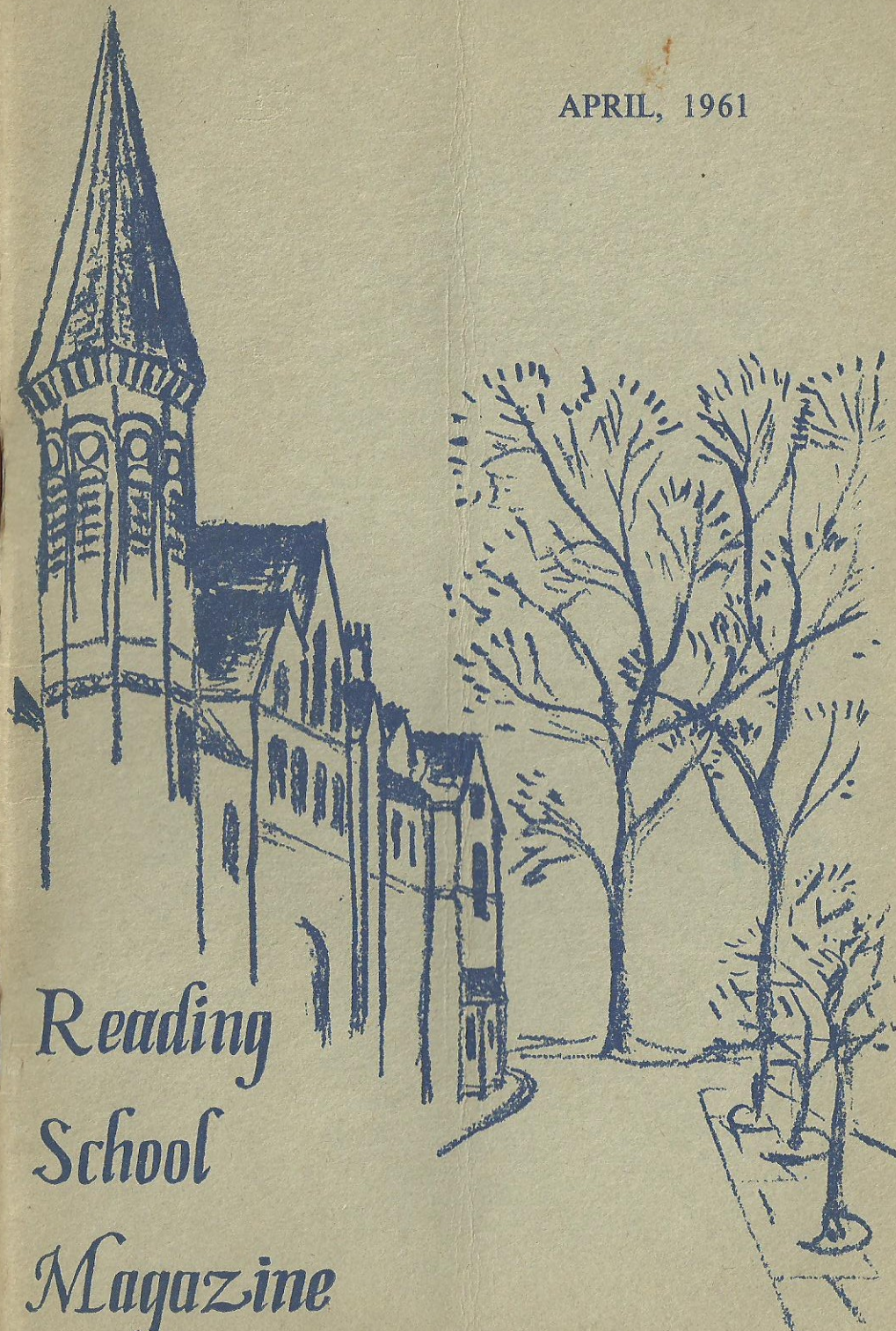


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## EDITORIAL.

AFTER an unusually mild but dismally wet winter, March came in like a lamb but threatened to go out like a lion. We quite expected uncomfortable weather for Sports Day. In fact the weather was brilliant, and to match it there was brilliance on the field, proof of which will be found in this issue. Altogether six records were broken, in one case we might say "smashed", when ten seconds were sliced off the half-mile. Once again we congratulate Mr. Lethem on his able organisation of the day's programme, and all those who played their part in carrying out that programme to a most satisfying conclusion.

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We were sorry to hear of the death of the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, M.A. (Oriel College, Oxford), who joined the Staff in 1900 as Fourth Form Master and as Housemaster of East Wing (where he was succeeded by Mr. Sylo-Jones). Among his many activities he edited the School Magazine, managed the Tuck Shop and was co-Secretary of the O.R. Club. He left Reading in 1907 to become Headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wimborne, resigning in 1929, when he became Rector of Cromhall, Gloucestershire (an Oriel College living). He retired to Weston-super-Mare in 1951, and died in August, 1960, at the age of 86. His poetical works—*A Calendar of Poems* (1959), *Sonnets of the South-West* (1959) and *Waterways* (1961)—were privately printed. He presented copies to the School Library.

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Professor C. C. Butler (1933–39), Professor of Physics, University of London, Imperial College of Science and Technology, has been elected Fellow of the Royal Society.

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The Rev. A. Gelston, M.A. (Keble College, Oxford), whilst delving deeply into Hebrew and Aramaic, has found time to devote himself to

the study of what the Greek Lexicon calls the LXX: to such effect that in the examination for the Hall-Houghton Senior Septuaginal Prize he was placed First Equal. We are very proud of this scholarly distinction.

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At the recent Latin and Greek Reading Competition held under the auspices of the Local Board of the Classical Association of the Faculty of Letters, Whiteknights Park, T. J. T. Hora was awarded Second Prize (Gilbert Murray Prize) "for reading Greek aloud". We heartily congratulate him.

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*Examination Successes.*—Heartiest congratulations to:—

- G. J. Wanless—Royal Scholarship in Chemical Engineering at Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.  
 J. F. Langford—Open Scholarship in Chemistry at Exeter University.  
 P. J. Lucas—Open Exhibition in English at Keble College, Oxford.  
 J. R. Oldland—Robert Styring Exhibition in History at the Queen's College, Oxford.

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M. J. Metcalfe (54) constructed a 2ft. model motor boat and entered it for the competition held at Earls Court under the auspices of the National Boatbuilders' Society. He was awarded first prize—a cheque for £5 and a "Do It Yourself" kit. We congratulate him on his success—and on his attractive hobby.

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We print herewith, at the Head Master's request, his message to parents and friends of the School in acknowledgment of their generous response to the Boat Club Appeal:—

#### Boat Club Appeal.

We have had a wonderful response and we accord our very warm thanks to all who have helped.

Mr. A. E. Milward gave us a fine start with a cheque for an eight and then early this term we received, through the Committee of the Parents' Association (Chairman: Mr. W. J. Wanless), a similar gift from Mr. S. T. Cook (O.R.).

We are indeed most grateful to Mr. Milward and Mr. Cook.

We have accordingly already ordered a shell eight with a set of blades in the name of Mr. Milward, and a clinker eight with a set of blades in the name of Mr. Cook. All being well these boats will be on the river in 1962.

The total fund now stands at just over £1,125. The cost of the eights and the blades is £860. We have also ordered a fixed tub and we hope to manage a clinker four as well. These would cost a further £300, making a total expenditure of £1,160. We feel confident that we shall reach this amount. Then the Club will be able to stand on

its own feet at last—but not, we hope, to rest on its new oars. We started rowing again this term and had an eight in the Head of the River Race. I hope we shall now go steadily ahead to reach a good standard. The fund will remain open until next September.

And once again, thank you very much for so splendidly restoring the buoyancy of the Boat Club.

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We have received the following letter from one who resides at no great distance from the School. No further clue to his identity is necessary!

"Dear Sir,

May one who has known Reading School for many years make one small comment on your January issue? The O.R. News has been neatly re-arranged, beginning with "The Services"—(Do we not all serve?)—and ending with 'Miscellaneous'.

We are urged to 'grow in godliness and sound learning'; but the first three names in this last section are those of clergymen! Are they to be no more than afterthoughts—appendices to a new military college?

A few years ago a very distinguished O.R. described the writer as 'This old Radical'. Though strong men visibly paled, the truth may be admitted. But on this occasion I would like to sign myself

*Laudator temporis acti.*

(I'm not, of course, expecting to be printed.)"

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## OBITUARY.

### F. J. CLYNE.

Frederick John Clyne was at School in West Wing from 1916–1920. He soon made his mark as a cricketer and ended by captaining the XI.

In 1930 he joined Sonning Golf Club, eventually becoming Secretary in 1950. During the war he had served in the R.A.F.V.R.

"Johnnie" Clyne had a host of friends and was one of the most popular secretaries in golf. He was on the Committee of the O.R. Golfing Society and last year presented a challenge trophy. This will be played for every year in perpetual memory of a much loved Old Boy.

### D. A. R. COLBORNE.

David Arthur Roger Colborne, who was a boarder in West Wing from May, 1941, until December, 1945, was on home leave from Sarawak when he died, after a short illness, at Upton, Norwich, on March 6th, 1961.

When he came to the School he had been through a trying time owing to his father's sudden death, but he soon became one of the best-liked

boys in the House. By the time he left from the Geography VI, he was a School Monitor, had School Rugger and Shooting Colours, and was a Sergeant in the Corps. Few boys who have held office in the School have had a better influence over their fellows or been finer examples to younger boys. His success as a platoon commander of a recruit platoon is well remembered and still spoken of. At the annual inspection the inspecting officer was very impressed by Colborne's platoon. His complimentary remarks in his address afterwards quite made up to the rest of the Corps for the length of time they had been kept waiting for them. Colborne took the same platoon on to Cert. "A" Part I and everyone of them passed with credit.

After leaving School for his National Service, he was commissioned into the Royal Artillery when he was just nineteen. He served in India and Malaya, where he had considerable experience of being in action as a troop commander.

When he was demobilised he joined the Colonial Police and was posted to Hong Kong in July, 1949. His letters from there were most interesting and informative, and he met a number of O.R.s out there. For some of the time he was Police Liaison Officer with the Army and he had a long tour of duty as Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.

He transferred to Sarawak in May, 1958, and held the rank of Superintendent of Sarawak Constabulary.

He was married in Singapore on November 1st, 1958, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, whose home is in Norfolk, to his mother, and to his brother Christopher who was also in West Wing.

#### REV. T. DEWE.

Thomas Dewe, one of two brothers at Reading, was in School House from 1878 to 1883. He was a Praepostor, a member of the XI, and in the XV for three years.

In his last year at School he won an Open Scholarship in Maths. to Brasenose College, Oxford. He later became a schoolmaster and from 1891 to 1923 was on the staff at Haileybury.

In 1895 he was ordained Priest in the Diocese of St. Albans and on retiring from Haileybury he was appointed Rector of Great Shefford, Berkshire, which living he held until 1935. Latterly he had lived at Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

#### F. C. ISEMONGER, C.I.E., C.B.E.

Francis Charles Isemonger was at School from 1886 to 1894 and was a Prefect. In 1898 he joined the Indian Police and served for over thirty years. He was made a C.B.E. in 1921. From 1925 to 1930 he was an Inspector General of the N.W. Frontier Province, at a time when that area was far from peaceful. He was made a C.I.E. in 1931 and until 1935 was Chief of the British Municipal Police in Tientsin, North China.

During the last war he lived in this country and became an Inspector of Constabulary for Wales. He later served with the Central Commission in Germany and finally retired in 1946.

#### S. J. T. MATTICK.

Sidney John Tappenden Mattick was in County from 1936 to 1944, winning House Colours for Athletics and Swimming.

After the war he took up farming and for a few years was with an agriculture contracting firm in Rhodesia. On returning to this country he farmed at Grazeley and in 1959 joined his father as a partner in Diddenham Farm in that village.

#### R. P. SHEA.

Robert Percival Shea was an Appleton Scholar during Dr. Walker's time. He also had a brother at School (S.V.—later S. V. Shea-Simonds) who died a few years ago. In 1887 R. P. Shea won a White Scholarship to St. John's College, Oxford, where he read Maths.

During the Great War he served in the Leicestershire Regiment, attaining the rank of Major. By vocation he was a schoolmaster and for many years taught at Uppingham, where, until his death, he lived in retirement.

#### E. STRANSOM.

Edward Stransom was at School from 1885 to 1888. His years at School thus covered one of our great crises. It was in 1887 that the legendary "Bobbie" Newport virtually saved the School from becoming a Royal Naval Establishment.

Mr. Stransom was one of several boys of that name at Reading during the early days of the present School. He spent most of his life as a corn merchant in the town and, until his death, had lived in retirement at Caversham.

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## "TRIAL BY JURY".

It is always pleasant to see performers thoroughly enjoying themselves and conveying their enjoyment to their audience. The performance of "Trial by Jury" showed gusto and enthusiasm which proved very infectious. Mr. F. H. Terry, the producer, is to be congratulated on manipulating a large cast in a very confined space and on conjuring up some entertaining performances. No less, Mr. R. Burrow, the musical director, obtained some excellent singing. The two elements combined harmoniously to produce an opera which was always enjoyable. A mention here must also be made of the orchestra support; it is rare to hear such playing in schools.

As the learned Judge, D. Utley beamed benignly, was in command of the situation and sang with exactly the right timbre for his part. This, one felt, was a truly Gilbertian character with the right touch of satire. T. E. J. Lovett's portrayal began well and dashingly, but towards the end of the run tended slightly towards caricaturing the caricature; however, he was at all times charmingly confident.

The Usher of A. R. Bex was very well acted and competently sung; he was obviously well inside his part and showed a promising technique. A. B. Pinniger, the Counsel for the Plaintiff, was as stuffed a legal shirt as one could wish to see and pleaded his client's case with conviction; while his client, Angelina (A. S. Tuggey) wilted or fretted her way winningly to the end. Both these characters seemed at times to be troubled by the difficult task of singing with a full orchestral accompaniment but made a valiant attempt to achieve pitch and audibility, sympathetically aided by the conductor.

In the handling of the choruses we saw the skill of the producer; the ensemble was well-thought-out and well executed. The Bridesmaids tripped prettily and the Jury was impressively unanimous.

All in all this was a performance which had shape and vitality, and which obviously gave a lot of pleasure. M.O.S.

The cast was as follows:—

USHER - - - - -	- - - - -	A. R. Bex
THE DEFENDANT (EDWIN) - - - - -	- - - - -	T. E. J. Lovett
THE LEARNED JUDGE - - - - -	- - - - -	D. Utley
COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFF - - - - -	- - - - -	A. B. Pinniger
THE PLAINTIFF (ANGELINA) - - - - -	- - - - -	A. S. Tuggey
FOREMAN OF THE JURY - - - - -	- - - - -	B. R. Aburrow
JURYMEN -	B. J. Bartholomew, R. Coles, P. A. Rado, P. S. Burns, D. R. Gillman, F. R. Terry, R. H. G. Morgan, R. C. W. Piercey, D. L. Bagshaw, M. W. Hayward, A. A. W. Dominy	
BRIDESMAIDS -	S. J. Tuck, J. A. Pearson, J. C. Savage, R. M. Syms, J. L. Terry, A. T. Gumbrell, M. J. Hill, P. E. Falinski	
SPECTATORS, ETC. -	Mr. M. Morel, M. C. Sumpster, N. A. Mackereth, A. O. Archer, C. R. Hicks, S. R. Lowe, J. C. S. Froot, I. G. Hunter, E. J. D. Hill, J. H. Spanner, P. M. Lowe, R. F. G. Burnish, A. G. Baggs, P. G. Wildman, K. D. A. Taylor, B. D. Gill, M. L. Wildman, E. J. Bunting, D. R. Fisher, S. J. Walter, P. M. Hughes, D. F. Attwood, D. M. Brogden, R. J. Hands, W. S. Reiter, S. B. Foote, D. R. Noble, R. A. McKittrick, P. McDonagh, A. J. Davis, R. P. Moody, C. P. Hopkins, J. W. Hill, A. D. James, J. P. T. Odell	

<i>Producer</i>	Mr. F. H. Terry
<i>Musical Director</i>	Mr. R. Burrow
<i>Business Manager</i>	Mr. F. J. Malpas
<i>Make-up under the direction of</i>	Mr. B. L. R. Dowse
<i>Lighting Manager</i>	Mr. V. R. C. Payne
<i>Scenery by</i>	Mr. A. E. Harrison and the Art Department
<i>Wardrobe Mistress</i>	Mrs. F. H. Terry
<i>Stage Manager</i>	P. J. Mossman
<i>Property Manager</i>	P. J. Howard

## RUGBY.

THIS term has been extremely crowded and little Sevens practice has been possible. The 1st Seven was defeated at Rosslyn Park by 8-0 by Eton in the first round. Two teams have been entered for the Windsor Sevens on Easter Monday.

R. L. Towner and R. M. S. Holt played for Berkshire during the Christmas holidays. R.L.T.

## HOCKEY.

THE weather enabled more hockey to be played than ever before. As far as School matches are concerned, the results have been disappointing, although the standard of our opponents has been much higher than in the past. Of the seven matches played by the 1st XI, two only were won. What has been apparent as the season progressed was the lack of basic techniques and skills, e.g. good clean hitting by the full backs and serious attention must be given to this next year.

Apart from the 1st and 2nd XI fixtures, whose results appear below, the hockey in the School has been run on a purely House basis. This was aimed to provide incentive on all possible occasions and has, I believe, given great stimulus to those taking part.

In conclusion, two things need to be said. Hockey, as at present organised, has only been going for this term, so it is hard to make assessments of the relative standards involved but I believe that if we are able to build up hockey from the Third forms, we should have a fairly reasonable standard in two or three years time.

The other noteworthy feature of this term has been the very efficient way in which House hockey captains have responded to their extra duties, and, in particular, the keenness and enthusiasm of the Secretary has contributed in no small measure to the smooth running of the Club's activities.

### 1st XI CHARACTERS.

- KAYE, M. P. Goalkeeper. Has played well during his first season in goal, but tends to be drawn out of position. Rather slow in moving.
- BACON. Right back. Usually steady and reliable, but slow to recover after a tackle.
- OLDLAND. Left back. Hard-working and reliable. Fast, and covers well.
- MOSSMAN, P. J. Right half. Has played with great enthusiasm and energy throughout the season. Tackles and clears well.
- D. J. FOSTER (Hon. Sec.). Centre-half. Adjusted himself well to new position. A little slow, but covering and positioning is good.
- HILL. Left half. Fast, but hampered by being left-handed. Tends to wander out of position.
- JENKINS. Outside right. A fast and useful winger. Has fitted into the forward line well.
- G. M. GODDARD. Inside right. A promising player with a powerful shot that should be used more, and good stick-work. Has well earned his School Colours.
- D. O. LODRICK. He has not lived up to his promise of last year. At his best, he was very good, with a fine attacking shot; but, except for the Staff match, he never really produced his best form.
- BURNS, P. S. Inside left. An inside forward with good stick-work who has played well all season.
- CONSTABLE. Outside left. Another very fast winger. Tends to leave his centre too late.

### RESULTS.

- v. WINDSOR COUNTY BOYS' SCHOOL. Home. February 4th.  
1st XI lost 0-7.  
2nd XI lost 0-2.
- v. HENLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. February 15th.  
1st XI lost 1-7. (Scorer: Burns.)

- v. STAFF. Home. March 4th.  
1st XI won 4-1. (Scorers: Lodrick (2), Goddard and Burns.)
- v. DOUAI 2ND XI. Home. March 8th.  
"A" XI won 3-1. (Scorer: Lodrick (3).)
- v. WALLINGFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. March 11th.  
1st XI lost 0-4.  
2nd XI lost 0-5.
- v. READING HOCKEY CLUB 4TH XI. Away. March 18th.  
1st XI lost 2-4. (Scorers: Lodrick and Burns.)
- v. BEAUMONT COLLEGE "A" XI. Home. March 18th.  
2nd XI won 4-3.
- v. KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL, WANTAGE. Away. March 22nd.  
1st XI lost 1-5. (Scorer: Jenkins.)

### STAFF HOCKEY MATCH.

Saturday, March 4th, was the day and the result a win for the School XI by 4 goals to 1. The match, a highspot in the hockey season, had a large following on the touchline, most of whom were cheering for the Staff, more out of sympathy, we suspect, than anything else. Mr. Haines, for the Staff XI, played a dashing game and often worried the School defence with his sudden bursts down the middle. Mr. Holmes, at centre-half, held the Staff defence together, and Mr. Lindsay, at full back, played solidly well. However, the scheming by the School attack eventually bore fruit and goals were scored by Lodrick (2), Burns and Goddard. The Staff goal, an opportunist one, slammed in with unnecessary vigour, was scored by Mr. Haines. It was unfortunate that the usual Staff "pad-wearer" was unable to play; however he did perform equally well with his whistle, while his place in the goal was taken over by Mr. Hoskison.

R.P.H.

### GYMNASTICS.

THE Gymnastics Competition, like many other activities this year, was changed to accommodate the new games system. This involved the introduction of a Middle School competition, bringing the total number of competitions to four. As usual, we were given little time to make our preparations, but after much hard work, both from the competitors and from Mr. Lethem and Mr. Stuckey, the final product ran smoothly.

The standard of the performances in most sections of the competition was considerably higher than in previous years, particularly in the Junior and Senior 2nd Team competitions. The Juniors were all very keen, and it was gratifying to see the first two positions in the Junior competition occupied by first year boys; and I hope those concerned will continue to fulfil their early promise.

The competition was more open than it has been for many years. This served to make the competition more interesting both to spectators

and competitors, and the final result, which was a narrow win for Boarders, was in the balance up to the last moment.

Finally, on behalf of all concerned, I would like to thank Mr. Lethem and Mr. Stuckey for devoting so much of their time to helping the helpless, and for judging the competition; their patience and understanding made it a pleasure to participate.

### RESULTS.

#### SENIOR 1ST TEAMS.

1st, Boarders, 697·8; 2nd, County, 663·7; 3rd, East, 592·8.  
Individual—1st, Caplin (c), 143·2; 2nd, Glover (b), 133·8; 3rd, Ward (b), 126·4.

#### SENIOR 2ND TEAMS.

1st, County, 365·4; 2nd, Boarders, 331·2; 3rd, East, 296·8.  
Individual—1st, Bosworth (b), 71·6; 2nd, Bartle (c), 69·6; 3rd, Patience (c), 65·8.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS.

1st, East, 429·2; 2nd, West, 418; 3rd, Boarders, 361·5.  
Individual—1st, Whiteway (w), 98·7; 2nd, York (e), 81·6; 3rd, Hunt (e), 77·2.

#### JUNIOR TEAMS.

1st, West, 366·6; 2nd, County, 337·5; 3rd, East, 334·3.  
Individual—1st, Bull (c), 80; 2nd, Moody (e), 75·6; 3rd, Anderson (w), 72.

F.J.C.

### JUNIOR GYMNASTICS CLUB.

Attendance this term has been the highest so far, but the Club is still dominated by First Form boys. The general standard of performance has risen, and the value of the intensive practice was most noticeable in the Junior House Competition, which reached a higher standard than it has for some years—if not the highest ever.

At the end of term a competition was held in which the 1st Year challenged the 2nd Year. The result of this was follows:—

"A" TEAMS	...	1st Year	...	620·4
		2nd Year	...	603·0
"B" TEAMS	...	1st Year	...	522·1
		2nd Year	...	452·9
INDIVIDUAL	...	1. Bull	...	102·3
		2. Harvey	...	85·6
		3. Anderson	...	82·5

B.J.B.

### CROSS COUNTRY.

To celebrate the Club's independence from the Athletic Club, we had our most successful season for many years. For the first time in ten years we beat Pangbourne Nautical College, although in the Berkshire Championships for Schools we had to be content with second place behind them. As a result of these championships, D. M. Shepherd, Towner, R. L., and Smith, M. D., were selected to represent Berkshire in the S.A.A. Inter-Counties Championships, where they performed creditably.

We had a most convincing victory against Lord Wandsworth College, having the first six home. In our new fixtures we were also successful in

that we defeated Seaford College, St. Bartholomew's (Newbury) and Slough Grammar School. We were, however, unsuccessful against Abingdon School and Kimbolton School in a triangular fixture.

The Colts now firmly established have also had their successes, notably against Lord Wandsworth College, and it is to be hoped that the ability and keenness they show will help to raise the general standard of running in future seasons.

### RESULTS.

#### 1st VIII.

- v. PANGBOURNE NAUTICAL COLLEGE and SLOUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL. January 28th.  
Won, 56 points to 60 points to 59 points.
- v. LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE. February 4th.  
Won, 21 points to 60 points.
- v. ABINGDON SCHOOL and KIMBOLTON SCHOOL. February 15th.  
Third, 62 points to 50 points to 59 points.
- v. SEAFORD COLLEGE. March 4th.  
Won, 32 points to 46 points.
- v. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NEWBURY. March 11th.  
Won, 39 points to 40 points.

#### "Under 16" Colts.

- v. LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE. February 4th.  
Won, 26 points to 60 points.
- v. SEAFORD COLLEGE. March 4th.  
Lost, 47 points to 32 points.
- v. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NEWBURY. March 11th.  
Won, 38 points to 40 points.

#### "Under 15" Colts.

- v. LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE. February 4th.  
Won, 36 points to 43 points.

### Berkshire Schools Cross Country Championships.

February 11th, at Thatcham.

*Under 19*—Only three runners. Towner, R. L., 3rd; Smith, M. D., 6th.

*Under 17*—Team 2nd. D. M. Shepherd, 8th.

*Under 15*—Team 8th out of 25 teams.

### COLOURS.

#### Representative.

Shepherd, D. M. (28.1.61)	Wright, D. M. (11.2.61)
Towner, R. L. (11.2.61)	Civil, T. J. (11.3.61)
Smith, M. D. (11.2.61)	Baron, M. R. (11.3.61)
Brown, K. C. (11.2.61)	Stamp, F. J. (11.3.61)
Scott, G. B. B. (11.2.61)	

#### School.

D. M. Shepherd (4.2.61)	K. C. Brown (23.2.61)
R. L. Towner (23.2.61)	M. D. Smith (23.2.61)

### INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

This year, in addition to the Colts race introduced last year, a Senior 2nd team was instituted. By so doing, it is hoped that the general standard of running will increase.

In the Senior Race D. M. Shepherd and Brown, K. C., took the lead from the start and held it for 3½ miles, but over the last mile Shepherd gained a convincing lead which he maintained until the end.

In the 2nd team event Patience, after working his way up through the field, won easily. Dipper [R.] also had a comfortable win in the "Under 16" race over the same 3½ miles course as the 2nd teams.

All three team events were won by County, a fitting compliment to all the training they did.

### SENIOR INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### 1st TEAMS.

##### INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 D. M. Shepherd (w)	25	48	17 Lovett (T. E. J.) (E)	28	39
2 Brown, K. C. (E)	25	59	18 Judd (D. P.) (w)	28	50
3 Towner, R. L. (c)	26	11	19 Jennings (B)	28	55
4 Smith, M. D. (c)	26	31	20 Phillips (B)	29	08
5 Civil (w)	26	58	21 Garfath (E)	29	11
6 Scott, G. B. B. (c)	27	02	22 Truscott (E)	29	12
7 Stamp (F. J.) (E)	27	07	23 Ridsdale (B)	29	37
8 Johnstone (w)	27	23	24 Wanless (E)	29	46
9 Hall (c)	27	33	25 Bell (c)	29	49
10 Staunton (N. P.) (c)	27	38	26 Morgan (w)	30	20
11 Baron (M. R.) (B)	27	39	27 Oldland (B)	30	33
12 Foster (B)	27	57	28 Smith [S. P.] (w)	32	10
13 Wright, D. M. (c)	28	10	29 Hunter (w)	32	10
14 Field (R. F.) (B)	28	23	30 Aburrow (w)	32	43
15 Constable (B)	28	27	31 Munday (E)	34	45
16 Lewis (c)	28	29	32 Hoffler (E)	34	46

#### 2nd TEAMS.

##### INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 Patience (c)	18	23	13 Ward (B)	19	43
2 Prudhoe (c)	18	54	14 McMullin (c)	19	51
3 Rowe (E)	18	56	15 Toole (B)	20	07
4 Robson (w)	19	09	16 Piercy (B)	20	25
5 Cottrill (w)	19	12	17 Glover (B)	20	37
6 Free (B)	19	15	18 James (w)	21	11
7 Lynam (c)	19	20	19 Bartholomew (E)	21	47
8 Voake (E)	19	21	20 Karlish (E)	22	01
9 Patterson (c)	19	23	21 Watson (E)	22	04
10 Yeomans (w)	19	24	22 Barton (w)	24	05
11 Halling (c)	19	26	23 Budd (E)	24	24
12 Black (B)	19	27			

(Only 23 started)



## COLTS INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

## INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 Dipper [R.] (w) ... ..	17	21	17 Tree (B) ... ..	19	40
2 Smith [P. J.] (c) ... ..	17	56	18 Ramsden (E) ... ..	20	15
3 Bunting (c) ... ..	18	07	19 Gwyther (B) ... ..	20	26
4 Higgs (c) ... ..	18	10	20 Simpson (B) ... ..	20	28
5 Jeffries (w)... ..	18	18	21 Morris (w)... ..	20	39
6 Dipper [D.] (w) ... ..	18	38	22 Penwill (B) ... ..	20	43
7 Jones [M. M.] (c)... ..	18	47	23 Pearman (c) ... ..	21	21
8 Winnett (E) ... ..	18	50	24 Morrison (E) ... ..	21	52
9 Meads (w)... ..	18	55	25 Veitch (B) ... ..	21	53
10 Bevitt (B) ... ..	19	02	26 Wildman [P.] (B) ... ..	22	00
11 Broadhurst (w) ... ..	19	09	27 Carr (B) ... ..	22	30
12 Angliss (c)... ..	19	10	28 King [M. J.] (w) ... ..	22	35
13 Ruddle (E) ... ..	19	11	29 Williams (w) ... ..	22	46
14 Townson [H. J.] (E) ... ..	19	19	30 Bëndall (E) ... ..	27	01
15 Young (c) ... ..	19	33	31 Price-Jones (E) ... ..	27	01
16 South (c) ... ..	19	35	32 Dominy (E)... ..	30	09

## HOUSE RESULT.

## SENIOR 1ST TEAM.

1st ... County ...	45 points	3rd ... Boarders ...	91 points
2nd ... West ...	86 ,,	4th ... East ...	93 ,,

## SENIOR 2ND TEAM.

1st ... County ...	19 points	3rd ... Boarders ...	46 points
2nd ... West ...	37 ,,	4th ... East ...	50 ,,

## COLTS.

1st ... County ...	43 points	3rd ... East ...	107 points
2nd ... West ...	53 ,,	4th ... Boarders ...	113 ,,

Throughout the season we have been indebted to Messrs. Renshaw and Lethem for their usual ready assistance and advice, and also to Mr. J. B. Holt (an English international at quarter-mile and half-mile) who has been with us for the term.

## ATHLETICS.

## HOUSE RESULT.

THE Cross Country Club having received independent standing and the new games system in operation for the first time in the Lent term, the Athletics Club was smaller than in previous years. However, with smaller numbers a much more intensive training programme was carried out with the very welcome and active association of Mr. J. B. Holt. He has shown that success cannot be obtained without much hard work. I hope he feels his endeavours were rewarded by the Sports Day results.

The introduction of another School fixture was a complete success and I hope that more will follow. The Colts standard was considerably higher this year and this augurs well for the future. I should like to thank Mr. J. B. Holt, Mr. J. Lethem and other Masters who have given their time and support so generously.

R.L.T.

## READING SCHOOL v. ABINGDON SCHOOL.

Wednesday, March 15th. Away.

## RESULTS.

- 100 YARDS—1st, G. G. Ganf (A); 2nd, Talbot, J. M. (A); 3rd, Mills (R). Time: 10.4 secs.
- 220 YARDS—1st, Talbot, J. M. (A); 2nd, R. L. Towner (R); 3rd, G. G. Ganf (A). Time: 23.8 secs.
- 440 YARDS—1st, R. L. Towner (R); 2nd, Briten (A); 3rd, Bunce (A). Time: 53.9 secs.
- 880 YARDS—1st, M. J. Bett (A); 2nd, Shepherd (R); 3rd, Butt, J. P. G. (A). Time: 2 mins. 5.1 secs.
- ONE MILE—1st, M. J. Bett (A); 2nd, Shepherd (R); 3rd, Matson, A. G. D. (A). Time: 4 mins. 47.8 secs.
- 4 × 110 YARDS RELAY—1st, Abingdon; 2nd, Reading. Time: 46.4 secs.
- HIGH JUMP—1st, Nelson (A); 2nd, Dale (R); 3rd, Johnson (A). Height: 5ft. 4½ in.
- JAVELIN—1st, Whitton (A); 2nd, Jennings (R); 3rd, Marsh (A). Distance: 136ft. 4in.
- LONG JUMP—1st, R. L. Towner (R); 2nd, Constable (R); 3rd, Hall (A). Distance: 19ft. 6½ in.
- SHOT—1st, Talbot, J. M. (A); 2nd, Whitton (A); 3rd, Piercey (R). Distance: 43ft. 0½ in.

## Match Result.

1st, Abingdon School, 66 points; 2nd, Reading School, 40 points.

## RUTLISH v. READING v. LEIGHTON PARK.

Wednesday, March 22nd. Wimbledon.

A disastrous start lost Reading this triangular fixture. After the hurdles relay, the long jump and the 880 yards, we were already 21 points behind Leighton Park. Our hurdlers were not good; without Staunton, Shepherd had no support in the 880, but still broke the existing School record with 2 mins. 6.6 secs., and an unfortunate trio of "no jumps" by Towner placed us third in the long jump. In this event Constable consistently jumped close on 19 feet, and should next year clear 20 feet.

The two Junior events, however, were outstanding successes for Reading. The 3 × 220 yards relay team were never headed and finished 15 yards up, whilst in the 880 Dipper [R.] produced a spectacular finishing burst to win. Bunting and Dipper [D. G.] were always in support and all three showed promise, which was amply fulfilled on Sports Day.

Our field events were more encouraging than at Abingdon. Langford (131 feet) and Jennings (142 feet) won the javelin. Dale cleared 5 feet 1 inch in the high jump, and Spenceley and Piercey putted close to their best. The Reading field athletes must however learn greater application. Improvements only come through personal research and experiment with technique. Greater dedication to weight training and to circuit sessions brings rewards, as the opposition showed.

It was heartening that the highlights of the afternoon should be the victories of Shepherd in the one mile and of the 3 × 440 yards relay team, with Towner running a stirring last leg. Both athletes have throughout the term given time and energy to hard training and by their example they have encouraged the whole Club. Shepherd reached a peak of fitness

at exactly the right time, as his fighting finish in the one mile (4 mins. 46·4-secs.) showed. In the 3×440 yards, Glover ran a first leg close to 55 secs. and handed over 8 yards up; Bartholomew, after his long lay-off through injury, went well to 330 but then faded, and Towner was left with a 12-yard deficit, which he had reduced to 3 yards on entering the final straight. The struggle lasted right to the tape, where Towner drove forward, a foot ahead, having recorded a time under 52 secs. J.B.H.

### RESULTS.

#### SENIOR EVENTS.

##### 880 YARDS TEAM RACE

1st, M. Wilcox (LP); 2nd, R. Graham (RU); 3rd, Shepherd, D. M. (RE). Time: 2 mins. 3·3 secs.

Team Result—1st, Leighton Park; 2nd, Rutlish; 3rd, Reading.

##### ONE MILE TEAM RACE.

1st, Shepherd, D. M. (RE); 2nd, J. Fitter (LP); 3rd, M. Sharp (RU). Time: 4 mins. 46·4 secs.

Team Result—1st, Leighton Park; 2nd, Reading; 3rd, Rutlish.

##### 3×120 YARDS HURDLES RELAY.

1st, Leighton Park; 2nd, Rutlish; 3rd, Reading. Time: 51·7 secs.

##### 3×440 YARDS RELAY.

1st, Reading; 2nd, Rutlish; 3rd, Leighton Park. Time: 2 mins. 43·7 secs.

##### 4×110 YARDS RELAY.

1, Leighton Park; 2nd, Rutlish; 3rd, Reading. Time: 46·9 secs.

##### HIGH JUMP.

1st, R. Healey (LP); 2nd, D. Wright (LP); 3, Dale (RE). Height: 5ft. 4in.

Team Result—1st, Leighton Park; 2nd, Reading; 3rd, Rutlish. Aggregate height: 10ft. 6in.

##### JAVELIN.

1st, G. Davies (LP); 2nd, Jennings (RE); 3rd, Langford (RE). Distance: 144ft.

Team Result—1st, Reading; 2nd, Leighton Park; 3rd, Rutlish. Aggregate distance: 272ft. 10in.

##### LONG JUMP.

1st, G. Davies (LP); 2nd, Constable (RE); 3rd, D. Dale (RU). Distance: 19ft. 6in.

Team Result—1st Leighton Park; 2nd, Rutlish; 3rd, Reading. Aggregate distance: 36ft. 10in.

##### SHOT.

1st, C. Welsh (LP); 2nd, R. Young (RU); 3rd, Spenceley (RE). Distance: 37ft. 6in.

Team Result—1st, Leighton Park; 2nd, Reading; 3rd, Rutlish. Aggregate distance: 61ft. 5in.

#### JUNIOR EVENTS.

##### 880 YARDS TEAM RACE.

1st, Dipper [R.] (RE); 2nd, Reed (LP); 3rd, Bunting (RE). Time: 2 mins. 15·5 secs.

Team Result—1st, Reading; 2nd, Leighton Park; 3rd, Rutlish.

##### 3×220 YARDS RELAY.

1st, Reading; 2nd, Leighton Park; 3rd, Rutlish. Time: 1 min. 19 secs.

#### Match Result.

1st	...	Leighton Park School	...	80	points
2nd	...	Reading School	...	59	„
3rd	...	Rutlish School	...	37	„

## SPORTS DAY.

Saturday, March 25th.

How pleasant it is to be able to comment on a School Sports Day with the keynote of "Congratulations"! Perhaps first we should congratulate the Clerk of the Weather who, through the term and on the day, gave us just what we needed. Next, a word of congratulation on a matter too often taken for granted, viz. the splendid organisation of the affair, in the standpoint of competitor and spectator alike. Mr. Lethem's thoughtful thoroughness was more easily appreciated in the light of the sun.

This term we have had with us Mr. Holt, a very distinguished athlete. Shepherd paid him a graceful compliment by giving the School a new half-mile record in the excellent time of 2 mins. 4·9 secs. Shepherd is to be congratulated for this, and the splendid start it gave to the meeting. The track events throughout were most satisfying. Towner practised what he has been vigorously preaching with his clear runs in 100 yards and 440 yards. He was unfortunate not to equal the record for the latter, but his time of 53·1 seconds was quite splendid. His influence was also apparent in the new 3×220 yards relay records. It is very satisfying to see effective baton-passing; it enables the runners to make the most of themselves. County Juniors and Colts must be congratulated on their relay runs. West's ascendancy in the longer runs was made clear by Shepherd's good win in the mile, and Dipper's high-powered half-mile. To lower a respectable record at this distance by almost 10 secs. is nearing the fantastic. Only Bunting's powerful running to come second prevented the identical Dipper twins from taking the first two places. The 8×110 yards relays are always short essays in changing fortunes. The lead was changed too often for the writer of these notes to keep pace, but the Senior runs, both first and second strings, deservedly went to Boarders. County won Colt and Junior events. Boarders and the School have a real find in Carey, whose new 440 yards record merits praise.

In the invitation 4×110 yards relay School "A" team returned a "best-ever" time. Inevitable lack of co-ordination prevented the visitors from making the best use of Mr. Holt's electrifying burst as third man.

For the field events one's congratulatory mood cools a little. Towner's long jump of over 20 feet exceeds many schools' records, and Carey's half-inch added to the Junior shot record must be praised. But apart from the pole vault, for which Badham deserves renewed congratulations, the rest of the field events were, though satisfactory, not in the same class as the track events. Longer periods of training, and building up technique, before the athletics season starts are the requirements here. It is to be hoped that boys will be forthcoming willing to learn western roll and straddle styles of high jumping, and taller boys will take up hurdling.

To conclude the meeting, Boarders tugged County over the line in two straight pulls—the first a long one—to the delight of Air Vice-Marshal Shirley, C.B.E. It is a pleasure finally to congratulate ourselves that such a distinguished O.R. was with us to present the trophies, a task for which he was heartily thanked by R. L. Towner, Captain of School Athletics.

H.M.T.

### COCK HOUSE CUP.

AN interesting double struggle developed during the term, with County taking over the lead from Boarders and West moving above East into third place. This should give added zest to the competitions to be held in the Summer term. Scores to date:—

	B.	C.	E.	W.
Rugby ... ..	10	20	4	0
Boxing ... ..	10	1	1	5
Play ... ..	10	2	5	0
Gymnastics ... ..	20	10	4	0
Cross Country ... ..	2	10	0	5
Elocution ... ..	0	7½	2	7½
Athletics ... ..	15	15	0	4
Hockey ... ..	5	10	2	0
Chess ... ..	0	2	5	10
Totals ... ..	72	77½	23	31½

F.H.T.

### BOAT CLUB.

THE early half of the term was spent in tubbing the freshers and in moving tubs and fours for the Seniors. One eight, one four and tub were still being repaired at Oxford. It was not until a fortnight after half-term that we could proceed with the selection of a crew for the Head of the River. The value of the work in the fours was soon apparent, for trial crews settled into the eight remarkably readily.

Our first friendly against the Reading Blue Coat School and Alfred Sutton School over a mile on March 7th resulted in Alfred Sutton first by one length, Reading School beating Blue Boat by three-quarters of a length, in 5 mins. 15 secs. Considering our relative inexperience the result was encouraging.

The second friendly race against Alfred Sutton over a slightly longer course was rowed on March 14th. Alfred Sutton were held for the regatta course, but our comparative lack of stamina enabled them to draw away over the final 200 yards to win by two lengths.

The Head of the River Race showed the power and control of the School VIII over the first half of the course. A broken seat in the last mile rather upset the crew. Completing the race in 17 mins. 10 secs., our place was 93rd in the Shell Division and 118th out of 128 crews competing. Again this is encouraging.

G.W.

The success in forming an VIII in such a short time is largely due to the oaranship of G. Wanless, the Club Captain, ably backed up by Bell and Reynolds, and to the enthusiasm of the whole crew. We should also like to thank Mr. Couper for his invaluable coaching.

R.J.

### TABLE TENNIS.

THE Club was extremely active during the first half of the term, playing three matches. The first of these, against Stoneham School, resulted in a sound defeat, but this was reversed in a return fixture which the School won by a narrow margin. The other match was against Reading Blue Coat School and was won by a narrow margin, so avenging the defeat of the Michaelmas term.

After half-term the Club rather collapsed owing to the pressure of other activities.

B.J.B.

### C.C.F.

THIS term, as usual, a Pioneer Party camped out the night before Field Day. As the number in the party had increased to about thirty, the camp consisted of two large tents with a number of two-man tents dotted around a small area near Blackbushe Airport. This camp was situated, in fact, about four miles from the intended Field Day area, but this was unavoidable as Sandhurst cadets were doing overnight manoeuvres on the area. On Field Day itself the whole Corps eventually arrived at Old Dean Common, one of the few areas in the district which was not water-logged.

House Sections then prepared to contest for the Section Cup under the supervision of Captain Ivy, while the remainder of the Corps split into two Companies commanded by R.Q.M.S. Callan and C.S.M. Pocock, the former having a final fling before leaving School. Company schemes were carried out by these two forces during the rest of the day, with the usual tangles resulting.

At the end of term the usual examinations were held, with very satisfactory results. Twenty-five cadets took the Basic Test and they all passed, two gaining credits. There were fifteen candidates for the Proficiency Examination, and twelve of these were successful, Cadet Claydon winning the Field Cup.

*Passes in Basic.*—Cadets Andrews, D. G., Andrews, G. G., Bashford, Beer, Bendall, Bevitt, Burnish, Cousins, Cropp (with credit), Denton, Dowling, Druce, Gillings, Goffe, Hurlock, Liebmann, Lock, Morrison, Ormrod, Pellen, Thomas, D. D., Townson, White, Wicks (with credit), Wigmore.

*Passes in Proficiency.*—Cadets Claydon, Constable, Fryer, Hancock, Head, Hoffer, Jones, R. G., Lewis, Pilgrim, Polley, Prudhoe, Townsend.

#### SECTION CUP COMPETITION.

Result:—1st, County; 2nd, Boarders; 3rd, East; 4th, West.

C.S.M. S. POCOCK

### R.A.F. SECTION.

This term has not been a very exciting one for the Section. We have been classroom-bound preparing for Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency. It has, however, been a very successful term. Ward and Glover are both

going to Swansea this Easter for their flying scholarships. Scott [I. M.] Kaye and Jenkins will go to flying clubs during the summer. Congratulations and good flying to all five.

Field Day was a preview of the arduous training camp this Easter. The Section spent the day on a 13-mile map reading exercise, on which only one section nearly lost itself. A very full and interesting report was handed in by Cpl. Scott for the overnight party. This has been filed for future reference.

An arduous training has been arranged in conjunction with St. Bartholomew's School C.C.F. This exercise will be based at R.A.F. Tangmere and will last a week.

Cpl. Chippington has been selected for an "overseas flight" to Singapore. We shall be very interested to find out about this from him next term. P.J.M.

### SHOOTING CLUB.

THIS term has been one of mixed fortunes for the Club. In the matches fired under "Country Life" conditions we suffered from an inevitable lack of practice in firing rapid and snap, and low scores resulted. However, when firing under the more leisurely N.S.R.A. "Tin Hat" conditions we have more than held our own. S. P. Smith, Bulmer and Ridsdale have done especially well under these conditions.

Next term the Club will visit Bisley regularly and we shall be competing for the Ashburton Shield towards the end of the term. D.B.

#### RESULTS.

(Under "Country Life", less Landscape, Conditions. H.P.S. 800.)

- v. KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, TAUNTON, and FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE. February 18th.  
King's College School, 769; Framlingham College, 769; Reading School, 705.

(Under N.S.R.A. "Tin Hat" Conditions. H.P.S. 800.)

- v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL. February 4th.  
Bedford Modern School, 769; Reading School, 768.
- v. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NEWBURY. February 11th.  
Reading School, 763; St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, 737.
- v. SKINNER'S SCHOOL. March 4th.  
Reading School, 765; Skinner's School, 722.
- v. BRADFIELD COLLEGE. March 11th.  
Bradfield College, 782; Reading School, 763.

### SCOUT GROUP.

THE main activity this term has been the production of a concert to make the Annual General Meeting more attractive. After several weeks of somewhat shaky rehearsals, the whole Group brought out its best on the night, and the large audience of parents enjoyed a very good and varied night's entertainment.

Field Day was spent hiking over Blewbury Down. Although something misfired and the six participants failed to meet for lunch, the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A training camp for Third and Fourth formers is being held over Easter at Youlbury, near Oxford. This will be run by two Rovers.

Summer Camp will be held on the Isle of Arran, in Scotland, for a fortnight as soon as term ends. M.K.E.P.

### DEBATING SOCIETY.

It must first of all be admitted that the Debating Society has had an exceptionally good period during the last two or three years. Slowly, however, the good material at the top of the School has faded to reveal almost unrelieved dross in this year's Sixth Form. Yet it would be a crime if "cultural" societies were to fade into obscurity in a School such as ours. The responsibility for the avoidance of this lies in the hands of the Upper School.

The term's debates have been of a high standard, both the speakers from the paper and the floor maintaining continuity of thought and fluency, virtues certainly not attained by the girls' school with whom we debate. The first motion was proposed by A. B. Pinniger and opposed by P. Badham, it being appropriately enough that "This House would not go to church on Sundays or on any other day of the week". It was lost by 7 votes to 13, with 4 abstentions.

The second motion, in a joint debate with Queen Anne's School, was that "This House disapproves of higher education for women", proposed by I. C. N. Toole and opposed by Miss Katherine Atchley. The voting was: Ayes 16, Noes 18, with 2 abstentions.

The Annual Parents' Debate was held on March 16th at 6.30 p.m., when Dr. Gillings proposed that "This House thinks that History is Bunk". He was opposed by V. C. Lucas, Esq., and the voting resulted in a defeat for the proposition by 13 votes to 24, with 3 abstentions.

During the term I. W. O. House was elected Junior Ordinary Member in succession to I. R. Callan, O.R. C.J.H.

#### Debating Society Characters, 1960-61.

HOILE. His period of office as Hon. Sec. has been marked by his most entertaining minutes. He has also delighted the House with his terse epigrammatic style.

THOMAS. S.O.M. Has been a source of strength both in committee and in debate. He has continued to develop as a useful speaker on most subjects.

- HOUSE. J.O.M. Combines wit and learning with a profound grasp of the issues involved, and has been at all times a source of stimulation and interest.
- BADHAM. Has developed into a fluent and at times amusing speaker. Is now one of the characters of the Society.
- GILLMAN. A serious and intense debater who has steadily gained in confidence.
- BACON. A mature and effective speaker with a good forthright delivery.
- CALLAN. Ex-J.O.M. One of our most distinguished speakers, he has been notable for the lucidity and depth of his thinking.
- PINNIGER. A prominent member of the Society, he has distinguished himself on a number of occasions. He has plenty of self-confidence and has the makings of a true lawyer.
- TOOLE. A rather hesitant approach suggests that we have not yet seen him at his best. With more confidence he should prove a mature and polished speaker.
- CADDY. Ex-S.O.M. Added a touch of quality to all debates. Possessed a pleasing and fluent style of delivery.

### SEEKERS.

AGAIN we have had another successful term; papers this term have drawn small but select audiences and the standard of speaking has usually been high. It is sad not to see more at our meetings but one supposes that the mass entertainments provided by the television act as a counter-attraction. We have also been unfortunate in having two speakers withdraw at the last moment, thus leaving, in one case, an annoying gap in the programme.

The Secretary, because the prospective speaker had withdrawn, read the first paper of the term; he was secretly pleased to be afforded the opportunity to talk about *Dylan Thomas*. This was followed by R. S. Tyler, who delved into the recesses of the subconscious in his outline of the *Effects of Drugs on the Mind*. C. M. Allies, in a paper on *The Druids*, successfully attempted to remove the misconceptions about the Druidic theory and practice. The last meeting of the term was held on new ground and although few members were present, it afforded a paper on *J. S. Mill* of outstanding excellence read by I. W. O. House.

It is hoped that next term will bring new recruits to the Society and it would also be gratifying to see again those who used to come before. We look forward with due optimism, therefore, to the coming term and hope that the Society will continue "to change the pebbles of our puddly thought to orient pearls".  
R.G.T.

### PHOENIX SOCIETY.

THIS term, although shorter than usual, has seen five good papers given for the Society. Attendances have fluctuated a great deal, but on the whole they were better than last term.

The first paper was given by Fisher on *The Parthenon*. In the absence of our usual Chairman, J. Periton, Esq., J. Couper, Esq., chaired the meeting.

Yeomans followed a week later with a paper on *Railway Modernisation*, well illustrated with diagrams and magazine articles. The detail was overwhelming; Yeomans spent a long time describing merely the interior of the new blue diesel pullman trains.

Further on in the term G. D. Wood gave a paper about *Cock Fighting*. The meeting turned into a heated debate as to whether or not cock-fighting is cruel. Anyone who heard the paper and had ideas about restarting the sport was supplied with details about the best food to give the cocks.

On March 6th Lawrence gave his talk on *The Argonauts*, which he illustrated with a large map. It was regretted that few people attended this excellent paper.

A week later Allison stepped in after three days' notice to give an unscheduled paper on *Occupied Guernsey*, since Piercey could not give his one. At the time of going to press we still have Piercey's paper on *Printing* to come, and Wick's paper, *Easter Island*, will be given next term.

We hope Third and Fourth formers and members of 51, 52 and 53 will continue to give their support to the Society.

C.B.B., *Hon. Sec.*

### MUSIC SOCIETY.

THE highlight of this term's musical activity has been the end-of-term concert. This particular concert marked the beginning of a new era for Reading School. Until seven years ago there was the Opera; for the last seven years there has been the Concert. But now we seem to have achieved a perfect marriage between these two factions, and Concert and Opera have emerged together. It is evident that to make a success of such a project needs a tremendous amount of hard work; but this work was readily forthcoming and directed by Mr. Burrow and Mr. Terry the Society has undoubtedly achieved great success.

The first half of the programme took the form of an hour's recital. The items in this part, however, were not the same every evening, but this did serve to keep the performers on their toes when otherwise interest might have flagged towards the end of the week. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Wind Quintet, now a familiar ensemble in school concerts, performed a work by Danzi and a divertimento by Mozart with vigour and obvious enjoyment. On Friday and Saturday the clarinetist, who had absconded to Paris taking the music with him, was replaced by Mr. Dingle, who joined the quintet in two different works by Mozart. Colyer and James, who seem almost inseparable where school concerts are concerned, combined in a sympathetic performance of the slow movement of Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante*, and later, with Mr. Hart playing second violin, they played a Terzetto by Dvorak. Recorders are slowly creeping back into Reading School and they found

their way into this concert by means of Haydn's Divertimento for recorder trio. This was played rhythmically and brightly by Robson, Bacon, Knott, Moran, Emerson and Falinski. The oboe quartet of Karl Hanitz, in which Mr. Slaney was the visiting cellist, appeared in turn in the programme with Grieg's violin sonata which was played admirably by Colyer.

Gilbert and Sullivan's opera *Trial by Jury* was of course a great success. An account of this will be found elsewhere.

At last an effort is being made to bring music to the School Chapel. Following last term's performance of Purcell's music for the funeral of Queen Mary, the Madrigal Choir sang Purcell's Benedicite on the first Sunday in Lent at the morning service. Once again the standard was high and this difficult work was performed with precision and feeling. On Ash Wednesday, during break a small section of the same choir sang Tallis' five-part Litany, which made a pleasant change from the normal custom of saying the Litany.

In order to improve the general standard of singing in the Chapel, Mr. Griffin has kindly undertaken to rehearse the trebles separately every Wednesday evening, while Mr. Burrow holds a full Boarders' choir practice on Fridays.

It is always an admirable thing for the Arts to combine and to present the various mediums of expression together. This was done on Palm Sunday, when Mr. Couper, Mr. Burrow and Mr. Harrison produced jointly a Meditation on the Passion of Christ in poetry, music and painting. A small choir sang anthems by Bach, Purcell, Gibbons, Hilton and various other unknown gentlemen from the Dark Ages, which were interspersed between readings by Thomas, Hoile and Utley. Mr. Harrison and R. H. Stuckey had painted some fine scenes on the subject and these were hung either side of the altar where they set the tone for the poetry and music. The overall result was excellent and it was decided that the performance should be repeated on the last day of term.

This term twenty-two boys took the Associated Board Instrumental Examinations, and two were examined in General Musicianship. Mr. Griffin has introduced the latter in an effort to produce good all-round musicians rather than instrumentalists who play notes without having any basic knowledge of the subject.

Halfway through the term a party of fifteen boys went to a concert in the Royal Festival Hall, where they heard the first performance in this country of Benjamin Britten's Cantata Academica.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. A. E. Milward most sincerely for the very generous gift he has made to the Music Society in the memory of Mr. Leslie H. Towner. He has always been very generous to the Society and we do appreciate his generosity very deeply. It is planned to use the donation to start a fund for a good Bechstein piano, something which the School needs very badly.

A.L.K.

### CHRISTIAN UNION.

THIS term the Senior Christian Union has devoted itself to a study of the relationships between religion and morality. Its discussions have been

well attended. An Open Meeting was held on March 28th, when Mr. Hoyland, of the Executive Committee of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, tried to convince us that nuclear disarmament was a Christian's duty.

The Middle School Union has paid particular attention to the Bible in its discussions, which have been stimulating and informative. Four speakers from outside gave diverse and interesting talks. Father Donnelly tried to explain the Romanist cult of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Rev. D. E. Rowland warned us against the pernicious doctrines of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Through the eyes of the Rev. Dewi Rhys we saw the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and the Rev. E. Cove showed us a film giving some impressions of Christianity in Japan.

The activities of the Junior Section have also been quite varied. The Rev. E. Carr was our first speaker this term; his subject was "The Creation". Other speakers were Mr. R. I. V. Fisher, O.R., who answered our question, "Why go to Church?"; Rev. G. Diggle, who talked about the Garden of Eden, and Rev. Huchisson, who gave us a very informative lecture on "The Missions to Seamen". In between these meetings we have held several discussions and to end the term we held a Brains Trust with R. S. Tyler, P. B. L. Badham and R. L. Towner as the "brains".

P.B.L.B., D.R.G.

### C.E.W.C.

As usual three meetings have been held this term. At the first our President, Sir John Wolfenden, spoke on the meaning and importance of "World Citizenship", which seemed to imply to him not a centralized world government but an international harmony of nations.

To celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the foundation of C.E.W.C. an all-day Conference on "Commonwealth Relations" was held at Kendrick School on Saturday, February 18th. The morning speaker was Vincent Harlow, Esq., Beit Professor of Commonwealth History at Oxford. He gave us a fascinating talk. This was followed by a film showing how Commonwealth countries can help one another, and illustrating the Colombo plan. In the afternoon T. R. H. Creighton, Esq., a well-known author and broadcaster, gave us a challenging talk on Africa's relationship to the Commonwealth. A large number of the School were able to attend the Conference and take part in the discussions.

The last meeting was held on March 17th. Mr. Fenner Brockway, M.P. for Eton and Slough, gave a talk on "Africa and the United Nations", with especial reference to events in South Africa and the Congo.

Bradfield College and Wellington College were welcomed to the Council. Next term Lord David Cecil and Earl Attlee will speak on topics as yet unknown.

D.L.T.

A.B.P.

### C.E.W.C. DISCUSSION GROUP.

This term we have ranged far and wide, though remaining in the same room. We have groaned with P. A. Rado at the loss of Nubian monuments and discussed Socialism in abstractions with R. G. Thomas; at

the third meeting we criticised H. W. Berry's scheme for taking nine subjects at Advanced level; M. Morel valiantly attempted to explain French politics, and finally F. R. Terry demonstrated the folly and immorality of Apartheid.

What sort of education would be provided in your ideal society? Have we at present too much specialisation? Is South Africa's resignation from the Commonwealth a serious precedent for intrusion in the internal affairs of a member-country? Does it herald the breaking-up of this unique community of nations? Are the Nubian monuments more important than the new dam? Is our heritage from the past more important than the maintenance of lives of low quality? Who will succeed de Gaulle? Is there no foreseeable end to the history of recurrent French revolutions? What are the prospects for an early settlement of the Algerian problem? What are the basic tenets of Marxism? Can it work in practice, or is too idealistic, utopian?

These and many others are the questions asked and answered by the School's most informal and lively-minded society. I.W.O.H.

### CHESS CLUB.

FEW School matches have been played this term and in those that were played we could never field our strongest team, owing to examinations and other activities. Against the University we sustained our heaviest defeat for a long time, and our only success of the term was against Kendrick School. A very interesting simultaneous match was played against the Head Master, but we were again convincingly beaten.

In the Berks and Bucks Shield Competition we have reached the fourth round, owing to the fact that we received a bye in the first round and our opponents in the other two rounds withdrew.

#### 1st VI Results.

Ranelagh School	...	...	...	Away	...	Drew	3 -3
The Head Master	...	...	...	Home	...	Lost	5 -1
Kendrick School	...	...	...	Away	...	Won	5½ - ½
Reading University 2nd VI	...	...	...	Away	...	Lost	6 -0

#### Result of House Competition.

1st, West    2nd, East    3rd, County    4th, Boarders

S.P.

### ELOCUTION COMPETITION.

THE pieces set for this year's Elocution Competition, although shorter than those last year, presented many more difficulties. The Junior Section of the competition was won by East, Pearson of that House being the individual winner. East also won the 2nd Team Section, again providing the winner, this time in Lovett. However, by coming fourth in the Senior

Competition they lost their initial advantage and County's win here put them first equal with West in the overall result. Colyer was the individual winner in this section. C.J.H.

### ORPHEUS SOCIETY.

THE pre-Christmas carol singing outings raised £7: the Save the Children Fund was obviously very pleased with the donation and is still inundating the Hon. Sec. with leaflets and magazines.

In the Lent term three meetings were held. The two record programmes featured concertos by Mozart and symphonies by Sibelius and Shostakovich: the last meeting, at Kendrick, was "live", taking the form of an informal recital in which Orpheus performers entertained Orpheus listeners.

Miss Olive Hayward has given her support to the Society since taking over Miss Groombridge's post at Kendrick, but membership this term has not been as good as this Society deserves.

Orpheus members will be meeting again at the Royal Festival Hall on April 12th, when the National Youth Orchestra gives its Easter Concert. P.W.J.

### JAZZ CLUB.

REGULAR meetings have been held this term, and we hope, despite the ominous threat of exams, to continue in the Summer term. Unfortunately we were unable to obtain tickets for the *Ella Fitzgerald* concerts in London, but during the Easter vacation parties are going to concerts by *Mahalia Jackson* and *Thelonius Monk*.

In Reading this term we have had a wide range of jazz events to choose from. Reading Jazz Club, which regularly features top British jazz bands, held the first all-night Jazz Ball in Reading, the first full-length film devoted to jazz, "*Jazz on a Summer's Day*", was shown in Reading in January. Two new jazz clubs are shortly to open in the area, and a course on jazz appreciation is being run in the town. Boys from the School are to be seen occasionally at most of these events. Meanwhile, in School we remain in relative obscurity at the top of South House, meeting every Tuesday from 1.45 to 2.25 p.m. All those who are really interested in jazz are welcomed.

R.S.T.

I.D.S.

### SING SONG.

WALAH! In the name of the unnameable, surprised I was to a considerable distance when, on an eve in March, I carried myself to the School for boys near the Royal Berkshire Hospital, to view a dramatised vision of our for-ever-so-long-remembered "Thousand and One Nights". But oh, peace be to us all, it was a strange vision.

In the beginning many interesting boys (who were, I was told, the school perfects) sang a most stirring song about a flowery 'at, red in Genesis. The political implications were reactionary, but the tune enough oriental to appease to me.

After that, things grew even stranger for a stranger. There were three people called Triards who made more music. Some of it was about a colander girl and there was a derangement of an American lullaby with all the lull taken out. As most of the perfects and monistors were busy that night, these three were later joined by a pair of strolling twins called Higsmith.

Then there was much talk of someone selling matches in a field. This field, it seemed, really belonged to a secret society called Emsisi and figured in the colleges of St. John. The mysticism grew even deeper when one hidden persuader spoke in many voices, the uninhabited stage being decorated by a box-bearing table only. As the hour grew later we were left quite in the dark while disembodied voices chanted round what was left of a military corpse. Further bedtime stories were provided by a four-headed third former, a four-legged boarder called MacToole and a beshawled ghoul who sang on a graveyard.

More music was fifthcoming; some exciting electronic movements from some brigands and other pieces more classified. The water music and the chamber music became confused, but there was a pretty operatic piece about a historical man who carolled of trials he hoped to share and a Boy Scout who sang "On with the motley". Some of this had been written by a big man who walked slowly across the stage many times during the evening.

After the end I bethought myself that much toil had been done by not many, and that more would have been merrier. Howsomever, the evening had been very closely gay, and I had gleaned much invaluable material for my thesis on the English System of Schooling.

### GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY.

THE Gramophone Society forges ahead. In the short space of this term we have increased our membership by 50 per cent and a fourth member is promised for next term.

Unfortunately other societies, whose fixtures are unalterable, have clashed with the usual Thursday meetings and it has had to be altered to Monday at 4.15 p.m. During the term the works we have played have varied somewhat but have been restricted to the symphonic form.

S.R.C.J.

### FRANCO-GERMAN SOCIETY.

AT the first meeting of the term Miss M. Coate, the Secretary of the Franco-British Society, gave a talk entitled "France and her Problems". The main topic was Algeria, but many of France's internal problems were

also explained. At the second meeting a selection of films about Germany was shewn. They all illustrated aspects of German life and art. At both meetings the support received was encouraging; but new members are always welcome.

P.R.H.

### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

ANOTHER very average term. We have had the usual number of specimens, which were examined and discussed with interest. We showed a film on fresh-water life and also a "movie".

The outdoor work has been somewhat curtailed but the recent violent weather fluctuations have enabled members to make some interesting insect observations.

Next term we hope to have several displays for Parents' Day, and also to produce another copy of "Rana", the Society's magazine. S.R.C.J.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

THE Society's cameras have again been active at all the major events in the School's calendar, from the Long Run to the Sing Song. A number of pictures of the School and its activities have also been taken and submitted for inclusion in the new prospectus.

Through the generosity of Mr. Timms the Society has been able to venture into the realms of colour photography, and has done so with considerable success. A series of transparencies of the School were exposed, and exhibited, although not to the best advantage, with other examples of the Society's work at the end of term.

Attendances at the weekly meetings have been sufficient to keep all the equipment in full employment, and the general standard of work has been high.

H.P.W.

### ELECTRONICS SOCIETY.

THE Society has had another very active term. Members have gained valuable experience in the construction of diverse electronic apparatus.

One of the highlights of the term was a lecture given by two representatives of Ampex Ltd. on the subject of "Recording". They treated the subject historically. A recorded demonstration showed us how recordings of music have improved over the years.

We were surprised to learn of the vast number of applications of the tape recorder in Industry. The lecture finished with a recording of a full orchestra on tape and a playing back in all the realism of stereo. It was an excellent lecture and we hope the lecturers will return to talk to us again in the future.



We also received an invitation by Messrs. Smiths Ltd. to conduct a party of boys around their works at Cheltenham. Six boys are going in May.

As usual the Society will not be meeting during the Summer term, but I hope the members of the Society will keep their interest in electronics alive.

Once again the Society would like to thank Messrs. M. C. Savage and R. Liddington for their invaluable assistance during the term.

D.A.W.

## CHEMISTRY SOCIETY.

As the President predicted last term, enthusiasm has waned. This necessitated holding meetings at fortnightly intervals.

S. Karlish began the term with "Aspirin". After discussing its nature, he produced a white substance which he maintained was aspirin.

J. Yeomans again read a paper on "Hydrogen and Oxygen". Although his experiments were not as spectacular as his previous ones, he succeeded in preparing ozone.

"The Colour-Toning of Photographs" by the Vice-President, Mr. Hardman, was quite well attended. Photographs were produced in a variety of hues.

The highlight of the term was the visit by Dr. F. Morgan, of the U.K.A.E.A., to give a lecture on the upper atmosphere. He described the equipment used to carry delicate instruments to a height of 20 miles, and the methods for their recovery.

At very short notice the Chairman, M. Baron, read an interesting paper on "Nitrogen Compounds in Everyday Life".

R. Cox followed this with "Coal Gas", during which some of the coal gas he was preparing escaped and ignited.

As next term is the Summer term there will be no regular meetings, but it may be possible to arrange a trip after the examinations.

M.D.B.  
M.R.B.

## HOUSE NOTES.

### BOARDERS.

THE term started well for Boarders with a victory in the Gymnastics Competition. As we got further into the term it became evident that the new hockey system was not to our advantage. The House, having eight School 1st XI players and five School 2nd XI players, found itself not allowed to field two or three of its best players in any House team. We managed finally to gain second place in the competition. D. J. Foster and G. M. Goddard, were awarded School Hockey Colours; Kaye, M. P., and Mossman, P. J., their Representative Colours.

As Boarders seem unable to do well in the Cross Country Competition the recent partition of the Athletics and Cross Country did not benefit

the House. Having convincingly won the Senior and Junior sections of the Athletics, we were rather surprised to learn that we had only come first equal with County.

It seems inevitable that we shall come third or last in the Chess, even though some matches have yet to be played.

The addition of "Trial by Jury" to the Music Society Concert gave Boarders a chance to show that even if they do not like chamber music they can still sing.

Congratulations to R. F. Field on his appointment to School Prefect; R. G. Thomas on gaining a place at St. John's College, Oxford, and J. R. Oldland on his patiently awaited and well deserved exhibition at Queen's College, Oxford.

P.J.M.

## COUNTY.

THIS term we have consolidated our position in the Cock House Cup and have in fact overhauled Boarders, and now occupy first place. This in itself is extremely encouraging, although we must strive even harder in the Summer Term to maintain this position.

Cross Country received independent standing for the first time and became a separate 10-point activity this term. Here County gained a most impressive success, winning all three sections of the competition. I cannot praise the Captain, Staunton (N. P.), too highly for the way he has organised the practices and I am glad to see his hard work has been so richly rewarded. R. L. Towner (third) and M. D. Smith (fourth) led home a strong County contingent in the 1st Team and both were awarded School Cross Country Colours. Patience (G.) won the 2nd Team competition and with four County in the first ten we were again assured of first place. The Colts, too, showed that Cross Country is a team competition by packing three runners in the first five to win their section. Smith [P. J.] was individually second, Bunting third and Higgs fourth. Scott, G. B. B., and Wright, D. M., were awarded School Representative Cross Country Colours, and House Colours were awarded to R. L. Towner, M. D. Smith, Scott, G. B. B., Wright, D. M., Staunton (N. P.), Patience (G.) and Hall (A. G.).

In the Gymnastics Competition any faint hopes of coming first were dashed when the Colts team came a resounding last. They possessed some ability but attended few practices, and so what potential they had remained dormant. The surprise team perhaps were the 2nds, who showed no mean gymnastic talent and won their section of the competition handsomely. Bartle was individually second and Patience third. In the 1sts the team as a whole could not match the individual brilliance of Caplin, F. J., and as expected came second. Caplin is to be congratulated on winning the competition and on an excellent display of vaulting and mat-work. Thomas (H. R.), Pigg (C. A.) and Towner (R. L.) were awarded House Gymnastic Colours. The Juniors were similarly placed with Bull, a First Former winning individually.

The Athletics Competition was a little disappointing and provided several shocks, although we eventually came first equal. In the Senior

section we did not win a single event as a team and were very fortunate to beat East. R. L. Towner repeated his success of last year by winning the Senior sprints and the long jump. The Colts, however, performed magnificently by winning four of the team events, although still recording only one individual victory. Cropp and Bennett were first and second in the 100 yards, and Bunting, Weaver, Mair and Wigmore were second in their respective events. The baton-changing in the relays was excellent and provided victories in both, the 3×220 yards being a new School record. Well done!

The Juniors came second to Boarders and would have won but for a poor Standards result. Stevenson won two events and with good support from Vine and Windeatt we won the 100 yards and long jump. Langley (second in the javelin) and Salter (second in the 440 yards) showed unexpected talents and, as in the Colts, we won both relays, the 3×220 yards again in record time. Representative School Athletic Colours were awarded to Langford, J. F., and House Colours to Thomas (H. R.) and Langford, J. F.

Congratulations to all members of the House Hockey teams on winning the competition outright. The 1st Team, which came second to Boarders, was expertly led by D. O. Lodrick, who received good backing from Hill (R. P.), Burns, P. S., and Caplin (F. J.). Those and Langford (J. F.) were awarded House Colours. The Senior "A" team won their section, and the Colts, ably led by Debenham, also finished in first place.

After a disappointing start by the Junior and 2nd Teams in the Elocution, the 1st Team won their section outright, which gave us an overall position of first equal. Congratulations to Colyer (R. S.) on winning the competition, and to Utley (D.) and White (S. C.) on the award of their House Elocution Initials.

We have won the Section Cup and are now in a good tactical position.

During the term D. Utley was appointed a School Prefect and Langford, J. F., a School Monitor. R.L.T.

#### EAST.

DURING the Lent term the House has enjoyed only mediocre success, and it is only thanks to the individual efforts of certain members of the Senior School that the House has been kept on its feet.

In the Gymnastics Competition it is clear that our strength lay in the lower half of the School, where the Middle School did particularly well to win their section of the competition. In the Senior School, though the all-round standard was higher than in previous years, the result was a disappointing third place. It is apparent that the House has neither the enthusiasm nor the ability to do well in the Long Run, and but for the splendid achievement of certain individuals such as K. C. Brown, who came second in the whole competition and was awarded School and House Colours, and F. J. Stamp, who came seventh in the Senior competition, the contribution from the rest of the House was poor. House Colours were awarded to P. E. J. Lovett, F. J. Stamp and R. G. Rowe.

The same may be said about the Athletics as of the other activities this term. Our overall position of fourth place was due largely to the lack of numbers in the Senior, yet there were some good individual achievements in the Senior School from K. C. Brown, second in the mile, B. J. Bartholomew, second in the half-mile, and A. L. Knott, first in the hurdles. School Colours were awarded to B. J. Bartholomew, Representative Colours to Mills, R. E., and House Colours to Berry (H. W.), Knott (A. L.) and Munday (D. A.).

In the Hockey we were again hampered by small numbers, and gained third place in the competition. House Colours were awarded to Gillman (D. R.), Bacon (R. W.), Rowe (R. G.), Price-Jones (H. V.) and Thomas (D. L.).

The final House position in the Elocution Competition was a great disappointment and can only be explained by the total failure of the Senior team after the Junior team of Pearson, Sales and Falinski had gained first, second and third places respectively, and the second team of Lovett, Terry and Knott had gained first, third and fourth places. House Elocution Initials were awarded to T. E. J. Lovett.

During this term R. W. Bacon became a School Prefect, and G. J. Wanless and D. R. Gillman became School Monitors. G. J. Wanless was also awarded the Royal Scholarship for Chemical Engineering at the Imperial College of Science and Technology. Congratulations also to R. E. Mills upon his appointment as Captain of School Cricket. We are sorry to have to part with our Vice-Captain, B. J. Bartholomew, who is going to St. Luke's College, Exeter. He has been invaluable as an organiser of many of the activities in the House, and we wish his successor, A. L. Knott, the best of luck in his new office. D.L.T.

#### WEST.

THIS term has been quite successful for the House. We have won the Chess and came first equal in the Elocution Competition, but rather disappointingly we could only come second in the Cross Country. The Athletics left one with mixed feelings: pride when Shepherd won the mile and the half-mile with contemptuous ease, and broke the record for the latter, and when Dipper [R.] broke the record for the Colts half-mile; then disappointment when, despite our winning most of the silverware on display, we came fourth overall. It is worth noting, however, that our Senior section was to all intents and purposes composed entirely of Fifth and Sixth formers. This at least augurs well for the next few years.

Long overdue congratulations to I. W. O. House on winning the Sir Thomas White Scholarship at St. John's College, Oxford; to House and Judd, D. P., on being made School Monitors; to Robson, J. G., on his appointment as a School Prefect; to D. M. Shepherd on the award of School Athletic and Cross Country Colours, to Civil, T. J., on the award of Representative Cross Country Colours, and to Dale, J. R., on the award of Representative Athletic Colours; also to hosts of House Colours and Initials who will have to be content with putting them down some day in their valets.

Looking back, a most successful three months whose positive results will have to be bettered next term if we are to be certain of beating East in the relegation zone of the Cock House tables.  
C.J.H.

### AVETE.

ANDREWS, C. R.	E	62	Jan. '61
BURNISH, R. F. G.	W	41	Jan. '61
GREENHALGH, W. F. N.	W	30	Mar. '61
SMITH, J. L.	E	64	Jan. '61

### VALETE.

BARTHOLOMEW, B. J.; 75; E; Sept. '53-Mar. '61; Sch. Prefect '60-'61; Vice-Capt. East Hse. '60-'61; Hse. Comm. '59-'61; G.C.E. (Ord.) '58, (Adv.) '60; Rugger, Sch. U/15 XV '55, Hse. 1st XV '57-'60; Athletics, Hon. Sec. Sch. Athletics '61, Capt. Hse. Athletics '61, Sch. Triang. Team '56-'59, '61, Sch. Cols. '61, Hse. Team '54-'61, Hse. Cols. '59; Cricket, Sch. 2nd XI '58-'59, Hse. 1st XI '57-'60, Hse. Cols. '60; Table Tennis, Hon. Sec. '60-'61, Sch. Team '60-'61; Gymnastics, Hse. Capt. '60-'61, Hse. Team '54-'61, Hse. Cols. '59; X-Country., Hse. Team '57-'58, '61; Rly. Enth. Soc., Hon. Sec. '59-'60; Mus. Soc. '60-'61, Sch. Choir '54, Male Voice Choir '60; Variety Soc. '61; Entrance to St. Luke's Coll., Exeter.

BOGIE, J. A.; 2C; E; Sept. '59-Mar. '61.

CALLAN, I. R.; 75; C; Sept. '54-Feb. '61; Sch. Prefect '60-'61; Hse. Comm. '59-'61; G.C.E. (Ord.) '58, '59, (Adv.) '59, '60; Butler Essay Prize '59; C.C.F., W.O. II, R.Q.M.S., Cert. 'A' Pt. II '57, 1st Class Shot, Hse. Platoon '55-'60, Commander '60, Hse. Section '56-'59, Commander '59; Rugger, Sch. 3rd XV '58-'59, Hse. 1st XV '59; Hockey, Sch. 1st XI '61, Hse. 1st XI '60-'61, Hse. Cols. '61; Athletics, Hse. Team '60; Cricket, Hse. Jnr. XI '54; Tennis, Hse. Team '60; Elocution, Hse. Capt. '60-'61, Hse. 1st Team '59-'60, Hse. Inits. '61; Deb. Soc. '57-'61, Char. '60, J.O.M. '61; A.L. '58-'60; Seekers '59-'61, Inits. '60; Dram. Soc., Hse. Capt. '59-'61, Sch. Play '58; Poetry Soc. '58-'60; Music, Hse. Music Comp. Essay Winner '59; Franco-German '59-'60; Variety Soc. '59; Orpheus Soc. '60-'61; C.E.W.C. '59; Entrance to University College, Oxford.

THOMAS, R. G.; 75; SH; Sept. '54-Mar. '61; Sch. Prefect '60-'61; Vice-Capt. Sth. Hse. '60-'61; Hse. Comm. '60-'61; G.C.E. (Ord.) '59, (Adv.) '60, State Schol. '60; C.C.F., Cpl., Cert. 'A' Pt. II '58, 1st Class Shot; Scouts '56-'58, 2nd Class Badge '57; Rugger, Sch. 2nd XV '59-'60, Hse. 1st XV '60, Hse. Cols. '60; Cricket, Sch. U/15 XI '57, Hse. 2nd XI '58-'60; Athletics, Hse. Team '60-'61; Rowing, Capt. Hse. Rowing '60-'61, Sch. 1st VIII '61; Boxing, Hse. Team '54-'55, '59; Swimming, Hse. Jnr. Team '56; Seekers, Hon. Sec. '60-'61, Inits. '60; Orpheus Soc. '59-'61; Mus. Soc. '55; Nat. Hist. Soc. '54; Poetry Soc. '60; Franco-German Soc. '55-'56; Elocution, Hse. Team '61, Hse. Inits. '61; C.E.W.C. '59-'61; Entrance to St. John's College, Oxford.

WHITE, S. C.; 74; C; Sept. '57-Mar. '61; Sch. Prefect '60; Exec. Comm. '60; Vice-Capt. County Hse. '60-'61, Hse. Comm. '58-'61; G.C.E. (Ord.) '58, '59, (Adv.) '60; Rugger, Sch. 1st XV '59-'60, Reps. '59, Hse. 1st XV '57-'60, Hse. Cols. '58; Cricket, Hse. 2nd XI '58-'59; Athletics, Triang. Team '60, Reps. '60, Hse. Team '59-'61, Hse. Cols. '60; Rowing, 1st VIII '61; Gymnastics, Hse. Team '60-'61; Chess, Sch. U/15 Team '58, Hse. Team '59-'60; Elocution, Hse. Capt. '61, Hse. 1st Team '60-'61, Inits. '61; Music, Hse. Capt. '58-'60, Hse. Team '58-'60, Inits. '59; Deb. Soc. '59-'61; Music Soc. '57-'61, Comm. '58-'61; Seekers, '60-'61; Orpheus Soc. '59-'61, Hon. Sec. '60; Variety Soc. '59-'61; Entrance to St. John's College, Oxford.

WHITTAM, J. R.; 1B; SH; Sept. '60-Mar. '61; Junior C.U. '60-'61; Art Club '60-'61.

## O.R. SECTION.

### BIRTHS.

On February 12th, 1961, to Barbara (*nee* Rushin) and W. G. Gillow—a daughter (Rita).

On February 18th, 1961, to Dorothy and D. J. Platt—a son (John Christopher).

On February 28th, 1961, to Alex and E. A. Robson—a son (Dean Edward).

On March 19th, 1961, to Ruby (*nee* Hardy) and F. Lacey—a daughter (Kathryn Margaret).

### MARRIAGES.

On February 1st, 1961, at St. Nicholas, Rotherfield Greys, Oxon, Benjamin Richard Salter to Katinka Bratt.

On March 4th, 1961, at St. Thomas, Southborough, Kent, Keith Paterson Annand, R.A.F., to Janet Mary Shields

On March 11th, 1961, at St. Laurence, Reading, John Albert Thompson to Marilyn Gail Akhurst.

On March 18th, 1961, at Holy Trinity, Theale, David Terence Wynn Bryant to Sheila May Harrison.

On March 18th, 1961, at St. Thomas, Rhyl, N. Wales, David F. F. Evans to Patricia M. Steele.

On March 25th, 1961, at St. Bartholomew, Reading, Brian Parsons to Pauline Enid Buckley.

On March 25th, 1961, at St. Mary, Shinfield, Keith Searle to Sheila Philp.

On March 25th, 1961, at Trinity Congregational Church, Reading, Geoffrey Charles Tong to Dianne Bartholomew.

On March 25th, 1961, at St. Mary, Wedmore, Somerset, Michael Anthony Totman to June Margaret Breach.

### O.R. NEWS.

#### The Services.

R. WHITTAM has been promoted Wing Commander, R.A.F.

G. D. S. JERROLD (1952-56) is at Dartmouth.

J. B. HICKEY (1953-59) is a T.A. officer in the Royal Engineers.

P. H. L. JONES (1952-57) has passed out of Sandhurst and been posted to the Intelligence Corps.

#### Imperial and Foreign.

E. M. HALL (1928-35) has been having talks with the Colonial Secretary about the future of East African Civil Servants.

B. G. J. UPTON (1941-51) has been elected a Fullbright Scholar in Geology for research at the California Institute of Technology.

M. M. HARLING recently visited England on a short holiday. He is a Rehabilitation Officer with the Canadian Paraplegic Association at Fredericton, New Brunswick.

**Sport.**

C. A. SCROGGS (1952-59) rowed at 7 in the St. John's boat that went Head of the River in the Torpids.

D. N. DOMINY (1947-56) played scrum-half for Corpus v. Brasenose in the final of the Rucker "Cuppers" at Oxford last term.

A. N. BOYDELL (1951-58) (Thames R.C.), N. A. HALL (1941-47), R. C. HUNT (1945-50), P. C. LINGE (1943-45), W. E. LUNN (1951-58) (all Reading R.C.) and J. R. STEVENS (1952-59) (Reading University B.C.) rowed in the Head of the River Race from Mortlake to Putney last March.

B. J. BAMFORD (1948-52) won the P.G.A. closed championship at Richmond and was selected to represent England in the forthcoming Canada Cup competition.

**Examination Successes.**

KIM GUDGIN (1954-58) has passed the Entrance Examination for the University of New Zealand. He is a Queen's Scout and is training to be a land surveyor.

News has been received of two of our Scottish contingent:—

J. H. NEIGHBOUR (1948-56) has come down from St. Andrew's with an M.A. in Psychology and Political Economy. He is now reading for a Ph.D. at Birkbeck College, London.

M. R. SMITH (1947-56) has also come down with an M.A. He read Modern and Mediaeval History and is now taking a Dip. Ed. at Nottingham.

D. R. HILL (1946-57), Jesus College, Oxford—Class II, 1st Public Examination, Theology.

*At Reading University.*

A. D. BULL (1946-57)—Pt. I, Final B.Sc. (Agricultural Economics).

T. BUCKNELL (1951-59)—1st University Examination, Agriculture.

T. N. CRISP (1945-54)—Class II, Division 2, Diploma of Technology, Mechanical Engineering. He is with Jaguar Cars Ltd.

R. J. OVER (1949-54) has passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. D. A. BUNTING (1953-58) and J. R. WEBB (1952-58) have also passed the Intermediate Examination.

**Miscellaneous.**

The Reverend J. W. E. BROWN (1926-32) has been appointed Vicar of Widcombe-in-the-Moor, Devon.

Our former President, Major-General D. T. COWAN (1907-14), has resigned his commission as a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Devon. He has recently moved to Hampshire.

Dr. C. R. de C. SADLER (1910-14) has been made a K.St.J.

M. J. A. L. JERROLD (1948-55) is Physical Education and Maths. Master at the Royal Wanstead School.

P. B. MARR (1948-53) is teaching at the Reading Blue Coat School. He is also organist at St. Giles-in-Reading.

M. J. OAKLEY (1944-54) is lecturing at a London Technical College.

R. M. D. DAVIES (1927-35) is once again in the political news. He was the unsuccessful Labour candidate in the Cambridgeshire by-election.

R. F. GIBSON, who left in 1924, is practising as a Chartered Accountant in Launceston, N. Cornwall.

C. REX and A. G. SHARP (1936-41) have become partners in the firm of Cooksey & Walker, Estate Agents, Reading.

R. PETTY (1941-49) is practising as a dentist in Woodley.

E. S. WEBBER (1942-49), formerly an officer in the R.A.F., has obtained an Engineering degree at Cardiff. He has been working with a firm of Consulting Engineers and is about to go out to Freetown, West Africa, to work on the construction of a dam.

P. C. J. HILL (1946-53) is engaged in research for the B.B.C. at their establishment near Reigate.

J. A. HUNT (1946-52) is working for the Medical Research Council at Mill Hill.

A. P. LEAHY (1930-37) is now Secretary of Harrow Hospital, Middlesex.

E. E. BARNES (1937-40) has been appointed a Technical Officer at the A.W.R.E., Aldermaston.

R. J. HARRIS (1919-25) is Manager of "Allways" Travel Agency, Sicilian Avenue, W.C.1. We are told that he caters for the tourist who still prefers to remain an individual. Mr. Saunders also tells us that he has discovered that Harris was a Military Governor during the occupation of Germany. He is also a holder of the Order of the Swedish Red Cross.

From the West Country we hear that D. D. SWANSON (1943-49) is now engaged on flying duties at Staverton Aerodrome, near Cheltenham. Your correspondent challenges him to land a Tiger Moth on the O.R. Ground.

D. J. FARNBANK (1937-43), formerly of the Malay Police, is now reading Oriental Languages at Durham.

Your correspondent has come across another O.R. reference in a book—"Bengal Lancer", by F. Yeats-Brown. In a description of a polo match there is mention of "Joey —, a natural athlete, destined to play for England against America". The officer is certainly the late Colonel E. G. ATKINSON (West Wing, 1899-1903), who served in the 17th Cavalry, Indian Army, with the author. He in fact later captained England at polo.

Incidentally, W. H. Spikes, in "Fifty Years On", refers to "W.H.P., who later represented India at polo". W. H. PIKE was a first-class athlete who won two events at the Public School Sports in 1908 when we became champion school. Older O.R.s will be interested to know that Colonel Pike is now living at St. Andrew's.

K. S. JACKSON (1943-49) has been appointed Research Executive in the Marketing Research Division of Unilever Ltd.

**OXFORD DINNER.**

A dinner will be held at St. John's College, Oxford, on Friday, July 7th. Further details will be circulated shortly.

**CRICKET SECTION.**

A full fixture list for 1st and 2nd XIs has been arranged for the 1961 season. Any O.R.s wishing to play for the Club this season should contact either E. Prince, the 1st XI Captain, 42 St. Peter's Road, Reading (Tel. 62010), or A. R. King, the Team Secretary, 230 Kentwood Hill, Tilehurst, Reading (Tel. 67953).

Members of the School 1st and 2nd XIs who would like to play in the O.R. Cricket Week at School (July 31st to August 5th), should contact the above-named officers.

Nets will be held at School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. during May and June. All O.R.s will be welcomed.

**GOLFING SECTION.**

The Spring Meeting of the O.R. Golfing Society took place at Henley Golf Club on April 15th. Members competed for the late John Clyne Challenge Trophy.

**RUGBY SECTION.**

In the Esher Seven-a-Side Tournament the O.R.s did well, defeating Wimbledon 14-0, London University 5-3, and Old Rutlishians 16-13, after extra time, before losing a little unluckily to Blackheath 5-11.

The Rugby Section once again successfully staged the Berkshire Seven-a-Side Competition on March 26th. Harlequins were the successful team, defeating Oxford 13-12 in a most exciting final. The O.R.s defeated Old Windsorians before losing to the Harlequins, after holding them to 3-3 at half-time.

O.R. team: J. B. Randle, B. Petty, A. J. Farr, T. Bucknell, D. A. Anslow, R. Sims, C. Evans.

For the Berkshire Sevens, P. J. Poole played in the place of Bucknell.

**RIFLE SECTION.**

In the Public Schools O.B. Fletcher Cup Competition (·22) the O.R. team were placed ninth out of twenty-six teams. Winners were Old Bedford Modernians with 492/500 and George Watson's College O.B. were second with 489. The O.R. total was 483, the individual scores being: R. F. B. Guy (99), V. Townsend (99), H. W. Leaver (97), E. G. R. Stedman (94), W. E. Lunn (94). Reserves who did not shoot were R. P. Lunn and the Organising Secretary.

So that we can enter two teams this year, will any one interested please contact me at 7 West Street, Farnham, Surrey.

E. H. BUCKINGHAM,  
*Organising Secretary.*

**MEMBERSHIP LIST.****NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS.**

BAINES, F. C. ...	53-60	193 Halls Road, Tilehurst, Reading.
CADDY, C. H. ...	53-60	76 Basingstoke Road, Reading.
DALGLEISH, J. G. ...	53-60	c/o Westminster Technical College, Vincent Square, London, S.W.1.
HARVEY, A. P. ...	53-60	"Trees", Blake's Road, Wargrave, Berks.

LINGE, P. C. ...	43-53	22 Norfolk Road, Reading.
MCAULEY, W. J. D. ...	53-60	184 Reading Road, Wokingham, Berks.
POTTER, R. D. ...	46-50	52 Horsneile Road, Bracknell, Berks.
WEBBER, C. J. ...	50-57	"Cornerstones", Fairmile, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

**NEW LIFE MEMBERS.**

BOSS, J. A. ...	52-60	41 South View Avenue, Caversham, Reading.
BOYDELL, A. N. ...	51-58	11 Devonshire Gardens, Chiswick, London, W.4.
CARTER, D. J. R. ...	48-53	276 Kidmore Road, Caversham, Reading.
CLOKE, R. O. ...	55-60	55 London Road, Datchet, Bucks.
DAVIDSON, J. ...	53-60	9 Kearsley Road, Reading.
GARDENER, B. W. ...	53-60	55 St. John's Road, Caversham, Reading.
GEORGE, W. A. F. ...	28-31	"Treetops", Bridle Way, Goring-on-Thames, Oxon.
JACOBS, I. ...	58-60	51 Chiltern Crescent, Earley, Reading.
NORRIS, D. G. ...	53-50	8 Links Drive, Tilehurst, Reading.
SCOTT, D. W. M. ...	53-60	7 Wincroft Road, Caversham, Reading.
THOMSON, W. J. ...	34-37	20 Clevedon Road, Tilehurst, Reading.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS.****ANNUAL MEMBERS.**

JACKSON, K. S. ...	43-49	62 The Drive, Golders Green, London, N.W.11.
LEAHY, A. P. ...	30-37	51 Manor Way, Ruislip, Middlesex.

**LIFE MEMBERS.**

ATTREEE, M. P. ...	18-23	3 The Avenue, Chichester, Sussex.
AULD, J. A. M. ...	21-31	19 Thames Road, London, W.4.
BARNES, G. N. ...	37-45	42 Highfield Road, Lymington, Hants.
BARTEN, C. F. ...	16-22	Westminster Bank, 8 Seaside, Eastbourne, Sussex.
BISSOLOTTI, R. A. ...	44-50	c/o Price, Waterhouse, Peat & Co., Caisca Postal 259, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil.
BUNCE, H. W. F. ...	41-51	c/o Box 1000, Terrace, B.C., Canada.
BURKHAM, M. I., Capt. ...	47-51	Lloyds Bank, Cox's & King's Branch, 6 Pall Mall, London.
DICKENS, R. ...	43-51	8 Elm Lodge Avenue, Reading.
FRENCH, A. J. ...	42-48	47 Whyke Lane, Westbury-on-Trim, Bristol, 9.
HARVEY, D. C. ...	42-52	6 Repstone Gardens, Highfield, Southampton.
HEDGES, W. J. ...	42-47	St. Leonard's Lodge, Clewer Green, Windsor, Berks.
INCE, H. C. ...	29-33	c/o Texaco Trinidad Inc., Pointe à Pierre, Trinidad.
JARVIS, R. A. ...	40-50	49 Langwith Road, Shirebrook, Mansfield, Staffs.
JARMAN, S. F. ...	21-26	Corrie, Jackson's Lane, Billericay, Essex.
KEATS, J. M. ...	43-49	27 Kenilworth Drive, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts.
KERSLEY, R. R. ...	33-38	Flat 3, 6 Halton Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.
KNIGHT, J. W. ...	41-50	2 Meadow Rise Avenue, Norwich.
LAYTON, J. R. ...	44-53	c/o Barclays Bank Ltd., 1 Chertsey Road, Woking, Surrey.
MASON, J. B. ...	44-51	5 Courthope Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.
MOORE, B., Capt. ...	44-51	308 (S.N.Y.) Fd. Regt. (R.A.), T.A. Centre, King's Road, Bury St. Edmunds.
PATIENCE, D. W. ...	24-32	Supplies Branch (M.O.W.), Box 30071, Nairobi, Kenya.
PONTIN, G. F. ...	15-20	The Hollies, Fernbrook Road, Penmaenmawr, Cairns., N. Wales.
POWELL, J. B. ...	39-47	3 South Close, Llanfrechfa, Mon.
REDDROP, D. R. T. ...	23-33	36 William Road, Bournemouth.
ROGERS, L. G. ...	37-42	4 Crawshay Drive, Emmer Green, Reading.

ROOM, Rev. F. J.	... 37-42	St. Michael's House, Whitley Road, Slough, Bucks.
RUSSELL, R. W.	... 48-51	68 Quarry Road, Somercotes, Derbyshire.
SAUNDERS, T. J. W.	... 32-42	17 Adelphi Street, Burnley, Lancs.
WEBSTER, V. R.	... 20-28	6 Vernon Avenue, Longdale Lane, Linby, Nottingham.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Summer Term, 1961.

### CRICKET: 1ST XI HOME FIXTURES.

Saturday, May 13th (Parents' Day)	... v. J. W. HAINES' XI.	3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31st	... v. LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL.	
Saturday, June 3rd	... v. RUTLISH SCHOOL.	
Saturday, June 10th	... v. DOUAI COLLEGE.	
Wednesday, June 14th	... v. BERKSHIRE GENTLEMEN.	
Saturday, June 24th	... v. O.R.S.	
Wednesday, July 19th	... v. ORATORY SCHOOL.	
Saturday, July 22nd	... v. F. H. FERRY'S XI.	
Wednesday, July 26th	... v. M.C.C.	
Thursday, July 27th	... v. INCOGNITI.	
Friday, July 28th	... v. B. L. R. DOWSE'S XI.	

### BOAT CLUB: SCHOOL VIII.

Tuesday, May 9th	... v. READING BLUE COAT SCHOOL.
Saturday, June 3rd	... READING CLINKER REGATTA.

MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT. Saturday, May 13th.

C.C.F. ANNUAL INSPECTION. Friday, May 26th.

## SCHOOL OFFICERS.

### ADDENDA.

#### SCHOOL PREFECTS:

R. W. BACON (E)	J. G. ROBSON (W)
R. F. FIELD (WW)	D. UTLEY (C)

#### SCHOOL MONITORS:

D. R. GILLMAN (E)	M. P. KAYE (SH)
I. W. O. HOUSE (W)	J. F. LANGFORD (C)
D. P. JUDD (W)	G. J. WANLESS (E)

CRICKET	... Captain	... R. E. MILLS
SWIMMING	... Captain	... B. P. RIDSDALE
	... Hon. Sec.	... P. J. MOSSMAN
ROWING	... Captain	... G. J. WANLESS
	... Hon. Sec.	... A. B. PINNIGER
TENNIS	... Hon. Sec.	... T. L. CARTWRIGHT
SHOOTING	... Hon. Sec.	... I. D. SPENCELEY

#### HOUSE MONITORS:

East Wing	... N. A. MACKERETH	West Wing	... J. W. WOODHOUSE
	I. C. N. TOOLE		M. A. FREE
South House	H. C. JENKINS		
	M. P. KAYE		
	M. R. BARON		