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EDITORIAL

In structure, this year's magazine is much like those of previous years. We aim at both recording and creating. It is essential that an annual magazine records the highlights of the school's achievements in all its various aspects. And so, we include examination with rugby results; we report the activities of our musicians alongside those of our ardent debaters; our swimmers, sprinters and stamp collectors all receive attention and a certain amount of criticism. However interesting this may be, it is only wholly absorbing to the initiated. Parents may find it dull reading, even the loyal Old Boys cannot profess an interest in the promotions and denouements of the Christmas term. That is the reason we feature those fascinating works of fiction by various members of the School. Besides, it provides us with an opportunity for revealing our "master spirits" to the public, those aspiring poets from 1A, who, but for this organ, might have remained in obscurity for the rest of their lives. We sincerely thank all those who have made a conscious effort to stimulate both thought and memory.

Owing to the success of last year's magazine, we are able to treat ourselves to the luxury of photographic plates. This is an expensive innovation, but it marks yet another step in the growth of our magazine. We hope that it will continue to improve in both size and material year by year.

SCHOOL NOTES

We would like to offer our congratulations to the following members of the School:

H. Knox—on obtaining an Exhibition in Maths and Theoretical Mechanics at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

R. E. Bew—on being awarded a State Scholarship for his performances in Maths and Chemistry in the recent G.C.E. examinations.

P. Dawson—on being awarded a State Scholarship for his performances in English and French in the recent G.C.E. examinations.

J. D. Watson—on being awarded a State Scholarship for his performances in Maths and Theoretical Mechanics in the recent G.C.E. examinations.

M. J. Dunn—on being awarded a State Scholarship for his performance in Maths and Theoretical Mechanics in the recent G.C.E. examinations.

R. Hall—on being awarded a State Scholarship for his performance in Maths and Theoretical Mechanics and Physics in the recent G.C.E. examinations.

J. E. Aves—on being selected to represent Durham County in the All-England Schools' Athletics Competitions held at Manchester.

D. Jesson—on being selected to play in the Final International Trial for English Public and Grammar Schools Rugby Team.

MR. BOARDMAN

Early in the year Mr. Boardman, the Senior French Master, suffered from a serious illness and it was necessary for him to have a complete rest. We are pleased to say that this rest from the rigours of teaching has led to improved health and he will once again be an active master in September. We all wish him continued good health.

During his absence, however, we were very fortunate in having the services of Dr. Barkas. Dr. Barkas, the retired English Master from Henry Smith's, is a very distinguished scholar. For twenty years he was the Senior Lecturer in English at Gottingen University, Germany. He is a well-known authority on Shakespeare and lectures for the Arts Council productions. Dr. Barkas made a presentation to the school library of more than sixty volumes.

Owing to a shortage of staff, Mr. Young came back from retirement to assist us in our difficulties. We are always happy to see him here, either as a master or as a friend.

MR. S. KING

In April Mr. King left his post as Music and Games Master to take up an appointment with Middlesbrough Education Authority.

Mr. King has had a distinguished career both academically and in athletics. He is an Old Boy of Henry Smith's, and a State scholar, and holds a First Class Honours Degree in history at Caius College, Cambridge. He also holds Second Class Honours B.Sc. (Economics) and L.L.C.M. of London School of Music.

While at Cambridge he played rugby for his College and the Sixty Club. He also played for Durham County, and in 1948 was captain of Hartlepool Rovers, when a series of injuries curtailed his playing career.

During World War II, he served as a Major in India.

He came to this school from Spalding Grammar School in 1947 to take up the double appointment of Games and Music Master. Both of these posts entailed a great deal of out-of-school work, but he was untiring in his efforts to improve the standard of rugby and music in the school.

As a rugby coach he proved outstanding, and this, coupled with his invaluable experience and the advice which, regardless of the weather, he gave vociferously from the touchline, was in no small way responsible for the many successes the school teams have recently had.

He was equally successful in the role of Music Master. Under his direction the Orchestra flourished and rapidly grew in size. Many masters being "encouraged" to take an active part in it. Several successful concerts were held and any money so obtained was divided between charities and the purchasing of more instruments for the Orchestra.
Mr. King has literally left his mark on the school in that he recommended the installation of showers in the junior cloakroom.
We wish both him and Mrs. King every success for the future.

**MR. T. E. BROCK**

Mr. Brock, the Junior Physics Master, left in July to take up a similar appointment in Prince Rupert, British Columbia.
Mr. Brock, an Old Boy, was here from 1931 to 1938. He then went to Hatfield College, Durham, where he obtained his B.Sc. in Science.
Mr. Brock was an accomplished sportsman, playing rugby and rowing for his College and playing rugby for the University.
During the last war he served in many parts of the world as a Captain in the Northumberland Fusiliers.
Of all the masters in the school, Mr. Brock looked the most ferocious, but his fierce countenance was very misleading, for he was of a very genial disposition.
Out of school Mr. Brock gave Mr. King considerable assistance in rugby affairs and his handling of the 2nd XV helped considerably in their success. Mr. Brock was also an active member of the School Orchestra.
In conclusion we hope that both he and his wife will be happy in their new home.

**MR. J. A. CHARLTON**

The school are very fortunate in having Mr. Charlton as the new Junior Physics Master.
He is an Old Boy of the school, being here from 1936 to 1943. He was an active member of the School Orchestra.
He then went to University College, Durham, where he gained an Honours Degree in Physics. Since then he has been engaged in industrial research and also has done some teaching.
In addition to physics, Mr. Charlton will teach Junior Music. He also hopes to run model engineering, radio and photography clubs.
We hope his stay here will be a long and happy one.

**MR. J. FRYER**

Mr. Fryer has been appointed to the post of Music Master, which was vacated in April by Mr. King.
Mr. Fryer was educated at Stamford Grammar School and Hatfield College, Durham, where he obtained an Honours Degree in Music.
We all hope that this, his first teaching post, will prove to be a long and successful one.

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**GENERAL CERTIFICATE AWARDS, 1955**

The following boys of the school passed the General Certificate examination held in June this year:

**Ordinary Level**

**Ten Subjects:** H. W. Bradley.


**Eight Subjects:** D. C. Evans, J. R. Ferris, J. Grinwood, E. Hanson, J. S. Lawrence, J. A. Prideaux, G. W. Scott, A. Tetlow.


**Six Subjects:** R. Kirby, K. Collins, S. Dennis, P. Pearch.


**Four Subjects:** J. F. Gent, A. Jones, G. N. S. Lott.

**Three Subjects:** A. Smurthwaite.

**Two Subjects:** P. C. Huggitt, J. W. Smith, I. Thomas, T. W. Whitton, M. T. P. Windram.

**One Subject:** B. Mitchell, T. A. Patterson, M. Stocks.
VALETE


D. BURNICLE: Proceeding to Sheffield to read Science.

M. DUNN: Represented the School at swimming. Proceeding to Manchester to read Civil Engineering.

B. L. E. EVANS: School Orchestra. Proceeding to University College Durham to read Science.


J. NODDINGS: Cross country winner, physics laboratory assistant. Proceeding to Birmingham to read Science.


J. SELLARS: Physics laboratory assistant. Proceeding to Imperial College, London, to read Aeronautical Engineering.

J. D. WATSON: Proceeding to Imperial College, London, to read Mathematics.

E. WORTHY: Proceeding to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, to read Medicine.

H. KNOX: Head Boy, 1st XV, County Rugby, School Orchestra, Debating Society. State Scholarship Exhibitioner Caius Cantab, where he is to read Maths.

E. HARRISON: 1st XV. London Imp. College where he will read Metallurgy.

T. ATKINSON: School Orchestra. Proceeding to Royal Manchester College to read Music.

W. ATKINSON: School Orchestra. Proceeding to Birmingham University to read French.
ON THE LATE MASSACRE OF THE G.C.E. EXAMS.
IN JUNE

(with profound but not abject apologies to Milton)

Avenge, O Lord, our aching heads, as we
go staggering away towards our homes;
Even those heads which tried so hard to see
and learn the points made in those monstrous tomes;
Forget not: in thy book record our groans
who worked so much to pass in history,
Succeed in French and Latin too. Ah me,
that English paper! Heaven help us! moans
arise from feverish lips on every side.
O, when will these examiners relent.
Give up their questions, finally decide
not to examine us on what we’ve learnt.
And for their hateful instruments of pain
substitute torture—which is more humane?

—By P. DAWSON

SPEECH DAY, 1954

Speech Day was held on Friday, 22nd October. The
proceedings began with a performance of the Minuet and
Trio from the “Surprise Symphony” by Haydn. The
Headmaster’s Report followed, and in this the Headmaster
mentioned the outstanding achievements of the School in
both the sporting and scholastic fields. The Headmaster
also commented on the deficiencies of the present system of
announcing the results of the General Certificate of Education.

After a few words from the Chairman, Councillor T. V.
Oldfield, the Orchestra played Air and Giga by Arie. The
prizes and certificates were then presented by Prof. Burchall,
Professor of Mathematics, Durham Colleges, University of
Durham. After a selection from Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake”
Ballet Music played by the Orchestra, Prof. Burchall rose to
his feet.

In an amusing speech he gave some reminiscences of his
old school and speaking about the prizes which he had just
presented, recommended the recipients to start their own
libraries.

His Worship the Mayor Alderman J. W. Miller, J.P. then
proposed a vote of thanks to Prof. Burchall. The whole
school joined in the singing of the School Song and the
National Anthem to close the proceedings.

J. E. AVES: Head Boy, House & Athletics Capt., 1st XV,
County Athletics. Debating Society Committee,
School Orchestra. Old Boys’ prize. Proceeding to
Oxford University to read Law.

P. DAWSON: Prefect, Shak. prize, Debating Society Com-
mittee. Proceeding to Leicester University.

J. ELVIDGE: Prefect, 2nd XV. Proceeding to Aberdeen
University to read Languages.

J. FOSTER: Proceeding to Aberdeen University to read
History.

D. KIDD: Prefect, House captain, Co. Rugby 1st XV,
Athletics. Old Boys’ prize. Proceeding to Durham
University to read Geography.

R. LAWFORD: School Orchestra. Proceeding to Notting-
ham University to read Law.

Caesus, Cantab.

D. PARKER: Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI, County Rugby,
Debating Society Committee. Proceeding to Man-
chester University to read Economics.

D. ROBINSON: Prefect, 1st XV. Proceeding to Sheffield
P.P.E.

H. TURNBULL: Prefect, 1st XV, Cricket, Shak. prize,
School Orchestra, National Service. Proceeding to
Trinity, Cambridge.

N. WAKEMAN: Proceeding to Aberdeen University to
read History.

J. WALMSLEY: Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI, County Rugby,
House captain. Proceeding to Oxford University to
read English.

N. TONKIN: Head Boy, 1st XV, Athletics House Captain,
School Orchestra. Proceeding to St. Edmund Hall,
Oxford to read Natural Science.

We extend our best wishes to Tonkin for a speedy recovery
after his recent serious illness.
THE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

During the year 1954-55, the orchestra performed publicly on two occasions.

On Tuesday, 21st December 1954, the Annual Carol Service took place. The orchestra played "Three Carols" from the Tyrol, and Grieg's "Christmas Song", both of which were played well. The choir sang two chorales from Bach's Christmas Oratorio: "Ah! Dearest Jesus", and "How shall I filly meet Thee". These were well sung by a three-part ensemble. There were also the usual carols, and the congregation joined in right lustily.

At Speech Day, the orchestra played the "Minuet and Trio" from the "Surprise Symphony" by Haydn, the "Air and Giga" by Dr. Arne, and a selection from the "Swan Lake" ballet music by Tchaikowsky.

We are indeed all very sorry to have lost our conductor, Music master and General Adviser, Mr. Stephen King who, on May 1st accepted the post of Administrative Assistant to the Middlesbrough Education Authority. We wish to thank him for everything he has done for the School Music during the period he was with us, and also tender both to him and to his wife very best wishes for the future.

Another great loss to the orchestra is that of our very able leader, Austin Patterson. He has led the orchestra for two years with great skill and sense of responsibility.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. King, the post of Musicmaster has been filled by Mr. Fryer of Durham University. We trust that his stay here will be a long and pleasant one.

T. ATKINSON

FIDDLERS

Perhaps you do not realise it, but that violin which you either torture or hear tortured most days of your lives has taken roughly three thousand years to evolve. This is rather a staggering thought and might make those of you who play one use it a little more carefully. When you lightheartedly break a string you might remember that even now people are experimenting to make stronger and better toned strings. When you drop it and the bridge collapses, spare a thought for the long line of thoughtful men who added new ideas to the primitive block of wood used at first.

It is believed that stringed instruments came from the East, possibly China or Arabia, and were widely used even before Rome was built. Real details of what the pre-Roman instruments were like are not known and the first instrument about which we know quite an amount is the "Rebec". This was used during the Middle Ages and was commonly known in Britain as the "Jig". The dance called the "Jig" was probably so called because it was played by this instrument. The Reboc was roughly oval in shape with a kind of a neck sticking out from the main part. Only two pieces of wood went into the main framework. The back was hollowed out of a solid piece of wood and the front was a sheet of thin wood glued over this. It had only three strings and was played with a rough kind of bow.

By the eleventh century, the instrument known as the "Vioi" had been introduced. This was worked at and perfected as far as possible by the seventeenth century. The sizes of these instruments corresponded roughly with the usual size we have in the string family of today, but in general shape there were many differences. They had deeper sides than the modern instruments and also flat backs. These differences gave a softer yet more reedy and penetrating sound, it had six strings and many years elapsed before a player became at all proficient in managing this large number.

This soft reedy sound did not satisfy many instrument makers who set about altering the shape to so great an extent that the instrument they evolved can hardly be regarded as a very close relative of the Violin. At first all sizes of the new instruments were known as violins, but the names we use today soon came into being. By the end of the seventeenth century the Violin was being ousted from popularity by the Violin. During the next century some of the violin makers became very famous and their instruments are very highly valued today for their tone and perfection of craftsmanship. The most famous of these makers were a whole family whose name was Stradivarius, many of their instruments are now worth thousands of pounds. Their art remained a secret and today we are unable to copy their instruments exactly as tiny details which make all the difference died with these old craftsmen.

However, good instruments are being made today and improvements are still being thought out. The next time you pick up a fiddle, remember all the years of experiments and you will handle it with more care, and incidentally save the music master a considerable amount of work!

J.F.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society had its origin late in 1954. Though membership was at first restricted to the Sixth Form, Fifth formers were soon allowed to attend. A committee was elected, and, under the useful supervision of Mr. Boardman, the first subject for debate was chosen.
At the first debate, the motion suggested that entrants into Sixth Forms should be encouraged to take up science. Strangely enough, both of the chief speakers in favour of this were "artists". Parker and Walmsley, as were its opponents Major and Aves. After much argument and several speeches from members of the audience, the motion was defeated.

The second meeting took place shortly afterwards, and debated the statement that "West Hartlepool is not a fit place to live in". The debate was understandably heated. Tonkin and Fraser failed to convince the House and Kidd and Dawson were successful in their opposition.

At the next meeting Sellars and Walmsley successfully asserted that "Snobbery is a necessary evil", despite the vigorous opposition from Robinson and Bew. Mr. Saunders offered some humorous opinions in a short but meaningful speech.

The approaching G.C.E. examinations led to the temporary dissolution of the society, but one more meeting was held. Parker and Collingwood failed to convince the House that "Communism is preferable to a third World War", and Aves and Major carried their points.

It is to be hoped that this year will see the commencement of an even more successful season.

P.D.

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**P. S. OR THE SIXTH AT WORK.**

From behind the door came the usual noise, like pandemonium, inside there was the usual scene - a dead body or two, a game of poker, cigar smoke and Fred had the board chalked up for the "Big Race".

The sound of Army surplus boots was heard and all went quiet, even the youth with hardly any hair stepped testing his motorbike engine. The door creaked open, only an inch or two, and a figure beckoned - who was it to be? A wee Scots lad slipped his deck o' cards into his pocket and with a glassy stare in his eyes went out and slowly descended the steps. There was a sound like machine-gun fire and then a dull thud, and his ill-gotten winnings covered the floor. Seconds later a writhing body was dumped into the room by a henchman smoking a pipe and immediately we disposed of it down "the hole". The daily victim had been claimed and life returned to normal - "Wal" wants ½d each-way on "Big Brother".

By Sebastian of the Sixth.

P.S. I wish all characters were fictitious.
THE SCHOOL TRIP TO FRANCE.

In late March of this year, a School party set out to explore the wilds of France under the supervision of Messrs Hodgson and Perry. Some of us having survived the Channel crossing, we proceeded to the fair city of Paris where we recovered. On once more to our place of sojourn - Montrichard via Tours. Montrichard is a fair-sized village which boasts one cinema, one hospital (which is always full owing to the atrocious driving of the natives) two churches and, it seems innumerable wine-shops and cafes.

Having been blessed with extremely good weather, we managed to go around the surrounding districts, exploring the castles.

Everyone was so very helpful that it seemed we could do no wrong (apart from picking things from trees!). Those of us who wished to show of our French would go into a shop and, with great difficulty, saying "Combien vaut cette chose-la?" only to be answered in excellent English. Very disheartening!

During our week we saw a lot of the castles for which the country is famous, Blois, Loches, Azay, Tours - all these places were visited. The latter is recalled with sad memories, as it was a Monday and as we all know, now, all the banks are closed on Mondays.

Our return journey was without incident except for two hours wait in Southampton owing to the fog.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Perry for all the hard work they did in order that the trip might be a success. Also we would like to thank Mr. Houlton for his very kind and helpful co-operation.

T. ATKINSON, Sar. Arts Sixth

LIBRARY.

This school year, the library has increased its stock by about 150 volumes. We extend our very grateful thanks to Dr. Barkas who has presented over sixty valuable books, mostly dealing with his particular subject of English Literature. Amongst others, there are biographies of T. S. Eliot, Lord Byron, Walter de la Mare, Rudyard Kipling and Charles Dickens and numerous anthologies of verse. The Headmaster has also made a presentation of two very valuable series - C. Maspero's "History of Egypt" and J. McCarthy's "History of our Own Times". Once again we must thank Mr. C. A. Sage for further gifts.

The Library is stocked with books on almost every conceivable subject and, we venture to say, there can be but few better in the schools throughout the country. This is largely due to the steering efforts of Mr. Watson and Mr. Spence with the assistance of the librarians Ness, Trulove, Hender- son, Amour and Temple, who devote most of their evenings in the week to the care of the Library.

THE ART EXHIBITION.

An exhibition of paintings by boys of the school was held again this year, the previous exhibition having been held three years ago, and was opened to the public on March 8th and 9th; it was also visited by some of the staff of the West Hartlepool College of Art. Work was submitted by boys from the 1st to 6th Forms, the paintings, drawings and scraper-boards totalling something in the region of four hundred. The exhibition, in displaying a high level of artistic achievement, fully maintained the standard set by its predecessor.

The most encouraging aspect of the exhibition was the evidence of the attention now being paid to colour and construction as opposed to draughtsmanship. There is a marked tendency in the early forms for the artists to concentrate rather on detail and perfect representation, but, as age increases, the boys who are less obviously talented in lineal reproduction alone begin to assert themselves in colour. And on the whole, the works exhibited struck a good balance between construction and draughtsmanship; this, combined with sensitive use of colour, produced pictures which were pleasant to look at and which usually showed a sound unity in construction.

This year also provided an extension of medium with the inclusion of scraper-boards, executed by members of the senior forms, and which, although small, were well-finished.

In spite of the fact that some of the subjects had been drawn by a number of boys in the same form the range was very wide, historical and imaginary scenes being vividly painted. The range of homework subjects too, chosen by the boys, was wide and showed varied interests and close observation.

While we must regret that most of the Fifth Form artists are leaving this year, there seems to be no lack of talent among the juniors. Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. Smith for his work in arranging the exhibition, and we look forward to many more, equally enjoyable, in the future.

J. B. WALMSLEY, Sen. Arts VI.
RUGBY.

FIRST XV

For the second successive time in its history the school 1st XV was unbeaten throughout the season, winning every game and scoring a record number of points, Knox, Jesson, Parker, Hall and Walsmeley played for Durham Public and Grammar Schools' XV. Jesson, Bew, Rowell and Hall played for the Durham Under 18 XV. Jesson was also selected to play in the English Schools All Ages Final International Trial at Northampton.

The school seven won the Durham Schools Sevens. The XV won the Lorimer cup for the second successive year.

The strength of this exceptional team, which was little changed from the previous season, lay in the forwards, Bew, Rowell, Robinson and Jesson being the most outstanding, coupled with the excellent play of the backs, of which the team's captain Knox, Parker, Harrison and Hall are worthy of special mention.

The goal kicking of Rowell and Millions was much improved from that of last season.

SECOND XV

The Second XV also had an extremely good season, they too having an undefeated record.

This well balanced team possessed many young players worthy of 1st Team places who, with no doubt, gain them next season. Of these Roberts, Humble and Gent—fortwards, and Evans, Shields, Grimwood and Smith—backs, were outstanding.

THIRD XV

The strength of the school rugby may well be judged from the fact that the School ran a successful Third XV. This team played three games, against teams of second team standard, winning two of them.

In addition, the Under 15 B team won the West Shield.

UNDER 15

The season began with some very convincing wins, but after losing their County Stand-off, Gooding, half-way through the season, they were unable to maintain their winning sequence.

Outstanding players were Gooding and Anson, both of whom played for Durham Under 15 Team.

In addition the "B" Team won the West Shield.

UNDER 14

The Under 14 Team had a successful season, many players of promise being noted. Great enthusiasm and keenness was shown, especially in the Competition for team places. With more experience and team-work, they should develop into a very capable side.
UNDER 13

The Under 13 had a very successful beginning in school Rugby, losing only one game, and having a total of only 6 points scored against them.

This wealth of talent amongst the Juniors augers well for the future of the School’s Rugby.

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COLOURS

1st XV Colours awarded to:

2nd XV Colours awarded to:
- Smith, Shields, Grimwood, Bradley, Crisp, Thomas, Roberts, Boynton, Prideaux, Gent, Llewellyn and Humble.

THE RUGBY DINNER

The third Annual Dinner of the School Rugby Club was held in Mason’s Cafe on 26th December, 1954.

The dinner was of the high standard we have come to expect; it started with soup, followed by roast turkey and plum pudding and rum sauce. For liquid refreshment we commenced by drinking cider, but the supply ran dry, so we descended to lemonade-ice Cream Soda level.

At the top table, in addition to the Headmaster and the masters: Messrs. King, Brock, Pidd and Hudspith, sat our guests Messrs. Phillipson, Stevenson and Naughton as in previous years. Present too this year, for the first time, were Messrs. Aves, Hall and Tonkin, representing the stalwart supporters of the school teams.

Following the meal and the toast to "The Queen", proposed by Mr. King, Mr. Hudspith toasted "The Game", such a wide subject. In his reply Mr. Phillipson devoted his time to recollections and memories of the past great players in the Pools. Continuing the speeches, H. Knox gave a short account of the school’s success so far, while D. Jesson answered the critics of our "Rugby Machine". It fell to J. B. Walksley to propose the toast to "The Referees" and Mr. Stevenson in his reply commented on the new rules, and was helpful in his constructive criticism of our team. Finally Mr. King welcomed our visitors, and thanked them for their support; Mr. Tonkin replied on their behalf.

The evening closed with a sing-song to the accompaniment of T. Atkinson on the accordion, the highlight of which was Mr. Phillipson’s rousing rendering of "The Bandelero".

N.T.

SCHOOL.

Very few boys seem to like school.

At that, I think there's no wonder at all,

We work and work without any pay,

It is a waste of time we say.

Every morning at nine o’clock

We start our work dead on the dot.

We toil the morning's three hours through,

Then return again at ten to two.

Is it any wonder;

That we feel inclined to "shirk";

When the grown-ups say "you're lucky".

We have to go to work.

By M. LACEY, I A

CRICKET

First XI

This year the 1st XI has proved to be a well-balanced team, and has consequently had a much more successful season. Unfortunately poor fielding again handicapped an otherwise very competent team. In almost every game catches were dropped which in certain cases would have quite possibly given victory to the school in otherwise drawn games.

The batsmen and bowlers blended together very well and performed consistently throughout the season. A feature of the season’s play has been the marked improvement in the batting of Hall, who, rising from the tail-end, has become a successful early batsman. Scarratt has proved a most valuable member of the team both as a batsman and bowler and he will be greatly missed next season.

The proportion of games drawn this season has been much too high, and next year we hope to have an earlier start to games in order to have a positive result, if possible, in all games.

In quite a number of games this season the first XI has been deficient in number owing to an enigmatical attitude of indifference displayed by one or two members who lack the necessary loyalty to the school.
Second XI
The 2nd XI has also had a better season. The outlook seemed dark after losing the first game, but after this disappointment the team gradually improved despite having to yield one or two of its more successful members to the 1st XI. Reay, Hope and Gent shared the bowling honours, whilst Graham finally proved the steadiest batsman. Stonehouse the wicket keeper, played for Durham Schoolboys.
I should like to thank 1st and 2nd team scorers, Welford and Pounder respectively for their excellent work throughout the season.

Under Fourteen XI
Although having five of their team representing West Hartlepool Schoolboys, the Under 14 were not as successful as might have been expected.

COLOURS—First XI
Re-awarded to Rowell, Scarrott, Walmsley and Hall.
Awarded to Evans, Bateman and Brownless.

Second XI
Awarded to Baggs, Gent, Graham, Hope, Jesson, Morgan, Reay, Sedgwick, Smith E. and Stonehouse.

HOUSE CRICKET
Senior
East House won the senior House Trophy by defeating North in the final. Batting first East were given a good send-off by Hedley and Smith E., who made just over 50 before being parted. However, after Smith was bowled by Hall wickets fell quickly and East had scored only 69 at the end of the allotted 20 overs. In reply North House made a disastrous start and lost their best batsman for under 20 runs, but a stand by Bateman and Lawn somewhat retrieved the situation. This was only temporary, however, and Millions bowled his side to victory.

Junior
The junior competition was played throughout the season in the games lessons and ended in a tie between West and South. South won the play-off.
For some years now the state of the wicket and its surrounds on the lawn has been deteriorating, but this year it has been subject to frequent sessions of rolling which began to have effect late in the season. Much more work has yet to be done and it is hoped to restore the lawn to its former excellence.

—J. ROWELL

ON SATURDAY
Out went Jack Rowell with bat and a trowel,
And proceeded to dig himself in;
A bowler bowled slow and Jack aimed a blow,
And it gave him a welt on the shin.
"Out", said the ump and Jack in the dumps,
Gave way for the next man to play;
After patting the dumps he took his stance at the stumps,
The demon fast bowler called Reay.
The score kept on mounting, the scorers kept counting.
As each took a turn at the wicket;
There were Scarrott and Hedley, whose hits were quite deadly,
And Smith showed them how to play cricket.
Brownless and Hall both slogg'd at the ball,
And Morgan did his bit as well;
Walmsley and Evans hit the ball to the heavens,
It was Bateman the last man that fell.
A record, the score, as they walked through the door,
And sat down to a very good tea;
And then again it started to rain,
And the pitch resembled the sea.
They waited and waited, and Oh how they hated
To see the downpour of rain;
When the score was so good 'twas a pity they would
Have to play the game over again.

—By A. JONES, 1A

SPORTS DAY
As a result of the Cross Country Run, which took place at the end of the Easter term, the points for the Houses before the Sports were as follows:

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The most outstanding event this year was the establishment of a new record of 4min. 39.8sec. for the senior mile by Spence, of North House. Spence, who a year ago was beaten by Roberts, of South House, with a time of 4min. 47sec., reversed the placings.

Another outstanding performance was that of Green, of South House, who won the inter. 440yds. in 57.8sec.

A tie between East and South Houses, with 46 points each, for first place was unique in the school's history. It was in the final medley race, on which all depended, that South House finally drew level, due to some strong running by Morgan, Roberts and Tonkin.

Councillor J. McCann, who was introduced by the headmaster, presented the Shield to the respective House captains, Tonkin (South) and Walmsley (East), who each responded.
RESULTS (Track Events):

100 yds. Senior: Kidd (N) 10.8sec., Crisp (E), Smith (N).
   Inter: Anson (W), 11.2sec., Morgan (S), K. Williams (S).
Junior: Priestley (W), 12.8sec., Atkinson (N), Horsfield (W).

220 yds. Senior: Crisp (E), 23.8sec., Smith (N), Shields (W).
   Inter: Anson (W), 25.5sec., Williams (S), Irving (E)
Junior: Priestley (W), 29.4sec., Richardson (S), May (S).

440 yds. Senior: Kidd (N), 55.2sec., Tonkin (S), Walmsley (E).
   Inter: Green (S), 57.8sec., Orley (E), Herbert (E).

660 yds. Junior: Atkinson (N), 1min. 47.6sec., Richardson (S), Ellison (N)

880 yds. Inter: Rollo (W), 2min. 18sec., Glendenning (W), Benson (S).

1 Mile. Senior: Spence (N), 4min. 39.8sec., Roberts (S), Smurthwaite (W).

Medley Relay (2 x 110yds., 2 x 220yds., 2 x 440yds.):

JUMPS

High Jump. Senior: Aves (W), 5ft. 6in., Boynton (S), Grimwood (N).
   Inter: Watson (E), 4ft. 8in., Arbuckle (S), Davidson (N).
Junior: Tracey (W), 3ft. 11in., Harvey (E), Hampshire (S).

Long Jump. Senior: Boynton (S), 17ft. 11½in., Roberts (S), Bradley (W).
   Inter: Morgan (S), 16ft. 8in., Pike (W), Anson (W).
Junior: Richardson (S), 13ft. 6in., Green (E), Belwood (E).

SWIMMING

In the Inter-schools Sports Competition this year we failed to retain the MacDonald Cameron Shield, only managing to tie with the Technical Day School for second place. Rather unexpectedly Elwick Road School won, mainly due to some fine all-round swimming, which was evident in the relay races. Next year our swimmers would do well to concentrate on this aspect of the competition.

Although they do not represent the school directly, several swimmers are gaining recognition in county swimming while representing West Hartlepool Swimming Club and the Town School’s swimming team. They are Alan Farrow, Michael Dunn, Paul Herbert and Peter Humble. Between them they represent most branches and styles of swimming and fortunately there are many boys in the Lower School preparing to take over their places in school, club, and town swimming.

Although last year was disappointing, no doubt the swimmers next year will put in some hard work and help to regain the superiority of the school in town swimming.

—P. HUMBLE, 5A

TABLE TENNIS

The school table tennis this season has been successful from both the playing and financial point of view.

In the singles competition, in which there was fierce competition, the two finalists were A. Farrow (the holder) and T. Scarratt, the former winning 6-21, 22-20, 21-19, 21-12.

Combining forces, the two finalists were victorious in the doubles for the second year in succession. They beat R. Hall and J. Rowell after five hard games.

In the House tournament North House were again the victors, dropping only three games.

Positions were: North 27, East 17, South 11, West 4.

Thanks go to Messrs. Leason, Fidd and Perry for their supervision.

ON TENNIS

Every year in the “summer” months huge crowds make their way towards Wimbledon from all over the world.

“What,” says the average ignoramus, “prompts these people to spend their time practising the elementary rules of the “Highway Code?” Now it can be told. The attraction is tennis.

In any pocket dictionary tennis is defined as “a game in which a ball is driven against a wall and caused to rebound,” as I recently had occasion to point out to an irate householder. This, however, is a very poor and ancient definition, and a larger dictionary is obviously needed. A careful scrutiny of last year’s Magazine will reveal a simple set of directions on how to locate the school library, where, I have heard, even
3B are quiet. In this library can be found "How to Play Tennis," and with such a wonderful book lying around the library, there is no need to buy a larger dictionary. I am one of the many who have read this book, although I must confess that I borrowed it from the library because I had mistaken it for "Men of Mathematics IV." Nevertheless I have read it and will now cast a few pearls of wisdom before you...er...gentlemen.

Firstly, it appears, that while playing the game one is supposed to use a tennis racket, which in turn is used to hit a tennis ball. Also, it has been found from practice, that it is most convenient to hold the racket by its handle. The game is played by the tennis ball being smitten to and fro over a net in the centre of the playing area or court, so called because the game was first played on the spot where the Old Bailey now stands. One strange custom of the game is for the victor to leap the net, which explains why there are not many one-legged tennis players. I advise anyone unable to jump the net to play table tennis, for in this game the net is not so high.

In order to succeed at this game it seems that one must wear white clothes. A white shirt, white shoes and white stockings are easily bought, but shorts present a difficulty. A general rule in buying shorts is to combine modesty with warmth, i.e., knee-length woolen ones. A subtle touch to add to the general appearance is to wear a badge, if possible with the slogan "Logs are Indices" on the shirt.

Finally, a word on deportment. One should never look annoyed. Never wish one's opponent would swallow the ball and never, never allow him to keep the score.

I have done my best for you. Your future in tennis now depends entirely upon your own actions. Good luck to you all!

By J. H. SIXTH

THE HIGH SCHOOL MATCH AND TEA PARTY

Following the rumour of a certain telephone conversation, came the official invitation to our Sixth Form from the Headmistress, the head girl and the Sixth Form of the High School for the annual tennis match to be followed by a tea.

The "great day" dawned with the promise of fine, hot weather, and so it turned out. Our team, consisting of R. E. Bew and N. Tonkin, J. Foster and M. Smith, J. Rowell and J. Brown, with reserves and spectators converged on the High School at 2-15 p.m. The team changed in the privacy of Miss Bell's cloak room and emerged for the fray.

The tennis was of the usual high standard, accompanied on court one by the soft strains of singing issuing from the windows of the music room. Their fine rendering of "The Cuckoo in the Elm Tree" did much to alleviate the "centre court nerves".

Though the issue was never really in doubt, the High School did better than usual in a hard fought match; the final result being a win for the school by seven sets to two, 65 games to 34.

After the rigours of the match they provided a welcome finale for players and spectators alike. Miss Bell's was poorly curtailed, and following her hasty departure, came a Marathon chase through the school by Mr. Bew to express our thanks to her. Thanks for the match and the tea were conveyed to the rest of the gathering by Mr. Tonkin, the response being made by Miss C. Lupton.

Our pressing offers to assist with the washing up were kindly refused and we departed at 5 p.m.

N.T. and R.E.B.

JEWISH FESTIVALS

Though the percentage of world Jewry is very small, it may be of interest to know something about her festivals, the meaning of which is so little known.

The first group comprises the New Year and Day of Atonement. On the former one examines one's past deeds and prays for repentance and unity of mankind, these prayers continuing until the Day of Atonement, the final day of the Solemn Season. It is on its eve when the famous Kol Nidre is chanted. In this the Jew asks for forgiveness for rash vows in the past. The day is spent in praying and fasting.

Next in importance are the agricultural festivals, held for the Israel spring harvest of barley, the summer wheat, and the autumn fruit harvest. The last one recalls the momentous journey from Egypt to the promised land.

The Passover is a festival which stands for liberty and equality. It commemorates the slavery in Egypt and the following Exodus, which took place so hurriedly that the bread had not time to become leavened. Because of this the Jews eat only unleavened bread during this time. The first two evenings are characterised by family celebrations, when one recites prayers to remind the Jew of the past, as well as to envisage the future redemption of mankind. In present times the Passover also commemorates Israel's birth as a nation.

The last harvest festival is the Pentecost, which recalls the giving of the Law, and stands for learning and knowledge. Since this is a harvest festival, homes and synagogues are decorated with plants and flowers. The Ten Commandments are also recited on this day, so that all should be exhorted to follow the path of righteousness and brotherly love.

On Chanukah (the Feast of Lights) Jews celebrate the Maccabean victory 21 centuries ago as well as the rededication of The Temple, which was profaned by the Syrians.

Purim is the jolliest of all festivals. The story, so interestingly told in the Book of Esther, is read every year. Carnivals are held all over Israel, the most famous being in Tel Aviv. The poor are remembered by gifts, and many gatherings enjoy festivity.
Another day that Jews celebrate is the New Year for Trees, though this is primarily a children's holiday. At the beginning of Spring in every Israeli village where Jews live, the schoolchildren and youth plant trees, and it is a custom to eat many different types of fruit on this day.

One cannot end without mentioning the Sabbath, a weekly reminder and symbol of the spiritual values of life. It is the greatest social achievement ever, entirely unknown to the other peoples of the ancient world, and accepted by both Christianity and Islam.

The Sabbath and Holy days are rightly compared to oases in the desert of life.

—By G. WILLMAN, 4A

THE OLD BOYS' MATCH

At 6-30 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 21, two teams gathered at school to play off the school's last fixture of the season, which, incidentally, proved to be the most entertaining.

The opposing captains—Rowell representing the School XI and Jacques representing the Old Boys' team—tossed up and, Rowell winning, the School elected to bat. Accordingly, at 6-54 p.m., Rowell and Smith set off for the crease, bathed in the pleasant glow of the evening sun, which was shining bright above the trees.

Rowell proceeded to attack the bowling in a very competent manner indeed; Smith, however, was unfortunately caught by Parker off Blain early in the game for no score, and Rowell was then joined by Evans who, playing his usual cautious game, scored 20 in about 14 minutes.

Blain and Baker formed the main Old Boys' attack, and Blain, bowling against a background of trees, had moderate success; he later changed ends with Baker. Webster, Heywood, and Rymer also bowled for the Old Boys.

Meanwhile, Scarratt had joined Rowell only to see him bowled by Baker for 38. Rowell received a great ovation upon his return from the wicket, and when he had removed his pads he proceeded to formulate plans for the overthrow of the opposition. These consisted, in the first place, of a declaration, made soon after Scarratt was out, and in the second place in the skilful use of his bowlers, and in the third place in careful placing of his field.

His declaration, with the School's total at 110 for five, left the Old Boys a reasonable amount of time in which to make the runs, provided they scored fairly quickly.

The sun was touching the crest of the trees and, although bright, was throwing long shadows. A few birds were singing among the sycamores, and the last bees were leaving the flowers which border the pitch. A gardener plodded his weary way homeward across the school yard and left the world to the protagonists of this protracted but gripping drama.

Rymer and Heywood opened the Old Boys' innings and both were soon in difficulties; Rymer especially never looked comfortable at any time during his stay at the wicket. Heywood was out first, for five, and was soon followed by Prasert—both falling victims to the opening attack of Millions and Bateman. Webster, however, put up some stout resistance, with Rymer still struggling at the other end. Scarratt soon replaced Bateman at the school end, and he succeeded in repeatedly baffling the batsmen. Rymer was not timing the ball well, and he was often compelled to hit twos instead of fours; he was further hampered by the trees which surround the pitch and by the school itself, which was often directly in front of him. In one over, for example, he was restricted to 2, 2, 4, 2, 1, 0. Following the single off the fifth ball Webster was left facing the last ball of the over and was unable to score from it.

Rymer was now very ill at ease and, slightly mistiming a ball from Scarratt, he struck the ball in the direction of mid-off, where Rowell was very unfortunately struck on the hand and compelled to retire from the field of play.

The sun was now no more than an orange glow behind the trees, and night was falling fast. At this point several of the Old Boys' team were posted to vantage points in the shrubbery and among the trees in order to retrieve with greater alacrity the balls which Rymer was now striking indiscriminately to the various boundaries. A lamentable incident for the fielding side occurred when Rymer had hit one ball into the trees somewhere past the head of midwicket. The next ball hit in a graceful arc and first bounced to the boundary over the bowler's head, but Graham would no doubt have made a very fine running catch had not he not been still buried in the shrubbery seeking the preceding ball.

Rowell, quickly perceiving the need for a change of bowling, brought on Brownless, and Rymer was removed. He had made in all 40 runs, and the volume of applause as he returned from the wicket exceeded even that accorded to Rowell.

He was replaced by Thompson.

Webster, during this period, had been quietly taking his score along with well-run singles and hits generally less spectacular than those of Rymer. With the advent of Thompson, however, he became as it were the senior partner, and both proceeded to push the score along at a rate wholly unforeseen by Rowell at the time of his declaration. The result was that very few overs were left with 26 runs needed. Bateman was therefore given a second spell and he succeeded in bowling Webster, who had scored 22.
Optimists felt at this stage that the game was as good as won, but Thompson, with several full-blooded drives on the leg side, very soon made it seem as though the Old Boys would make the runs with time to spare. As Bateman came up to bowl the last over six runs were needed to win. Harkness was out for six, and the men at the wicket were Siddle and Thompson. In the dark the batsmen did not appear to be aware that the first ball had been bowled; unfortunately, neither did the wicket-keeper, with the result that two byes ensued. The second ball was hit for one and the third for two, so that one run was needed to win and three balls were left. Siddle was facing, and in spite of his wholehearted effort the fourth ball eluded him. It was with the fifth ball that disaster fell, for Siddle, with one gigantic stride down the wicket, smote the ball with extraordinary force, presumably to the boundary—it sped away into the darkness and was never seen again.

Thus both sides went home in high spirits, the Old Boys having won and the School team feeling that any lesser team than the Old Boys would not have managed it.

It is to be hoped that this fixture will not be allowed to lapse.

—J. B. WALMSLEY, Senior Arts VI

LITTLE WEE JONES

Of one racing driver a tale is related
Of little wee Jones whose fate was belated.
Little Jones said his new car wouldn’t skid,
This tombstone proves that it could and it did.
Little Jones maintaining his right of way
On a fast straight stretch he wouldn’t give way,
He was right, quite right as he went along
But he’s just as dead as if he’d been wrong.

—S. HUMBLE, 1A