of the New Testament were presented to each member of the School by the County Authority to commemorate the Coronation.

The majority of the School attended the Lincolnshire Show at Scawby Park on June 17th.

The School was well represented at the Robert Grosseteste Memorial Service in Lincoln Cathedral on June 27th.

A successful Parents' Evening was held on the first Monday of term.

The Scouts staged a Garden Fete in aid of their new H.Q. on July 18th.

Mr. Romans has accepted a post at Cirencester and leaves this term. He has done much for the work and the games of the School and we shall miss him greatly. To him and to his wife (for five years School House Matron) we wish good luck and much happiness in their new home.

Next Term's dates:

Term begins September 15th.

Half-Term November 6th—9th inclusive.

Speech Day, November 24th.

Term ends December 18th.

## SALVETE

### Nelthorpe:

Brazier, J. F.

Roberts, A. W.

Searby, M. W.

### School:

Cole, R. A.

### Sheffield:

Hoe, A.

Trubridge, J. D.

### Yarborough:

Burgin, H.

Thorpe, B.



**VALETE**

**Upper Sixth:**

**WILSON, R. F.**, 1947-53 (School).—G.C.E. 1951 8 Ordinary; 2nd XI Cricket, 1951-2; Captain 2nd XI, 1952; 2nd XI Football, 1950-53; Member of Inter-School Cross-Country Team, at Harton 1952, at Scunthorpe 1953; Cross-Country Colours, 1952; Vice-Captain of School Cross-Country, 1953; Captain of School House Cross-Country, 1953; Member of Inter-school Athletics Team, 1952; Athletics Colours, 1952; School House Prefect, 1952-53; School Prefect, 1952-3.

**L.Vb:**

**HEATH, J. B.**, 1949-53 (Ancholme).

Address: 49, Hawthorn Avenue, Brigg.



**INTER-SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY**

Fine, sunny weather greeted the Lincolnshire Grammar Schools' cross-country race, over a three-and-three-quarter miles course at Scunthorpe Grammar School, although the sky was hardly blue. The going was very hard after a prolonged drought. Our boys, potentially a fine team, had had a pre-view of the course and were quietly confident of success.

At the starting-line, there were evidently "butterflies" in one or two stomachs. Eleven teams faced the starter; they were off to a good start and raced round three sides of a large field before covering a downhill stretch of Doncaster Road. Wilson, the team captain, Parkinson, McLauchlan and Pieroni were among the first six at the start, with Russell sixteenth and H. D. Scarborough twenty-fourth. Caistor, Barton and Winteringham brought up the rear.

Positions hardly changed in the first half-mile, but Russell, who had been trying to reach the front, had to drop out through a recurrence of ankle trouble. This was a blow, but after a stretch of woodland, Wilson, McLauchlan and Parkinson led the entire field, with Pieroni tenth. Shortly after, the experienced Wilson, who had been keeping his men together in front, dropped back with stomach trouble.

We were still in a favourable position, but disaster soon struck, Parkinson, a potential winner, dropping out in great pain.

Our chances were now gone, but McLauchlan, who ran consistently well, gallantly maintained third position, and Pieroni put up a very fine performance by coming up to sixth position. Congratulations are due to these two boys in their first year of senior running. They showed consistently good form throughout the season and fully earned their colours.

After these fine performances we had to wait till twenty-sixth place for our next runner, Scarborough, who ran steadily and pluckily. Wilson made a brave effort to finish thirty-fourth. Gainsborough finished strongly to take first two places and the team honours, for the fourth successive year, while Louth packed well to beat Clee for second place. Brigg was fourth.

Though not disgraced, our team was rather disappointing both to itself and to its outstanding number of supporters. We must only hope that the entire team will "come off" on the day itself next year and train even harder.

Results:—1, Gainsborough; 2, Louth; 3, Clee; 4, Brigg; 5, Wintringham; 6, City School, Lincoln; 7, De Aston; 8, Barton; 9, Alford, Caistor; 11, Scunthorpe.

#### SPORTS DAY, MAY 16th, 1953

It was fortunately a fine day, though rain constantly threatened and running was impeded by a blustery wind. At the conclusion of the relays, Doctor Lucy Baker presented the challenge cups.

The Athletics Cup was won again by School House, with Sheffield House runner-up. This year twelve records were broken, showing that the standard of athletics is ever improving in the School. Parkinson won the Bletcher Cup after a terrific struggle with Wade, who ultimately succeeded in becoming runner-up for the Victor Ludorum. No record breaker can be more praised than McLauchlan, who also ran away with Division B cup, his greatest rival, Cuthbert, unfortunately pulling a muscle during preliminary heats. Another fine runner, Whitehead, won Division C cup after a great and extremely exciting duel with Britcliffe. Robinson, G. M., carried off Division D cup with Dale as runner-up. **Watkins, setting an example to the whole School by his magnificent fighting spirit, won Division E cup.**

After the cups had been presented, the judges, masters and their wives, and the prefects, had an enjoyable tea, ably prepared by Mrs. Fairbanks and her staff, in the refectory.

#### Details

##### Division A.

100 yds.—1, Bowskill (Sh.); 2, Stothard (Y.); 3, Ward, J. F. (N).  
Time: 10.9 secs.

220 yds.—1, Stothard (Y.); 2, Ward, J. F. (N.); 3, Bowskill, (Sh.).  
Time: 25.1 secs.

440 yds.—1, Stothard (Y.); 2, Wade (Sc.); 3, Parkinson (Y.).  
Time: 56.6 secs.

- 880 yds.—1, Parkinson (Y.); 2, Wade (Sc.); 3, Windass (Sc.).  
 Time: 2 mins. 13.7 secs.
- 1 mile.—1, Parkinson (Y.); 2, Wade (Sc.); 3, Windass (Sc.).  
 Time: 5 mins. 7 secs.
- Hurdles.—1, McKay (Sh.); 2, Henthorn (A.); 3, Doble (Sc.).  
 Time: 15.7 secs. Record.
- High Jump.—1, McKay (Sh.); 2, Markham (Y.); 3, Bowskill (Sh.).  
 Height: 5ft. 4ins. Record.
- Long Jump.—1, Ward, J. F. (N.); 2, Bowskill (Sh.); 3, Stothard (Y.). Distance: 17ft. 5½ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Henthorn (A.); 2, Sellars (N.); 3, Thompson (Sc.). Distance: 38ft. 4½ins. Record.
- Weight.—1, Stothard (Y.); 2, Waller (Y.); 3, Douce (N.).  
 Distance: 33ft. 4ins.
- Javelin.—1, Woodhead (N.); 2, Windass (Sc.); 3, Thompson (Sc.).  
 Distance: 118ft. 1in.
- Discus.—1, Thompson (Sc.); 2, Ward, J. F. (N.); 3, Wade (Sc.).  
 Distance: 108ft. 9ins.

**Division B.**

- 100 yds.—1, Marshall (Y.); 2, McLauchlan (Sc.); 3, Pieroni (A.).  
 Time: 11.1 secs.
- 220 yds.—1, Marshall (Y.); 2, McLauchlan (Sc.); 3, Pieroni (A.).  
 Time: 25.6 secs. Record.
- 440 yds.—1, McLauchlan (Sc.); 2, Pieroni (A.); 3, Smith, M. (Sc.).  
 Time: 58.3 secs.
- 880 yds.—1, McLauchlan (Sc.); 2, Pieroni (A.); 3, Smith, M. (Sc.).  
 Time: 2 mins. 15.2 secs. Record.
- 1 mile.—1, McLauchlan (Sc.); 2, Pieroni (A.); 3, Smith, M. (Sc.).  
 Time: 5 mins. 4.7 secs. Record.
- Hurdles: 1, Reynolds (Sh.); 2, McLauchlan (Sc.); 3, Pieroni (A.).  
 Time: 18.2 secs. Record.
- High Jump.—1, McLauchlan (Sc.); 2, Reynolds (Sh.); 3, Wray (N.). Height: 5ft. 1in. Record.
- Long Jump.—1, McLauchlan (Sc.); 2, Cuthbert (A.); 3, Smith, M. (Sc.). Distance: 17ft. 8½ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Cuthbert (A.); 2, McLauchlan (Sc.); 3, Smith, M. (Sc.). Distance: 37ft. 6ins. Record.
- Weight.—1, Cuthbert (A.); 2, Chapman (Y.); 3, McLauchlan (Sc.).  
 Distance: 33ft. 5ins. Record.

**Division C.**

- 100 yds.—1, Britcliffe, J. (N.); 2, Whitehead (Sh.); 3, Henthorn, S. (A.). Time: 11.6 secs. Record.
- 220 yds.—1, Britcliffe, J. (N.); 2, Whitehead (Sh.); 3, Lyon (A.).  
 Time: 27.1 secs.
- 440 yds.—1, Britcliffe, J. (N.); 2, Whitehead (Sh.); 3, Tatam (Sh.).  
 Time: 60.2. Record.
- 880 yds.—1, Whitehead (Sh.); 2, Tatam (Sh.); 3, Britcliffe, J. (N.).  
 Time: 2 mins. 32 secs.

Hurdles: 1, Whitehead (Sh.); 2, Britcliffe, J. (N.); 3, Hutson (Sc.).  
Time: 12.6 secs. Record.

High Jump.—1, Whitehead (Sh.); 2, Britcliffe, J. (N.); 3, Krays (A.). Height: 4ft. 7ins.

Long Jump.—1, Whitehead (Sh.); 2, Tatam (Sh.); 3, Gilgallon (Sh.). Distance: 15ft. 4½ins.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Tatam (Sh.); 2, Whitehead (Sh.); 3, Rhodes (A.). Distance: 32ft. 4ins.

#### Division D.

100 yds.—1, Dale (Y.); 2, Robinson, B. (Sh.); 3, Hill, S. (A.).  
Time: 12.6 secs.

220 yds.—1, Dale (Y.); 2, Robinson, B. (Sh.); 3, Robinson, G. M. (Sh.). Time: 29.7 secs.

High Jump.—1, Robinson, G. M. (Sh.); 2, Perkins (Sh.); 3, Brader (A.). Height: 4ft. 4½ins.

Long Jump.—1, Brader (A.); 2, Robinson, G. M. (Sh.); 3, Hill, S. (A.). Distance: 13ft. 11½ins.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Perkins (Sh.); 2, Corney (A.); 3, Robinson, G. M. (Sh.). Distance: 28ft. 7ins.

#### Division E.

100 yds.—1, Kirton (Sc.); 2, Crossland (Sc.); 3, Pinder (Y.).  
Time: 13.2 secs.

220 yds.—1, Kirton (Sc.); 2, Watkins, R. B. (Sh.); 3, Pinder (Y.).  
Time: 30.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, Watkins, R. B. (Sh.); 2, Kirton (Sc.); 3, Stothard (N.). Height: 4ft. 3ins. Record.

Long Jump.—1, Watkins, R. B. (Sh.); 2, Stothard (N.); 3, Kirton (Sc.). Distance: 13ft. 0½in.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Watkins, R. B. (Sh.); 2, Creasey (N.); 3, Stothard (N.). Distance: 26ft. 7ins.

#### Relays:

A.—1, Nelthorpe; 2, School; 3, Sheffield. Time: 1 min. 45.4 secs.

B.—1, School; 2, Ancholme; 3, Nelthorpe. Time: 1 min. 54.9 secs.

C.—1, Sheffield; 2, Ancholme; 3, Yarborough. Time: 55.6 secs.

D.—1, Sheffield; 2, Yarborough; 3, Ancholme. Time: 59 secs.

E.—1, School; 2, Yarborough; 3, Nelthorpe. Time: 60.8 secs.

#### Cup Winners:

Victor Ludorum.—Stothard, H. K. 27 points. Runner-up: Wade, P. J. P., 21 points.

Bletcher Cup.—Parkinson, M. J. 16 points. Runner-up: Wade, P. J. P., 15 points.

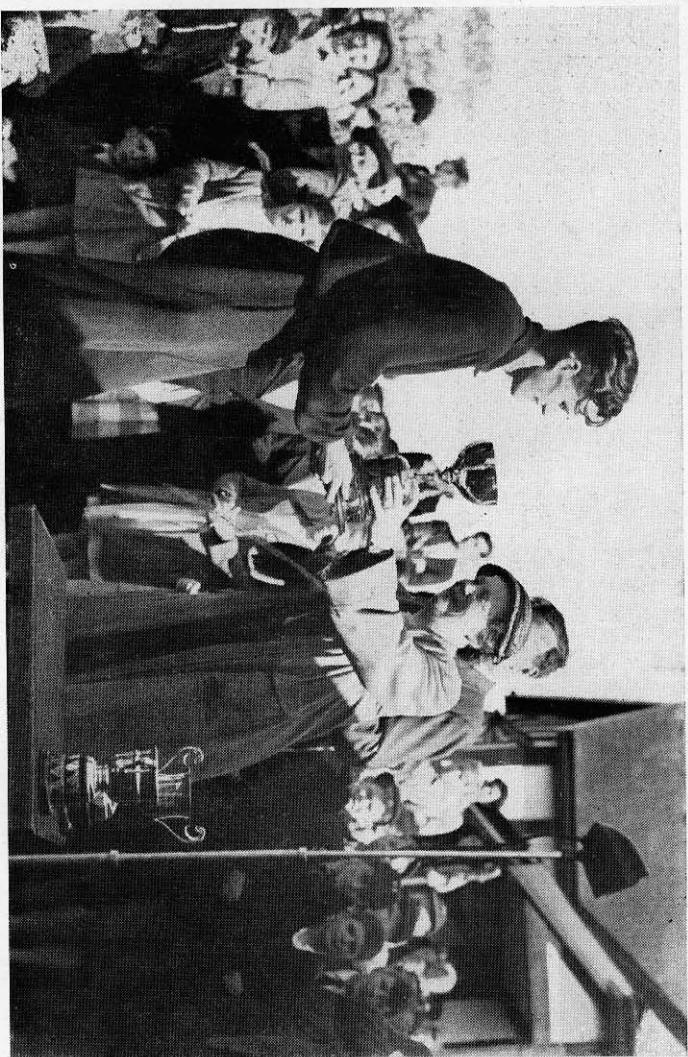
Div. B.—McLauchlan, J., 54 points. Runner-up: Pieroni, L., 31 points.

Div. C.—Whitehead, M., 44 points. Runner-up: Britcliffe J., 35 points.

Div. D.—Robinson, G. M., 19 points. Runners-up: Dale and Perkins, 12 points.

Div. E.—Watkins, R. B., 26 points. Runner-up: Kirton, 23 points.

ATHLETIC SPORTS



Dr. Lucy Baker presenting the Victor Lindorff to H. K. Stothard.



ATHLETIC SPORTS



A section of the spectators watching the Hop, Skip and Jump on Sports Day.

**INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 1953**

The Inter-School Sports were held this year at Scunthorpe. In ideal weather the School surpassed all previous performances ever put up by any school in this meeting and triumphantly carried off all three cups, which were presented by the School's famous Old Boy, Mr. C. T. White. Excitement, prevalent throughout the afternoon, reached a climax in the relays. The Junior and Intermediate teams, showing marvellous grit and determination, gained second places. The triumph, however, was completed when the senior team, running and handing over beautifully, gained a lead and finally broke the record by half a second.

Much of the credit for this splendid all-round performance is due to a wonderful team spirit and desire to win inspired by our indefatigable coaches, Mr. Barker, Mr. Bell and Mr. Morris, who spent a great deal of their time perfecting our styles, and also to Mr. C. T. White, who had earlier given us lectures and an exhibition of baton changing.

**Results:—****Senior.**

100 yds.—1, Brigg and Wintringham; 3, Clew. Time: 11.2 secs.  
220 yds.—1, Clew; 2, Brigg; 3, Wintringham. Time: 24.6 secs.  
440 yds.—1, Clew; 2, Wintringham; 3, Scunthorpe. Time: 56 secs.  
880 yds.—1, Clew; 2, Brigg; 3, Scunthorpe. Time: 2 mins. 9 secs.

**Record.**

1 mile.—1, Brigg; 2, Clew; 3, Gainsborough. Time: 4 mins. 59.4 secs.  
High Jump.—1, Brigg; 2, Wintringham; 3, Caistor. Height: 5ft. 0½in.  
Long Jump.—1, Clew; 2, Wintringham; 3, Brigg. Distance: 18ft. 9ins.  
Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Wintringham; 2, Brigg; 3, Clew. Distance: 40ft. 8ins.  
Shot.—1, Brigg; 2, Wintringham; 3, Clew. Distance: 35ft. 1½ins.  
110 yds. Hurdles.—1, Brigg; 2, Clew; 3, Barton. Time: 15.8 secs.  
Relay (4 x 220 yds.).—1, Brigg; 2, Wintringham; 3, Clew. Time: 1 min. 38.3 secs. Record.

**Intermediate.**

100 yds.—1, Wintringham; 2, Caistor; 3, Brigg. Time: 11.6 secs.  
220 yds.—1, Brigg; 2, Caistor; 3, Scunthorpe. Time: 26.3 secs.  
880 yds.—1, Clew; 2, Brigg; 3, Barton. Time: 2 mins. 18 secs.  
Long Jump.—1, Wintringham; 2, Clew; 3, Caistor. Distance: 16ft. 2ins.  
High Jump.—1, Clew; 2, Brigg; 3, Scunthorpe. Height: 4ft. 9ins.  
Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Brigg; 2, Wintringham; 3, Scunthorpe. Distance: 35ft.  
Relay (4 x 110 yds.).—1, Wintringham; 2, Brigg; 3, Clew. Time: 51 secs.

**Junior.**

100 yds.—1, Horncastle; 2, Caistor; 3, Brigg. Time: 12.6 secs.

220 yds.—1, Horncastle; 2, Brigg and Wintringham. Time: 29.4 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump. —1, Caistor; 2, Lincoln City; 3, Wintringham. Distance: 32ft. Record.

High Jump.—1, Brigg; 2, Barton; 3, Lincoln City. Height: 4ft. 1½ins.

Long Jump.—1, Caistor; 2, Clee; 3, Wintringham. Distance: 15ft. 4½ins. Record.

Relay (4 x 100 yds.).—1, Horncastle; 2, Brigg; 3, Caistor. Time: 57 secs.

Athletics colours have been awarded to M. J. Bowskill, J. F. Ward, P. J. P. Wade, M. J. Parkinson, J. McLaughlan, G. Henthorn and J. H. Markham.

McKay, McLaughlan and Bowskill, after running at Horncastle, were asked to represent Lincolnshire schools, but owing to pressing circumstances were unable to do so.

H. K. STOTHARD.

**ATHLETICS CLUB**

The activities of the Athletics Club have been overshadowed by School athletics. Training has been done throughout the year, and the amazing improvement in the style and standard of high jumpers must be considered due to the activities of the Club.

I should like to thank P. J. P. Wade and H. K. Stothard for carrying out the duties of chairman and vice-chairman so ably, and once again I must thank Mr. Bell for his invaluable help.

M. S. C. MCKAY.

**SWIMMING**

This term has seen the introduction of a new system of Standard Points awards for swimming performances. The object of this alteration has been to raise the general standard of style and watermanship rather than to test a boy's ability to cover distance regardless of style. Under the new system, Certificates A, B, C, D and E are awarded. These carry 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 Standard Points respectively, though the number of standard points which a boy may win for his House is awarded only for his best performance. There are no age limits. The tests are:—

Cert. A.: 6 lengths breast-stroke; 6 lengths crawl-stroke; 6 lengths life-saving back-stroke; neat dive from 4ft. board; surface dive for brick in not less than 5 feet of water.

Cert. B.: 4 lengths breast-stroke; 4 lengths crawl-stroke; 4 lengths American back-stroke; neat dive from 2ft. board.

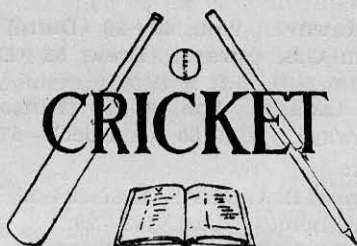
Cert. C.: 2 lengths breast-stroke; neat dive from side of bath.

Cert. D.: For learning to swim during first year and thereafter swimming 1 length breast-stroke.

In obtaining Cert. A, a boy must take the tests without rest intervals, but in B and C he may take a brief rest between each test.

The project is as yet experimental. If Cert. A proves relatively easy it may be desirable to introduce some higher standard. But few would deny that its requirements are those of good watermanship.

Mr. Bell, Mr. Butterworth and Mr. Peck have coached boys in each of the groups. In addition, Mr. Bell has begun a life-saving class in which several senior boys have taken part. We hope that these boys will eventually obtain the Royal Life-Saving Society's Bronze Medallion.



### CRICKET NOTES

The First XI have not quite lived up to expectation this season. We have lost only two members of last year's team but at the time of writing we have won only the match against Clew. We have lost three matches and drawn three. This is an unimpressive record, but the matches which we have lost, have been lost by very small margins. Wintringham G.S. and Normanby Park C.C. each beat us by 1 wicket after most tense and exciting matches, and Scunthorpe G.S. beat us by 2 runs. In two of the drawn matches, we were in sight of victory when time compelled us to finish. Thus, at first sight, the results reflect a rather poor start to the season, but a closer study of them reveals that this is by no means the case. Luck has been against us, but the team is full of vigour and enthusiasm. The batting as a whole is not as good as it should be for a School First XI, although there have been one or two good individual performances, the one by J. Markham at De Aston G.S. being especially worthy of mention. The bowling is usually fairly steady and the bowling resources of the team are considerable. The fielding is consistently good, both near the wicket and in the outfield.

The 2nd XI have played 4 matches and have won three of them quite decisively. They have scored respectable totals and have bowled out their opponents for low scores each time, mainly

through the bowling of Duffill and Hutson. Hutson promises to be a very good cricketer.

The Under XIV have one or two promising players, and with practice, the team should do well, although their fielding is not up to standard.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Romans for all the valuable coaching which he has given to members of the 1st XI during his years here. During each summer term he has given up a great deal of his spare time to come to the nets. He has not only moulded some good individual cricketers, but has also inspired enthusiasm in the team, a valuable asset. On behalf of the 1st XI, I would thank him for his invaluable help. I would also thank Mr. Knight, Mr. Atkin and Mr. Jarvis for their help and coaching.

D. H. THOMPSON.

#### 2nd XI Results:

- v. Louth G.S. (away). Won, 43—26 (Duffill 6 for 7).
- v. Wintringham G.S. (away). Drew, 83 (Duffill 5 for 6)—35 for 7.
- v. Barton G.S. (away). Won, 80—15 (Hutson 8 for 9).
- v. Clee G.S. (away). Won, 80 for 3 decl.—57.

#### Under XIV Results:

- v. Wintringham G.S. (home). Lost 33—26.
- v. Barton G.S. (home). Lost, 163—29.
- v. Scunthorpe G.S. (away). Won 79 for 7—78.

#### Under XV Results:

- v. Gainsborough G.S. (home). Won, 28 (Hutson 7 for 9,—29 for 3).
- v. De Aston G.S. (away). Lost, 47—49 for 1.

#### B.G.S. v. Louth G.S. at Brigg, 9th May. Draw.

This match came rather early in the season, and interrupted our athletic activities. The visiting team had to leave early, and only about 3 hours play was possible. The School batted first, and scored 98 runs for the loss of six wickets, at which total the innings was declared closed. Louth were left with just about an hour to score the runs, but considered the task beyond their powers and made no attempt to go for the runs. They had scored 44 runs for the loss of 4 wickets when stumps were drawn.

Scores :—

B.G.S.	Louth G.S.
D. H. Thompson c and b Hooton 34	Stark b Russell ..... 4
R. Waller b Banner ..... 0	Lee c Cousins b Willey ..... 3
J. H. Markham lbw b Banner .. 8	Howlett b Windass ..... 9
C. J. Windass run out ..... 0	Banner not out ..... 25
J. S. Scarborough c Coxon	Benton b Windass ..... 0
b Banner 19	Coxon not out ..... 1
R. Willey not out ..... 23	Extras ..... 2
Wray b Benton ..... 1	
Wilson, Cousins, Wade and	
Russell did not bat.	
Extras ..... 13	Total (for 4) .. 44
Total (for 6 dec.) .. 98	Bowling: Windass 2 for 14.
Bowling: Banner 3 for 21	



**B.G.S. v. Wintringham G.S. at Brigg, June 6th. Wintringham won by 1 wicket.**

The School batting was thoroughly tested in this match, for the Wintringham opening bowlers were fast and accurate. The opening pair weathered the first thirty minutes, staying together and scoring slowly, but surely. However, the bowlers then took the upper hand, and the School lost 7 wickets for only 33 runs. Scarborough batted well, and the later batsmen scored a few runs, and the final total amounted to 73. The School then took to the field, and in half an hour, half the Wintringham team were out for 21 runs. A solid, hard-hitting partnership of 40 rescued them however, and put them in a winning position. But all was not over yet, they were separated with the score at 61, and then the School took 3 wickets with the addition of only 5 runs. The score was then 66 for 9. Wintringham wanted 8 runs to win, the School wanted 1 wicket and the last over was about to be bowled. The two tail-end batsmen took courage and opened their shoulders, realising that this method was the only hope for victory. They were successful, and Wintringham narrowly won a very exciting match.

<b>B.G.S.</b>	
D. H. Thompson c Walsham	
b Sharman	8
J. S. Scarborough b Sharman	22
J. H. Markham c Abe b Culyer	0
R. Willey b Culyer	5
R. Waller b Culyer	1
C. J. Windass lbw b Culyer	0
B. A. Wilson b Walsham	0
Cousins c Abe b Walsham	9
Douce b Sharman	12
P. J. P. Wade c Brocksom	
b Sharman	0
Russell not out	4
Extras	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>
Bowling: Culyer 4 for 23, Sharman 4 for 18.	

<b>Wintringham G.S.</b>	
Metcalf c Scarborough b Russell	4
Walsham c Willey b Windass	10
Spenceley c Wade b Willey	0
Sharman run out	0
Webster run out	0
Hill b Russell	18
Dixon b Thompson	20
Brocksom b Thompson	0
Dolphin b Russell	3
Culyer not out	7
Abe not out	1
Extras	5
<b>Total (for 9)</b>	<b>74</b>
Bowling: Russell 3 for 33, Thompson 2 for 3.	

**B.G.S. v. Gainsborough G.S. at Gainsborough, June 20th. Draw.**

Brigg batted first on a hard wicket, and were soon in trouble. The bowlers were making ample use of the strong wind and were able to make the ball swing quite appreciably. Brigg lost their first six wickets for 19 runs, but then Douce resisted the attack very stubbornly, and he kept his end up while Duffill hit a brisk 15, so that with the help of the extras, the School reached the total of 64. Gainsborough batted fairly solidly to begin with, losing only two wickets in scoring 40 runs, but then they lost 4 wickets with the addition of only 2 runs. Lack of time prevented a finish to the match, however, which would have undoubtedly been exciting. Scores:—

## The Briggensian

B.G.S.		Gainsborough G.S.	
D. H. Thompson b Ingle	0	Butler b Willey	5
J. S. Scarborough b Brough	0	Heppenstall b Willey	7
J. H. Markham b Ingle	1	Cobb run out	21
R. Willey b Ingle	2	Walsh not out	5
C. J. Windass b Ingle	4	Brough lbw b Willey	0
B. A. Wilson c Heppenstall		Williamson run out	1
	b Ingle	Vernon b Willey	0
Cousins b Brough	8	Extras	7
Douce not out	11		
P. J. P. Wade c and b Vernon	1		
Russell b Cobb	3		
Duffill run out	15		
Extras	15		
	Total ..		Total (for 6) ..
	64		46
	Bowling: Ingle 5 for 15		Bowling: Willey 4 for 11.

### B.G.S. v. Normanby Park C.C. at Brigg, June 24th. Lost by 1 wicket.

This match is the one to which we all look forward with eagerness. It is a game played with enjoyment and a very sporting spirit, and this year's match was no exception. The School were put in to bat on a good wicket and in perfect weather. But again the School made a poor start. Windass, however, scored a very quick 41—more than half the total—and the School were all out for 79. After tea the School took the field, confident in their ability to win. Normanby scored steadily, but also lost wickets. Half of them were out for 55. They reached the School's total of 79 with 8 wickets down, but lost another man at this very total. Normanby obtained their winning runs, but it was a victory which they had to fight for, against good bowling and tight fielding. Scores:—

B.G.S.		Normanby Park C.C.	
D. H. Thompson lbw b Harvey	1	Fowler c Willey b Duffill	1
J. S. Scarborough c Sumpter		A. Maw b Russell	5
	b Harvey	Birkett b Windass	19
J. H. Markham lbw b Nicholson	4	Coulthurst c Markham b Russell	0
R. Willey c Brown b Harvey	0	F. Sutton c Scarborough b Waller	15
R. Waller c Coulthurst		Harvey b Willey	18
	b Nicholson	R. Sumpter c Wade b Waller	6
J. Windass b Brown	41	Brown c Thompson b Duffill	5
B. A. Wilson b Birkett	7	Douce b Willey	0
Cousins c Brown b Sumpter	0	T. Sumpter not out	4
P. J. P. Wade c Douce b Fowler	12	Nichelson not out	3
Duffill c Douce b Fowler	5	Extras	5
Russell not out	0		
Extras	5		
	Total ..		Total (for 9) ..
	79		81
	Bowling: Harvey 3 for 5, Nicholson		Bowling: Willey 2 for 16, Duffill 3
	2 for 4 Fowler 2 for 5.		for 17, Russell 2 for 17.

### B.G.S. v. Scunthorpe G.S. at Brigg, June 27th. Lost by 2 runs.

This was a match of low scores. Scunthorpe batted first, and soon lost their first man. The next partnership added 16 runs, but half the side were back in the pavilion for 27 runs. The last 4 wickets fell with the addition of only 1 run. Brigg, although their task seemed easy, fared no better than their opponents. They lost 3 wickets with the total at 19, and lost their ninth man at 26. Eleven runs were still needed to win. Waller did his best and with Russell keeping his end up, brought the score up to 34, but at this point there arose a mis-understand-



## The Briggenian

B.G.S.		Clee G.S.	
D. H. Thompson c	Hoe	Hoe lbw b	Duffill
	b Sedgwick	Taylor b	Windass
C. J. Windass c	Sedgwick b Butts	Sedgwick b	Duffill
J. Markham	run out	Morley b	Douce
R. Willey b	Fell	Fraser c	Markham b Douce
J. S. Scarborough c	Cullam	Oslear c	Thompson b Windass
	b Butts	Meggitt lbw b	Douce
R. Waller c	Oslear b Fell	Fell c	Markham b Windass
B. A. Wilson lbw b	Fell	Cullum b	Windass
Douce b	Morley	Butts lbw b	Windass
P. J. P. Wade not	out	Dale not	out
Duffill c	Fraser b Dale	Extras	
Russell c	Fraser b Fell		
Extras			
	Total		Total
	100		85

Bowling: Fell 4 for 20.

## School v. Old Boys.

The School 1st XI beat the Old Boys for the second year in succession; this year by 87 runs. The School batted first, and scored 132 runs for the loss of 7 wickets. Good batting by Windass, Markham and Willey was mainly responsible for this good total. The School declared at 132 for 7, leaving the Old Boys 2 hours to get 133 runs. They soon lost wickets, however, and were all out for 45. Excellent bowling was backed up throughout by equally excellent fielding.

School		Old Boys	
C. J. Windass lbw b	Waller	Oates c	Windass b Duffill
D. H. Thompson b	Stevens	Wraith c	Russell b Windass
J. H. Markham c	Urry b Willett	Stevens	run out
R. Willey c	Urry b Sumpter	Couthurst b	Duffill
J. S. Scarborough c	Urry b Procter	Waller b	Russell
R. Waller hit	wkt b Sumpter	Hall st	Wilson b Windass
B. A. Wilson c	and b Sumpter	Urry b	Waller
S. H. Douce	not out	Willett b	Windass
Duffill	not out	Thornalley c	Thompson b Windass
P. J. P. Wade	and N. Russell did not bat.	Sumpter c	Wade b Windass
Extras		Proctor	not out
	5	Extras	
	Total (for 7 dec.)		Total
	132		45

Bowling: Sumpter 3 for 19.

Bowling: Windass 5 for 9, Duffill 2 for 7.

## HOUSE NOTES

## ANCHOLME

So far this term has not been very promising for Ancholme House. We came fourth in Athletics, and have lost the one House match played on both pitches.

In athletics, L. F. Pieroni must be congratulated on being runner-up for Division "B" cup. Small in stature and great in stride, he is also a cross-country runner of note. Two promising athletes, Cuthbert and Rhodes, both pulled muscles, since they did not warm up before races, and I ask all Anchors to take warning from these two misfortunes, as the House suffers as a result of them. In the inter-school sports, we were represented in two of the victorious teams, the Senior and the Intermediate.

Our cricket is at a very low ebb. We have nobody in the School first eleven, and only one, our cricket captain A. J. Taylor, in the second. We hope to do better in the rest of the House matches than we did against School House, who beat us by nine wickets. The Under XIV did a little better than this, but lost all the same.

Swimming, at present, is our best and strongest sport. Last year we finished second in the competition, and we hope to repeat, if not surpass, that performance this year.

Looking forward to next term, it is difficult to forecast the House's football prospects. Many changes in all the House teams may bring forth hitherto unknown talent, as it has done before in the past.

It is to be hoped that we improve greatly on last season's performances. Let us hope that in this, and the following years, Ancholme House will once again rise to the top of the Cock House Competition.

Finally, I offer the House's best wishes to those of us who are leaving at the end of the term, and entreat those returning to take up the struggle for supremacy with even greater vigour.

G.H.

### NELTHORPE

This term, which has been crowded with athletics, cricket and swimming, has been only moderately kind to Nelthorpe House.

In the athletic sports which were held at the beginning of term, we did better than last year, but with a little more effort we could have done even better. From the performances on Sports Day, we saw that we have some very promising youngsters whom I ask always to try their hardest in future years to keep Nelthorpe House near the top. In Division "C," J. Britcliffe did extremely well and he must be congratulated on such a good performance. Our seniors in Division "A" also did much better than is customary and I suppose it is a few years since our House relay team in Division "A" won as easily as it did on Sports Day. J. F. Ward, our athletics Captain, H. Marshall, J. Britcliffe and W. Stothard helped the School to win at the Inter-School Sports at Scunthorpe. Well done! J. F. Ward also must be congratulated on winning his Athletic Colours.

At cricket, the House matches are at the half-way stage and at the moment any House has a chance of winning the Cup.



Our Senior team on paper seems to be one of the best in the School, but we have suffered one defeat. Yarborough House beat us rather surprisingly by five wickets. We made amends by defeating Sheffield House by eight wickets. Our batsmen in this match played very well indeed, and P. Cousins showed us some good defensive batting, with Wray, Ward and Douce giving him able support. We are well represented in the School teams: R. Willey, our House captain, S. Douce and P. Cousins play in the First XI and R. Wray, J. Ward and J. W. Sellars play in the Second XI. Our Junior team has played two games and lost both of them. Against Sheffield House they lost by five wickets and by eight wickets against Yarborough. Our only representative in the School Under XIV team is **D. Havercroft.**  
2-15 p.m.

At the moment swimming training is in full swing and I am confident that Nelthorpe House will not be at the bottom of the House Championship. We have some very keen members who go into the baths every day and I ask all Juniors to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them by the Masters and learn to swim to help Nelthorpe House to climb to the top of the Championship Table in the near future. A championship is not won by the performance of a few members, however good they may be, but by the performance of the House as a team.

Several members have been taking the General Certificate of Education and on behalf of the House I wish them every success.

At the end of term, some of our members will be leaving us, and I am sure the rest of the House would like me to wish them the best of luck in their future life. I ask those who remain to return from the holidays to give of their best in work and play. Nelthorpes can have the best House only if every single member is determined to try his hardest in every sport.

As it is the last time that I shall write these notes, I wish the House every success and take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Morris for his continual help and guidance during the past year.  
J. W. SELLARS.

### SCHOOL

I cannot start writing these notes without recording the tragic death of R. F. Wilson and paying a tribute on behalf of the House. We have missed him in everything and it is now that he is gone that we realise what a place he had won in our hearts.

This term we welcome Brown and Cole who have had no difficulty in settling down. As usual the term with its many

activities has been a fitting climax to the School year. We retained the Athletics Cup by a considerable margin, thanks largely to teamwork and also some good individual performances by the Seniors, McLauchlan's performance, in running away with Division "B" Cup and creating records in the process being the most praiseworthy. He was our only individual Cup winner although Wade was runner-up for Victor Ludorum and the Bletcher Cup, and Kirton was runner-up for Division "E" Cup.

It augurs well for the future that we have some good athletes in Division "E" and they did well on Sports Day to break their relay record. In Division "A" although the new system of entry met with a little disapproval at first, it benefited us in many respects, an instance being that of Dobie's performance in the Hurdles. The new system has given more incentive to the mediocre athlete in the Division and should now be firmly established.

In the Inter-School team we had McLauchlan and Kirton with Wade and Frank as reserves. McLauchlan and Wade were awarded their Athletic Colours and McLauchlan is to be congratulated on the feat of gaining his Colours while in Division "B."

We have made a good start in Cricket, beating Ancholme House on both pitches and at the time of writing, are midway through our matches with Sheffield House. We have a good representation in the School XI's and have every reason to be optimistic in rest of the House matches. In the School 1st XI we have D. H. Thompson, C. J. Windass, captain and vice-captain respectively, and P. J. P. Wade; in the 2nd XI, Youd, N. B., captain, Evett, Young, J. and Hutson. In the Under XIV, XI we have Cockram, vice-captain, Walling, Brown, Young, W., Butler and Dobson.

We lost some of our "crack" swimmers last year and many people believe that the Swimming Cup may not be ours this year. However, I think we have every chance of retaining it as many boys in the House are capable of gaining the new swimming standards which are now worth more points. D. H. Thompson has been appointed House Swimming captain.

The June examinations are now over and the Upper VI members of the House who spend most of their time swimming, playing cricket and tennis are sympathising with those in the Upper V whose examinations have just started.

We have had several visits from Old Boys this term including R. C. Jacklin, A. G. Collins, B. D. Bowles, C. Wood, J. Goodman and T. Lowe. As for the future, I wish all those leaving the best of luck as they go forward to face the burdens and responsibilities of life, and those remaining a determination to see that School House remains Cock House.

P. J. P. WADE.

**SHEFFIELD**

With the swimming events looming large before us, Sheffield House, to some degree, have reason to be confident of gaining that coveted prize — Cock House Cup. The House matches are yet in their early stages and it is impossible to forecast any result; but Sheffs, with a team including B. A. Wilson, J. Scarborough, Russell, N. and Duffill, C. from the School 1st XI, could bring off a surprise in the House Championship. Sheffs have also been represented in the 2nd XI by Scarborough H. and in the Under XIV by the captain, Perkins.

For the third consecutive year Sheffs have been runners-up to School House in the athletic sports. At one time we were actually in front, but the standard points amassed by the champions proved to be too much for us. We must congratulate McKay and Bowskill for their efforts both in the School and in the Inter-School athletics meeting. At both meetings they disposed of the opposition with ease.

In school many of our members are sitting for the G.C.E. Ordinary Level and to those boys I extend my best wishes for success. Naturally many of these boys will be leaving us, but I would remind those who remain that their example during the next year will be an inspiration to younger members.

The senior members are now relaxing after a gruelling ordeal with the G.C.E. Advanced Level, and as this may be my last term I, like so many House captains before me, would like to wish my successor as happy a time as I have had serving the House. To those boys who will be returning, I say, "Work hard, play hard and you will be rewarded."

Finally, I should like to offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Pimlott for his guidance and encouragement both on and off the field. The very best of luck, Sheffs! B. A. WILSON.

**YARBOROUGH**

Last term did nothing to show that the Yarboroughs excelled in any particular sport. In the Cross-Country we could not finish as strongly as we did the previous year, and came fourth. Yet the results of the Junior race did show that we had some talent in the younger members of the House, among whom I should like to congratulate Pinder who in his first year at school ran extremely well to finish thirteenth.

In Athletics, we occupied the unenviable position of fifth. The sole reason for our poor performance was that the majority were not pulling their weight sufficiently; the burden was left to be shouldered by the few. The good performances of the few, however, must be mentioned and praised: Stothard was Victor Ludcrum and Parkinson won the Bletcher Cup. I should like to congratulate those of this House who represented the School at the Inter-School Sports, and especially young Pinder. This boy has all the appearance of being a really good runner, and I am sure that he will achieve great things in the future.

Congratulations, too, to Parkinson and Markham on being awarded their Athletics Colours.

A first class beginning has been made to the cricket season. We have had two good victories over the Nelthorpes. On the first pitch we were victorious by five wickets; and on the Under XIV pitch we won by eight wickets. We are represented in the First XI by Markham and Waller, in the Second XI by Holah, and in the Under XIV by Burton.

The swimming sports have yet to come, and with Stothard as our swimming captain, we should give the Nelthorpes a hard struggle for the fourth place.

At the time of writing these notes the June part of the examinations are over, and the July examinations are just beginning. To all those who are sitting for examinations we wish the best of luck. We should like, too, to say goodbye and good luck to all who are leaving this term.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Knight for his sound advice and support both on and off the field. It remains only for me to say good-bye and wish my successor a prosperous time as Head of the House.

J. H. MARKHAM.

#### SCOUT NOTES

The Scout Troop has been very active this term. At the beginning of the term we held a jumble sale at Brigg Youth Centre, when we made a profit of £12. At the Lincolnshire Show which was held in Scawby Park, a number of Scouts acted as programme sellers and assisted generally in various other activities there.

On July 18th we are holding a Garden Fete on the School Field and Mrs. Coulthurst has kindly consented to open it. This, we hope will be a great success, and should go a long way towards paying for our new Scout Hut.

One week-end camp has already been held this term at Twigmoor, and we hope to hold one more before the end of term. This year, the Annual Summer Camp is to be held in Gloucestershire.

#### LIBRARY NOTES

The work in the library has progressed steadily during the past term although it has been somewhat overshadowed by outside activities.

The first highlight of the term was Parents' Evening on April 27th, when a large number of parents took their first opportunity of visiting the new library. Judging by the number of questions that were posed to the Prefect of Library and the Librarian, it was clear that there was keen interest in this valuable addition to the life of the school. The furnishings of the room were greatly admired, especially the curtains, and many people were attracted by our wide selection of magazines.

As for the rules, they are generally observed by all, but some

boys are apt to forget that books must be returned or renewed within 14 days of the date of issue. Again I would ask you to try and remember this rule, because whether or not the library is run efficiently depends to a large extent on you.

At the time of writing we have started to introduce the "Dewey System" of classification and we hope that this will be completed by the beginning of next term. It will be a great advantage to us when it is completed. Any book can be found immediately under this system and it is much more efficient than our present one.

May I thank the following for the books that they have so kindly given during the past term:—

**MISS V. COWELL**

A Man's Life: J. Lawson.

Crowned Masterpieces of Eloquence.

Countryside Mood.

Wood from the trees: J. Jeffries.

A Short History of Science: Sherwood Taylor.

Secret of the Jobs of others.

Ruskin: Larg.

Dvorak: Robertson.

**COMMANDER LANDERS**

Current Charts of the Atlantic.

Tidal Streams of the Oceans.

18 Pilot Charts of the Pacific.

**MR. BROCKLESBY**

Ballads and Miscellanies: Thackeray.

Lovel, the Widower: Thackeray.

Esmond: Thackeray.

Barry Lyndon: Thackeray.

Vanity Fair: Thackeray.

Philip: Thackeray.

The Newcomes: Thackeray.

Harold: Lytton.

Herewake the Wake: Kingsley.

Fertunes of Nigel: Scott.

Selected Stories: A Quiller-Couch.

**MR. J. CLARK**

Regiments and Uniforms of the British Army: Barnes.

Practical Mathematics for All: McKay.

**JOHN SUNLEY**

The Art of Shooting: Lancaster.

The following books have been added from the School stock:—

Athletics for Schools: Dyson & Edmunson.

Physics as a Career: N. Clark.

Introduction to Wireless: W. Pearce.

Science, Past and Present: Sherwood Taylor.



Napoleon and the Recovery of France: Simpson.

Rise of Louis Napoleon: Simpson.

Napoleon, For and Against: Geyl.

The Later Stuarts: Clark.

History of International Affairs: Gathorne-Hardy.

British Mammals: Harrison Matthews.

The British Amphibians and Reptiles: M. Smith.

The Sea Coast: J. A. Steers.

Life in Lakes and Rivers: Macan & Worthington.

The Charm of Birds: Viscount Grey.

Birds in Britain: F. Pitt.

Wild Animals in Britain: O. G. Pike.

Butterflies: E. B. Ford.

Vitamins: L. J. Harris.

The Apple and the Spectroscope: T. R. Henn.

Doubt and Certainty: J. Z. Young.

Evolution in Action: J. Huxley.

Human Nutrition: V. H. Mottram.

Origin of Species: C. Darwin.

The Honeybee: G. C. Butler.

People of the Deer: F. Mowat.

A Town like Alice: N. Shute.

Foundations and Growth of the British Empire: J. Williamson.

In conclusion, may I thank all the Acting-Librarians who have helped, so willingly, in the Library during the past term, especially those who have helped to start the new system of classification, and those who are leaving us this term. I cannot close without thanking D. H. Thompson for all the work that he has put into the library during his time in the Sixth Form. We do thank him and wish him all the best for the future.

D. LEANING.

### MUSIC NOTES

Such has been the popularity of orchestral week-ends that this year it was found advisable to separate juniors from seniors and to arrange two week-ends, one at Scunthorpe and the other at Gainsborough. The accounts, written by boys who attended, show how profitable and enjoyable they were.

Parents and Old Briggensians who read these notes may like to know of the concerts arranged for next season. All are on Thursdays and begin at 8 p.m.

1st October: The Aeolian String Quartet.

12th November: William Herbert, tenor.

10th December: The Christmas Concert.

28th January: The Rubbra-Gruenberg-Pleeth Trio.

4th March: Ceinwen Rowlands, soprano.

Season tickets at 15/- each will be available on or after 1st September from the Secretary of the Music Society at the school. The subscription for individual concerts is 4/-.

**ORCHESTRAL WEEK-ENDS****At Gainsborough.**

The orchestral week-end at Gainsborough was held in May. This is the fourth year that it has taken place and can now be termed an annual event. Bernard Shore, who was unfortunately absent last year, resumed his position as conductor. At these week-end orchestral courses, schools from Scunthorpe, Gainsborough and Brigg all gather together to make music and learn to appreciate still further the cultural side of life. This year, owing to the growing popularity of the courses the junior orchestra went to Scunthorpe Grammar School and the seniors a week later to Gainsborough Grammar School.

Mr. Thumwood was once again in charge of all the boys—a job which he performed with remarkable efficiency. After “lights out” in the dormitories not a sound was heard from anyone, so that the next morning, with an absence of the usual dormitory raids, everyone woke up very refreshed and ready for work—and anyone who doubts that we did not work has never rehearsed in an orchestra.

A delightful concert was given by a string quartet on the Saturday evening, composed of the leaders of the sections of the orchestra and the conductor. They played a quartet by Haydn and a quartet composed by Mr. True who was the cellist in the quartet and the conductor at last year's orchestral week-end.

The culminative triumph of all our rehearsing was the concert given on the Sunday afternoon. Every single note, every position of our bows and even the way we looked had been thoroughly practised to perfection. An understanding, almost to the extent of mind reading, had been made with the conductor. A good conductor is not a man who beats time but a man who plays an orchestra and Mr. Shore, our conductor certainly played the orchestra, so that for the space of an hour everyone in the concert hall lost sight of the material world. The music played was part of a symphony by E. B. Britten, “Faramondo” by Handel and the Suite in D major by Bach.

The great value of these courses is that we were creating and achieving something ourselves by making our own entertainment. In the modern world too much false entertainment on radio and television is being given so that people are losing their initiative and passively becoming content to let other people entertain them. A greater sense of satisfaction and pleasure is obtained by doing something oneself even if it is only playing the piano with one finger. B. L. TAYLOR.

**At Scunthorpe.**

On May the first, eight boys from the Junior Orchestra spent a very enjoyable week-end with about a hundred other

children, boys and girls from other Lindsey schools. We had gathered together to practise some set pieces which we had learnt with Miss Unsworth through the year in our violin classes.

Miss Unsworth and other Lindsey Music Teachers were there, and Mr. Goodman from Gainsborough, whom some of us had met last year, was our chief conductor. We arrived at Foxhills School on Friday, rather hot after a long walk along Frodingham Road. A welcome tea awaited us and we met the other children who all played violins, violas or cellos, and three boys to accompany us.

We settled down to work immediately. On Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday morning we had long rehearsals, improving each time, until at last we were ready to give a concert, on Sunday afternoon, to our parents and visitors. Some very pleasant remarks were passed on our performance by the important visitors and so we felt all the work we had put in had been worth while.

We enjoyed our week-end. There were great games in the dormitories at night, but we all slept for at least six hours. The kitchen staff gave us grand meals, the Sunday dinner especially was very much appreciated by us all. Our Saturday afternoon was free and as, unfortunately the swimming baths were closed, several of us went to see "Limelight" which was a very good film.

P. N. JARVIS.

### OPEN NIGHT

(by a Parent)

Once again, on the 27th of April, there was an excellent response to the invitation extended by the Headmaster and Staff to all Parents. There is no doubt that this event is warmly welcomed and is becoming an important feature of the School year both from the point of view of Parents and Staff.

The scene in rooms one and two is something to be remembered. The sight of the Head, firmly holding down the grand piano, the Staff, almost as firmly supporting the surrounding walls, the Parents chatting to Staff and friends, the continuous hum of conversation lightened by the occasional lilt of happy laughter, the complete informality, together produce a perfect family scene, permeated and surrounded by nearly three hundred years of School tradition.

This is surely a perfect setting for parent and master to chat together on results, careers, or the numerous matters of interest continually arising in this unique exhibition of joint consultation and co-operation.

It is not always easy for Parents to remember which of a Master's two names to use when talking to those responsible for inculcating a love (?) of Caesar and Cicero, Art and Arithmetic, Physics and Physiology, Science and Sociology into their willing or otherwise offspring. Here may I repeat last year's plea for Masters to wear a name badge and equally for parents to introduce themselves when opening a conversation with a Master.

It must be of great importance that those responsible for the boys' home life should be able to talk so freely with those responsible for their school life, and whilst the Parents may learn the School point of view, the Masters will learn much of the boys' home background, to their mutual advantage.

A very welcome cup of tea and biscuits, so generously provided, forms a pleasant interlude before setting off on a tour of the School to see the Art and Woodwork exhibitions. These are a tribute to those responsible and are always well worth seeing. In the laboratories, proud sons, carrying out mysterious experiments in Physics and Chemistry or carving up some ancient rabbit in the Biology lab., wither the Parent unfortunate enough to ask the wrong question. It is much safer to talk to the Master in charge as he at least has a sympathetic attitude to the wondering Parent.

Yes! Open Night is a huge success judged by the late hour at which Parents depart from those 'in loco parentis.'

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#### ANNUAL DANCE

The Dance this year will be held on Friday, 27th November, at the Angel Hotel, Brigg. Bullers' Band of Doncaster have been engaged and Vice-Chairman, Ernest Urry, has again undertaken the duties of Dance Secretary. The Hon. Secretary wishes to acknowledge the help given to him at all times by Ernest Urry and particularly his generous gesture in continuing to organise the Annual Dance, despite the many calls upon his time.

#### WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The need for a new Swimming Bath for the School is of some urgency. This is apparent to all in close contact with the School and, of course, the War Memorial Fund is scheduled to



meet that need. First of all there must be a site, preferably (and almost essentially) in close proximity to the School. Secondly, extra funds will be required to meet the cost of a swimming bath of suitable size. A member of the Committee has a hopeful contact for a site and the Committee are optimistic that they will be in a position to report favourably on this subject to the Annual General Meeting.

The Fund at the moment stands at £2,032 16s. 1d. and the estimated cost is in the region of £4,000.

The Hon. Secretary of the Association hopes to cling to office sufficiently long to see this honourable Fund translated into material use for the benefit of present scholars and boys to come to the School for very many years.

M. Silverwood has been appointed Assistant Sanitary Inspector to Wellington Rural District Council after leaving H.M. Forces.

Mr. Hogg, who taught at School from January to April, 1952, is now the Education Officer (Pilot Officer) at R.A.F. Sandwich, Kent, where J. A. Suthers is a Radar Operator.

C. R. Pratt has joined the Ministry of Supply as scientific assistant at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

A. Maw, who took his Teacher's Certificate at Loughborough in 1952, has spent an extra year specialising in Handicrafts. He has accepted an appointment at King's School, Sherborne Park, North Leach, Gloucestershire, where he will be a resident assistant master.

H. Ward (Nelthorpe 1947-50) is a Corporal R.A.M.C. in the medical centre at Aldershot.

Peter Hall has taken a 1st Class Honours in Medieval History at Nottingham University and has been accepted as a research student at Balliol College, Oxford, to work for a D.Phil.

Ronald Kitchen has been appointed Lecturer in Engineering at the Technical College, Bristol.

#### **MARRIAGES**

R. A. Chapman to Pamela Mary Crane at All Saints' Church, Saxby-all-Saints, on 6th April, 1953.

E. H. Willford to Phyllis Metcalfe at All Saints' Church Saxby-all-Saints, on 4th April, 1953.

G. W. M. Golland to Lucy Elizabeth Strange at St Margaret's Church, Somerby.

J. O. Day to Elean Mary Turnbull at St. Lawrence's Church, Scunthorpe, on 11th June, 1953.

E. W. Kemp to Patricia Kirk at Oxford in April, 1953.

#### **BIRTH**

To Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robinson, a son, Ian Roy, on 21st June, 1953.

Visitors to the School during the term have included: R. Jacklin, P. G. Hall, R. O. Frankish, R. Jeffrey, A. H. Tinsley,



J. White, Colin Wood, B. D. Bowles, J. Rhodes, D. France, A. Maw, D. Pollicott, B. Haw, B. T. Thornalley and G. Hunter.

### THE ORDNANCE SURVEY

To many, the Ordnance Survey is an inanimate organisation whose primary purpose is to publish maps and plans for the exclusive use of Scouts, hikers and cyclists. It has, in fact, many surveyors on its staff, scattered (not without pattern) all over Britain, and its publications are used for more important things than hiking and cycling.

The O.S. is one of the many offshoots of the Royal Engineers. Up to 1936 it was completely military, but since then it has become more and more civilianised, much to the annoyance of the R.E. Survey Battalion, until at the present time only a limited number of R.E. serving officers hold positions of responsibility within the O.S.

Ordnance Surveyors are, of course, Civil Servants. Consequently, prospective surveyors are warned to look up wage scales before deciding to join the staff of the O.S., as the financial outlook of the young surveyor is rather dim. One's salary increases annually (on one's birthday) by increments varying from £15 to £25.

Working for the O.S. means living away from home. Once enrolled, the would-be surveyor is sent to the nearest O.S. Field Office, where he does odd jobs while waiting for his course of instruction. This is held at the O.S. Basic Training Wing at Southampton and lasts six months. During this course he sits three comparatively simple examinations on the work he is being taught. Incidentally, this is known as the Field Reviser's course, and has nothing to do with the Trigonometrical and Levelling course which is held at Chessington (the H.Q. of the O.S.).

If he passes out successfully, the surveyor is then posted to one of the many large scale groups operating in divisions throughout the large towns of the country. Whatever his duties may be at his new station, he can be sure that 95% of his time will be spent in the field. This may sound an attractive prospect, but if there's anyone who knows that there is more Winter in the year than any other season it is the Ordnance Surveyor!

The official working hours are from eight till four, for November, December, January and February, with half an hour for lunch. For the rest of the year, from eight till five. But when a man is working in the field with supervision virtually impossible, his time is his own. He does not have to clock on and off. He does not even have to report back to the office at night. All he does is to report at the office in the morning, to collect his gear and to go out to his particular kilometric square, and no-one sees him again until the following morning, unless he chooses to return to the office in the evening. This lack of supervision in the field however, does not adversely affect the

output of work as one would suppose; it does in fact help the output, as one does not have that "fear of the foreman" feeling. To counter this lack of supervision there is a progress rate to be maintained by each surveyor each month. As long as the surveyor maintains this rate, he is never worried by the Chief Surveyor or the office superintendents who look at his work occasionally. A town the size of Brigg, for instance, would be expected to be finished in two years; so that if it was not completed in that time, the rest of the time spent there would be rather uncomfortable for the surveyors concerned.

Leave, in comparison with other vocations, is generous. Eighteen days p.a. as an unestablished Civil Servant, and twenty-four days when established. But one mustn't forget that for the rest of the year one is living away from home; unless a man is very lucky and manages to manoeuvre himself on to the staff of a group operating in his own town.

To sum up then, with advantages and disadvantages; the disadvantages are, I think, outweighed by the former. They include living in lodgings, and away from home, and, for a young man, living on a small salary. The advantages include a healthy, open-air job, a happy job with no worries regarding time, a chance to see more of the country, and in addition there is the incentive of having one's work published. Taking all into consideration it's a great life. As my landlady in Lancashire used to say, quite frequently, "Tha's got a Bobby's job."

But what is the nature of the work itself?

The whole survey of England rests on a vast triangle whose base stretches across Salisbury Plain. This is known as the Primary Triangulation. Built upon this triangulation is a series of smaller triangles, known as the Secondary Triangulation. Then built upon this triangulation is a series of still smaller triangles, known as the Tertiary Triangulation.

The terrain inside these last triangles is broken down by means of local control points known as Revision Points (R.P.'s.) which are photographed and compiled into folios, kilometre by kilometre. This is one of the preliminary jobs of the Field Section when beginning a re-survey of an area. Then along comes the Trigonometrical Section, attached to the Field Office, to co-ordinate the R.P.'s; their list of co-ordinates is sent to Central Office, where they are plotted by an instrument called a Co-ordinatograph.

Meantime, Detail or Chain Surveyors run chain lines between these R.P.'s., offsetting with a tape, at right-angles to the chain, detail on either side of the lines. All measurements are booked in the surveyors' Field Books. This provides a skeleton of the detail for the surveyor, called the Examiner, who follows the Detail Surveyor.

The Field document for use by the Examiner on the ground consists of a square aluminium plate, sprayed with a smooth

matt-finish white enamel drawing surface, of 20cm. sides. ( They are machined to an accuracy of .003cm.). The R.P.'s. and the skeleton chain survey are plotted on these plates. The skeleton survey is plotted from measurements in the Detail Surveyor's Field Book, in red carric ink.

On the ground, the Examiner completes the detail in black on the basis of the skeleton chain survey using visual methods. He works on a sketching case to which the four plates forming a 40cm. square are attached. The fact that he can have any four plates in his case practically eliminates all difficulties due to working across edges. When he comes to a kilometric plan edge he has a ready means of transferring that edge to the centre of his case.

When an Examiner finishes a plan on the ground he has to check all the names falling on that particular plan, describe the places to which they refer, and give them grid references, all on the O.S. forms concerned. He also has to find several authorities for new names. All that remains is for a senior surveyor to check the Examiner's work. He is known as the Finaller, and if he can move any of the detail supplied by the Examiner, he alters it in green ink so that the work of all three is clearly shown—the Detail Surveyor's work in red, the Examiner's in black, and the Finaller's in green.

Thus an area is surveyed, kilometre plan by kilometre plan. The Examiner's documents—history sheet, name sheets, authority forms, field plates, etc., of the plan concerned—are forwarded to Division Office, from where they eventually find their way to the printing office at Southampton, and from where, finally, the published plans find their way to the public.

J. K. M. YOUNG.

“The river Weser deep and wide  
Washes its walls on the southern side.”

As I sweated and toiled to learn that exceedingly long poem “The Pied Piper of Hamelin” for my School Certificate two years ago, I little dreamt that within two years' time I would be standing on the banks of the Weser—saying a silent prayer of thanksgiving for having learnt the poem and so being able to appreciate the town's ancient legend. The visit to Hamelin—as it is correctly spelt and pronounced—was one thing for which I have to thank the Army. It was my first out-of-camp outing since my arrival in Germany in April. The outing was held on an exceedingly hot Sunday in May and was organised by the W.V.S. After taking in the sights of Bad Pymont—the ‘Bath’ of Germany, we reached Hamelin in the early afternoon.

That this quaint old town lives on its legend was apparent as soon as we arrived. If the goods sold in shops or souvenirs sold on the wayside did not have the figure of the Pied Piper on them, they had at least one rat. I could not help but think

of English lessons at school as I looked at the very street—indeed the very mill—where the plague of rats is reputed to have begun. This mill is still in good working order and is said to be the largest working water-mill in Europe.

War destroyed the original town hall where the “Mayor and councillors” met to discuss how they could rid the town of the rats, but I saw the site where it once stood—now occupied by a small building looking almost like a shed.

Each Sunday of the year on a platform erected in front of the largest church in the town, children and citizens perform the ancient story in full dress and unless one is waiting an hour before the ‘play’ begins, it is hopeless to try and see it.

It was somewhat with surprise that I discovered that certain residents of the town claim relationship to the Piper and are very proud of the fact! Probably their opinion is that the town has flourished because of the Piper—and one cannot help but admit that this is true.

For quaint cobbled streets and old houses I am sure that Hameln can have no rivals. I saw a house which was 400 years old—propped up between two newer houses—with four families living in it. The river Weser is, as the poem says, both “deep and wide” and provides a most pleasant sight with canoes, yachts and large pleasure steamers cruising down it.

My last glimpse of Hameln was of a huge red sun painting the Weser with tinges of red and gold—a beautiful sight in an equally beautiful town.

JOHN L. MORTON.

#### A RIDDLE.

My first is in sell but not in buy,  
My second is in wing but not in fly.  
My third is in ink but not in pen,  
My fourth is in women and also in men.  
My fifth is in mile but not in stile,  
My sixth is in single and also in file.  
My seventh is in night but not in day,  
My eighth is in bright and also in gay.  
  
My ninth is in see and also in stare,  
My tenth is in apple and also in pear.  
My eleventh is in window but not in frame,  
My twelfth is in sport but not in game.  
My thirteenth is in tea and also in tray,  
My fourteenth is in September but not in May.  
My whole is something exciting,  
And to watch is simply delighting.

B. W. CLARK.

#### ROBERT GROSSETESTE.

A very distinguished congregation, bright with the ceremonial colours of the high offices in Church, State, and Universities,



gathered in Lincoln Cathedral on June 27th to mark the seventh centenary of the death of Robert Grosseteste, scholar and church leader, Chancellor of Oxford University, and Bishop of Lincoln from 1235 to 1253. Although Grosseteste has been described as one of the greatest Oxford men of any age, his tomb was destroyed in the Civil War and there was no suitable memorial to him in the Cathedral until this service, when the Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. M. H. Harland, dedicated a memorial to him.

It is in the form of a carved ledge set in a plinth and rests immediately above the stone coffin, beneath the floor. It is surrounded by bronze candle standards, and on the wall of the Chapel, which is to be used as a Students' Chapel, there is an oval plaque, giving a brief account of Grosseteste's "titles and principal acts."

On this midsummer afternoon, the Cathedral was cool and made a perfect setting for the colour and ceremony of this important occasion. The hoods of many different degrees stood out against the black gowns, and the capes of the Cathedral clergy, gold, green and red, blended perfectly against the grey stonework of the Cathedral.

The colourful processions which entered the Cathedral included the Lord Lieutenant of the County, the Lord Privy Seal, the High Sheriff and the Judge of the County Courts. Then came the Members of Parliament and the Mayors of the boroughs of Lincolnshire. Lastly, there came the representatives of the Universities, including the Chancellor of Oxford University, Lord Halifax, and the Vice-Chancellor, Sir M. Bowra.

The Lessons were read by Lord Halifax and a Father of the Order of St. Francis, which Grosseteste had supported seven hundred years before. In his sermon, the Bishop of London, Dr. Wand, dealt with Grosseteste's learning, his work in connection with the monasteries and his reforms. He said that Grosseteste had "set in train an inquiring, scientific inventiveness which had been carried down the centuries."

At the conclusion of the service, as the large congregation left the Cathedral, the bells pealed out from their ancient tower and the flags of some of the important Bishops of Lincoln, including Grosseteste's, fluttered in front of the Cathedral. An excellent tea was served in the Castle grounds, and it was clear that a great deal of work had been put into the arrangements for this service, because everything was very efficiently organised.

The pomp and ceremony are over, but the impressive events of that day will live in the minds of many for years to come.

D. LEANING.

Answer to riddle: **Swimming Sports.**