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House Notes

LANCASTRIAN

Such a lot of "rehashing" of hockey results has been condensed into the house notes in the past that some originality of subject matter is now required.

The term began with a lack of enthusiasm but a steady increase in the volume of this virtue, throughout the term indicates that, had the term continued for a few more weeks, the Senior Hockey team would have swept the league, the Junior team would have met with similar success but the Cross-country team would still be running (with Austin and the captain well in front).

We must, however, thank a few outstanding runners and players, in particular Austin, who ran at Derby in the Inter-Counties cross-country.

Perhaps the new term will instil into the House a renewed enthusiasm and we look for greater success in the future. R.C.

SCHOOL

From success to success and from achievement to greater achievement would seem to summarise the progress School House has made during the past twelve weeks.

The Senior Hockey team has played four games this term, and has twenty-five goals in its favour and only one against. The House would like to congratulate Bowers on being awarded full colours, and also Keen, Wakeman, Goodson and Boyman on their half-colours. It may also be observed that the Senior House has now been undefeated in twenty-four consecutive games and the Senior Hockey team appears to be the only one with a positive goal average!

The Junior team has made a very creditable show this term, only losing one of its four games, giving the House second position in the Junior points table. Brown scored six goals, Day scored five, and the whole team played extremely well, building our hopes for the future when this generation become seniors.

Cross-country was yet another success for the House, when the Juniors came second, after very good runs by Brown, Guthrie and Wheeler. The Seniors also did very well, coming first, and having Bowers third, Boyman fourth, Gooch sixth, Tiplady eighth and Devine tenth.

The Chess team has had a very good term, leaving the House finally in second position. Campbell has won all his games, and the House would like to thank him, and also Sweeney, for doing a very good job as both School and House Chess captain.

Already the House has made an impressive start to the athletics by obtaining a first and a second in the Senior 220 final, another second in the 880 final, and a third in the Under-Fifteen mile. Let us hope that this good omen holds true for the rest of the athletics and the cricket next term.

In conclusion, I would like to comment on the House spirit, which is as high as it ever can be. It is very gratifying to see even those members of the House who are not particularly inclined to sport, supporting the teams, and making every bit of effort to prove that everyone can play his part. But it is very annoying for all the members of the House, and, I am sure, the greater majority of the school, to endure this farcical system that is now being imposed to arrange the sports heats and finals. This has obviously lowered the standard possible in the finals that have taken place in the last few weeks, and all competitors have found themselves under severe strain when trying to compete when laden with recently eaten lunches, not to mention that no allowance was made for the weather conditions which have jeopardised several heats.

Despite all this, the House is in the lead at the time of going to Press, but this lead must be reinforced, or we will lose the grip we have held on the Athletics since the introduction of the new House system. We must do our utmost to retain this honour. R.P.B.

STUART

The term has been somewhat unsuccessful for the House, both in Hockey and Cross-country. Again we seem to have failed to fill the gap formed by those who left last year. The Cross-country was lacking in effort and ability as far as Stuarts were concerned. The Hockey team lacked adequate hitting power, except for Douglas, who is to be congratulated on obtaining full colours. Apart from this, we feel that some of our matches were unfortunate to say the least.

Much more effort is needed in the cricket season, and if the House spirit is aroused we should be able to redeem a comparative failure in the last two terms. P.F.D.

TUDOR

A disappointing hockey season indeed. With a Senior team on paper that had the potential of sweeping the board, only two out of their four matches were won. A strong School team inflicted a crushing 6-1 defeat on the dispirited Tudors, the blow being lessened, however, by a well-deserved goal by Crane which did at least give the "Invincible" house a goal average.

The other memorable match was played against Yorkist House. A severe cloud-burst ruined the hockey, dampened the spirits and enabled a certain centre-forward to have a mud bath. The match soon degenerated into a farce, but the final whistle nevertheless left Tudor house a goal down.

The Junior XI had nothing to write home about either. Their record of P.4, L.3, D.1 was, to say the least, not madly inspiring and by the new system in which Senior and Junior points are added together Tudors finished a lowly 5th.

If glory was not to be found on the hockey fields it was certainly nearly found on the Cross-country course this term. Under the vociferous captaincy of P. Digby, who was never at a loss for a word of encouragement to his team, the House turned out several dedicated runners. Great was our joy when on the day of the Inter-House competition the House finished second. Even greater was our disappointment when on the following day the House was placed third. (A decision from "higher up" decided that only the first twelve runners should be counted instead of the first fourteen as had been previously stated.) Even this blow did not detract from the fact that the House had made the unprecedented move up the cross-country table. The U15's had creditable performances as well, Barber winning the event, Rutter coming third and Ronaldson being placed seventh. With Rutter (junior) coming second in the U13's it seems as if this miraculous advent of Tudor cross-country might continue to flourish in the future.

Congratulations must be offered to Stonehead and Digby who came seventh and eighth respectively in the West Suffolk Cross-country Championships.

Chess had never commanded the enthusiasm of the other activities of the House in terms previously. This term was no exception. Of the five games played, three are claimed to have been won. Our thanks to G. Singleton for a difficult job as captain of the Chess team.

Finally I would like to thank all the umpires who have turned out for the House matches this term. Invariably the matches clashed with inclement weather, but an exacting task has been admirably done this term without much thanks. G.W.C.

WINDSOR

The efforts of the Junior eleven on the hockey field and at Chess have brought most of the success the House has gained this term.

The Junior Hockey eleven won three of the four games played and, as a result, finished in first place in their section. In contrast, the Senior eleven only managed to win one game. Lack of forward power was noticeable in all games, this leaving far too much work for a defence, which, for the most part, played well, especially so against School House.

Our overall position of equal second might have been better had the Seniors filled a higher position than fifth.

In the Cross-country races, our runners, under the captaincy of D. Bonney, met with little success. In their race the Senior runners only managed fifth position in the team event, this despite a good run by Bonney who finished in fifth position. He, however, had very little support. In the U15 race Windsor filled the bottom position, while in the U13 race only fourth place was attained.

It was at Chess that Windsors have led the way this term. The overall position of first was reached after the Senior team filled third place and the Junior team won their section. Our thanks to Rose for his work as chess captain.

Looking forward to next term it might appear that our cricket team looks none too strong on paper but a little effort from those interested in cricket should allow Windsor to gain a reasonable position.

Our athletics captain for next term is R. Soames and he should be supported by everybody capable of obtaining valuable standard points.

D.M.J.

YORKIST

Following our astounding success in football, the hockey teams followed suit, finishing second in the overall positions. After losing heavily to School House and drawing with a weakened Lancastrian team, the players pulled out all the stops to beat Windsors 4-1 and Tudor 2-1.

Howard inspired the team at centre-half, and during his sorties upfield, the opponents' goal was always in imminent danger. Lockwood, Dorling, Woodrow and Hill are to be congratulated for their fine all-round performance, and Downing for his competent display in goal.

Scott again led the Junior XI, and they gained four points with wins against Tudors and Stuarts. Yet again our cross-country strength lay in our "little ones". The U13's won the team event, with Bartram (1st) and Boughton (4th) gaining the honours. However, I would like to thank those boys who ran, as they tried as best they could. In the U15 race we were a moderate fourth in the team race. Scott (10th) laid a claim to cross-country fame by being the first Yorkist home, while Veal (23rd) shocked himself as well as the pundits with a very courageous run. The Seniors this year, although not very strong, were weakened by the withdrawal of several key runners. Fortunately there was not an official presentation of the wooden spoon.

An overall position of fourth was gained in the Chess competition. This could have been greatly improved if certain Third Formers had pulled their weight in the team. Toombs again proved his worth by winning his two remaining matches and must be congratulated for his encouraging performances.

This appears to have been one of our best ever years in the field of sport—let us hope that this upward trend will continue, and the word "Yorkist" and "invincible" be synonymous.

J.W.N.K. AND P.C.

HOCKEY :—

SENIOR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
School	4	4	0	0	25	1	8
Yorkist	4	2	1	1	7	12	5
Tudor	4	2	0	2	10	11	4
Lancastrian	4	1	2	1	7	9	4
Windsor	4	1	1	2	6	12	3
Stuart	4	0	0	4	4	14	0

JUNIOR

Windsor	4	3	0	1	11	4	6
School	4	2	1	1	14	5	5
Lancastrian	4	2	1	1	11	7	5
Yorkist	4	2	0	2	7	10	4
Tudor	4	0	3	1	1	3	3
Stuart	4	0	1	3	1	16	1

COMBINED TABLE

School	8	6	1	1	39	5	13
Yorkist	8	4	1	3	14	22	9
Windsor	8	4	1	3	17	16	9
Lancastrian	8	3	3	2	18	16	9
Tudor	8	2	3	3	11	14	7
Stuart	8	0	1	7	5	30	1

CHESS :—

SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Stuarts	15	9	2	4	10
School	15	9	1	5	9½
Windsors	15	8	1	6	8½
Yorks	15	8	1	6	8½
Tudors	15	6	0	9	6
Lancs	15	2	1	12	2½

JUNIORS

Windsors	10	8	0	2	8
School	10	5	1	4	5½
Tudors	10	5	0	5	5
Yorks	10	5	0	5	5
Stuarts	10	4	1	5	4½
Lancs	10	2	0	8	2

OVERALL POSITION

Windsors	25	16	1	8	16½
School	25	14	2	9	15
Stuarts	25	13	3	9	14½
Yorks	25	13	1	11	13½
Tudors	25	11	0	14	11
Lancs	25	4	1	20	4½

1ST XI HOCKEY TEAM, 1966



*Back Row: J. S. Goodson, A. D. Davies, R. J. Howard, G. Challacombe, T. P. Austin, D. R. Boyman.
Front Row: S. J. Keen, B. W. Douglas, G. M. Bowers (Capt.), D. M. Ison, R. J. Wakeman.*

School Hockey

1st XI REVIEW

Played 8, Won 4, Lost 4, Goals For 21, Against 23

This season the Eleven has been reasonably successful. Two games were lost to very strong teams from Bury Y.M.C.A. and the Old Burians, and one was disappointingly lost due to bad umpiring. The climax of the season came when both Woodbridge and Culford were defeated in the same week.

At the beginning of the season it seemed as though the team was going to have a very strong attack, but a weak defence. On many occasions, as the season progressed, this was apparent. But the defence played far better than was expected, Ison deserving special mention for his superb covering of the mistakes of the less experienced players.

The forward line played very well together. Austin did a tremendous amount of work and served the speedy, forceful, wingers very well. In their turn, the wingers served Boyman and Douglas with some very good crosses. Boyman and Douglas have been fighting to be top goalscorers all season, and Douglas has sent at least two 'keepers away rather the worse for wear, one to buy a new box.

Finally, our thanks are extended to Mr. Dart for arranging the fixtures, to Mr. Wyard for preparing the pitches, and to Mr. Little for his time and energy spent in coaching and umpiring.

APPEARANCES: 8 Challacombe, Howard, Ison, Keen, Bowers, Davies, Wakeman, Douglas, Goodson; 7 Boyman; 6 Austin; 3 Thorning.

GOALSCORERS: 8 Douglas, Boyman; 3 Austin; 1 Wakeman, Goodson.

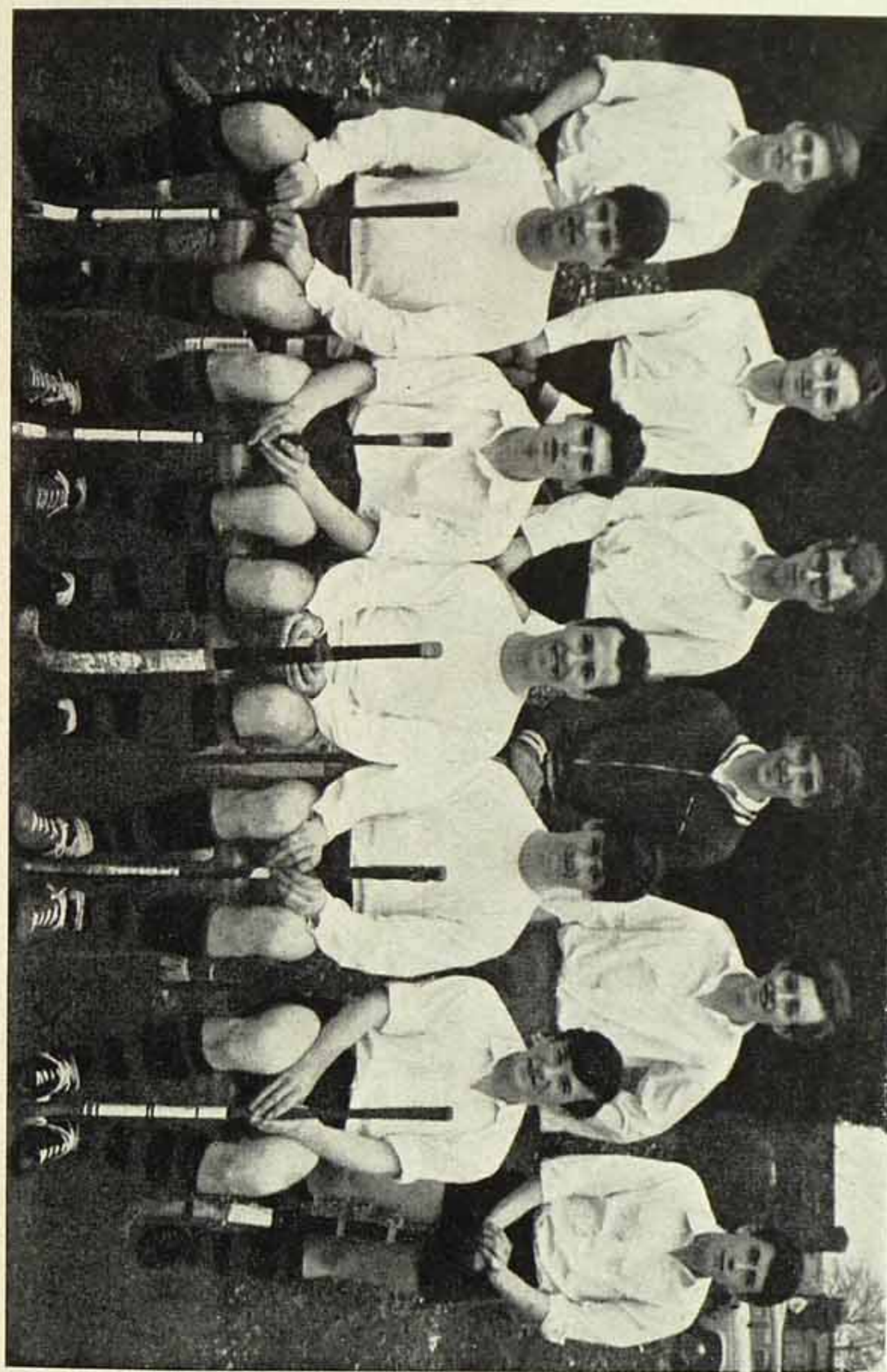
COLOURS: Full—Douglas, Ison, Bowers (capt.); Half—Austin, Boyman, Challacombe, Goodson, Keen, Wakeman.

G.M.B.

I would like to thank the captain of all XI's, especially Bowers who proved a splendid 1st XI leader, for their help throughout the season.

Congratulations to Bowers on being picked to represent Suffolk both at Christmas and at Easter.

D.L.



Back Row: J. S. Goodson, A. D. Davies, R. J. Howard, G. Challacombe, T. P. Austin, D. R. Boyman.
Front Row: S. J. Keen, B. W. Douglas, G. M. Bowers (Capt.), D. M. Ison, R. J. Wakeman.

2nd XI REVIEW

W.2; L.4; D.1. F.10. A.16

The season started with the side playing rather at half-pace and this note of lethargy was not really shaken off until the Perse match, by which time we already had 2 defeats and 1 draw behind us. Nevertheless the ability and, perhaps, lack of luck are shown in the fact that 3 of the final 4 defeats were by 2 goals to 1. The team tended to be one of individuals rather than a body except in the Perse match, the only time we really saw the side's potential.

It was unfortunate that due to injury, illness and the frequent loss of one of our most hard-working players, Thorning, to the 1st XI, the same 11 players were only once seen on the pitch on two successive occasions. This accounted considerably for the lack of team-co-operation and, at times, spirit. The talent was there, particularly in Rowlinson, Knights and Gooch; the effort was there in all the players; but these qualities were never evident at the same time, nor were they ever shown by many individuals at the same time.

This season could have been a very successful one—only against Culford, an exceptionally talented side, could we say were at all out-classed—but unfortunately everything that could happen to hinder our success did happen. On the whole this has been an unlucky run for a very able side.

Our thanks to Mr. Hunt for looking after the side and umpiring, and Mr. Dart for arranging the fixtures.

Goals: Crane 8, Sheridan 1, Young 1.

Those who played: Dover, Hill, Rowlinson, Evetts, Pettit, Knights, Gooch, Hedges, Sheridan, Cooper, Crane, Thorning, Browne, Young, Lord, Davies.
R. CRANE

3rd XI REVIEW

Played 6. Won 2. Drawn 1. Lost 3.

Although not the most successful of seasons, the games this term have provided much enjoyment and excitement. Our opening fixture is best forgotten, as we lost by a disastrous margin against a very strong Framlingham team. The next game against Northgate, Ipswich, gave us our first win, and so with new found confidence we travelled to Cambridge to play Perse School. In perhaps the best game of the term, we drew 2-2, thanks to two fine goals, and a great all round team effort.

A spate of injuries and sickness robbed us of several key players for the last three matches, with sometimes as many as five reserves playing, and so the results suffered.

In goal, Brookes played as well as any goalkeeper in the school, throughout the season, and seems to have a future 1st XI place reserved for himself. Wright made the left back position his own with reliable stopping and distribution. Soames proved an energetic

and fearless centre-half, although some of the opposition might have thought his origins were in Borneo. The other defensive positions were filled competently by Dorling, Woodrow, Golding, Tricker, Hill, and Slater in various matches.

The most effective forward line of Ford, Stronach, Cooper, Burlingham and Devine only played together twice but scored five goals. Stronach found the back of the net the most times, his two match-savers against Perse being the sweetest. The keen tackling-back, after being beaten, showed the workman-like approach of the forwards, especially Burlingham's non-stop style. Others who played in the forward line in various matches were Downing, Young, Wales and Bray.

I would like to thank Mr. Peacock on behalf of the team for taking such a keen interest in the games, and for bringing his own special brand of refereeing to the sports field.
P.F.C.

UNDER 15 XI REVIEW

The U15's enjoyed a rather more successful season than was anticipated, for after losing the first of their six matches they remained undefeated throughout the rest of the term. The success of the team can be attributed to extremely spirited play by all and a very strong defence. Only one goal was conceded in the last five matches. Perhaps the best game was against Culford which both the school side and their umpire were very keen to win. However although leading until seven minutes from the end and pressing constantly throughout the second half a draw resulted. This game highlighted the real weakness of the side—lack of finishing power. None of the forwards could shoot.

Several individual players deserve special mention. Allen was a tower of strength at centre half dominating the middle of the field in every match. If he is to develop as a hockey player he must learn to rely less on the leniency of the umpires. Both Cabon and Slater proved admirable half backs the latter in particular playing better and better as the term progressed. Sheridan and the tiny Aldous in goal also served the team well. Of the forwards Rawlinson gave opposing defences most trouble with his very considerable speed off the mark and good anticipation while Green managed to play very badly and very well on the left wing in most matches.

UNDER 14 XI REVIEW

This has been a successful season as far as results are concerned, as we won four out of the five matches played. Whether these four should have been won is quite another matter; in at least one we had the worst of the game but all the luck that was going. However the results stand and none of the goals were obtained in or even near to 'injury time'.

Early on it looked as if we should be weak in defence; as term went on the defence became steadier and steadier, while the attack

never made the improvement one hoped for. Most goals depended upon individual efforts rather than upon the combined movements of the forwards.

In goal Horgan was outstanding; his anticipation, quick reactions, fearlessness and brilliant kicking assure him of a hockey future; only in stick work is there need for improvement at this stage. Fortunate is the team that can count upon two other fine keepers; Harding showed that he is about as good as Horgan and Aldous kept for the Under 15. At back Howlett and Morling made a good pair; the latter improved throughout the term and is very ready to accept advice. Wootton played several times and finally demonstrated that he will make an effective right back in spite of his left-handedness.

Francis at left half played excellently in every match; he is a natural positional player with good stickwork. Day at centre half has very good ball control and neat stick work; he distributed the ball well to all forwards and was a safe tackler and interceptor. M. J. Scott finally filled the right half position—another left-hander; he is a tireless worker who has made himself a proficient cack-hander. (It is quite remarkable what a large percentage of the athletic talent of this year is cack-handed.)

Of the forwards Carter at inside right and Cobbold in the centre alone had really strong shots. Carter played very hard throughout and was always ready to fall back and help the defence or to collect the ball. He passed intelligently and captained conscientiously. Footer finally filled the outside right position and fully justified his choice. (Gray and Timbers also played.) He can centre well and has the necessary speed when he gets into top gear. We never found the ideal inside left; Fuller-Rowell played for most of the games but was not skilful with his stick (perhaps too skilful with it in some ways!) and fell into the very bad habit of trying to play with one hand. Rutter was a hardworking outside left who passed well and never admitted defeat.

This team has clearly suffered from some bad weather in past seasons; if they could have two practice games a week they would improve greatly as there is considerable latent talent. But apart from the team, there is a noticeable shortage of promising players in this year, though there were always a number who were keen enough to play under any weather conditions and at very short notice. There were also a number of regular supporters whose presence was much appreciated; such were Faiers, Boreham, Morley, Silcock and Scott to mention a few. The team spirit was good and there was an absence of grumbling; the few wrong decisions were taken very well.

Our last match was the one we lost; it was against Culford; we had as much of the game as they; had we combined at forward and taken all our chances the result might well have gone the other way, but as the game went the final score was a fair result.

SCHOOL HOCKEY RESULTS

(Matches played during Spring Term)

1st XI

<p>22nd Jan. v. Harwich School (A). Cancelled.</p> <p>3rd Feb. v. St. John's College, Cambridge (A). Won 6-3.</p> <p>10th Feb. v. Bury St. Edmunds Y.M.C.A. (H). Lost 1-5.</p> <p>12th Feb. v. Northgate G.S. (H). Won 2-0.</p> <p>24th Feb. v. Perse School (A). Lost 1-2.</p>	<p>3rd March v. Friends' School Saffron Walden (A). Lost 2-3.</p> <p>10th March v. Woodbridge School (H). Won 4-3.</p> <p>12th March v. Culford School (H). Won 4-3.</p> <p>19th March v. Old Burians (H). Lost 1-4.</p>
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2nd XI

<p>22nd Jan. v. Sudbury G.S. (H). Cancelled.</p> <p>29th Jan. v. Framlingham College (A). Lost 1-2.</p> <p>3rd Feb. v. The Depot, The Royal Anglian Regiment. Lost 1-2.</p> <p>12th Feb. v. Northgate G.S. (A). Drew 1-1.</p>	<p>24th Feb. v. Perse School (H). Won 3-1.</p> <p>10th March v. Woodbridge School (A). Won 2-0.</p> <p>12th March v. Culford School (H). Lost 1-8.</p> <p>19th March v. Old Burians (H). Lost 1-2.</p>
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3rd XI

<p>29th Jan. v. Framlingham College (H). Lost 1-8.</p> <p>12th Feb. v. Northgate G.S. (H). Won 3-1.</p> <p>24th Feb. v. Perse School (A). Drew 2-2.</p>	<p>10th March v. Woodbridge School (H). Won 2-1.</p> <p>12th March v. Culford School (A). Lost 0-2.</p> <p>19th March v. Old Burians (H). Lost 1-2.</p>
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Under 15 XI

<p>22nd Jan. v. Harwich School (A). Cancelled.</p> <p>29th Jan. v. Framlingham College Junior Colts (H). Lost 1-3.</p> <p>12th Feb. v. Northgate G.S. (A). Won 2-0.</p> <p>24th Feb. v. Perse School (H). Won 1-0.</p>	<p>3rd March v. Friend's School, Saffron Walden. Won 2-0.</p> <p>10th March v. Woodbridge School (A). Won 1-0.</p> <p>12th March v. Culford School (A). Drew 1-1.</p>
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Under 14 XI

<p>22nd Jan. v. Sudbury G.S. (H). Cancelled.</p> <p>29th Jan. v. Framlingham College (A). Won 2-1.</p> <p>10th Feb. v. Silver Jubilee School U.15 XI (H). Won 6-1.</p>	<p>24th Feb. v. Perse School (H). Won 3-2.</p> <p>10th March v. Woodbridge School (H). Won 3-0.</p> <p>12th March v. Culford School (A). Lost 0-2.</p>
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Cross-country

The last full week of term brought climax and anti-climax in turn to the School senior team. On the Wednesday in the quadrangular fixture at Newport two strong runners, one from the home team and one from Holbrook, romped away from the rest, but we won our hosts' admiration by packing five runners in after these two in thirty-two seconds, the five being split by one opponent only. A journalist, writing of cross-country runners, recently referred to "this brave and lonely breed". Brave, yes, but not necessarily lonely! This was a superb example of team running, and surely one of the very best performances ever by a Bury team. On the Saturday, however, in the first Old Burians fixture, B. R. Kerry, the School captain, after a very consistent term and having set up a new 880 record on the Thursday, did not maintain his form, and R. M. Self, R. Mulley and K. J. Ellis, visitors all (though during the race Self believed Mulley to be still at school), filled the first three places. T. P. Austin was not in the School team on this occasion, it is true, but for the sake of our 1966 runners' reputation perhaps we should be grateful that the rear was brought up (jointly with R. C. Spalding) by one S. A. Wheeler, with a certain R. A. Mortlock, too, down among the "also rans"!

The early defeat at Northgate suggested that the senior team might not be of the strength of past years, but it undoubtedly grew in stature as the term progressed, confidence increasing with training and experience. One must remember the change, as the weeks went on, from the heaviest of clinging morasses to an easy, dusty run when making comparisons—and allowance perhaps should be made for an eccentric stopwatch and occasional eccentric timekeepers—but certainly boys put up considerably better performances in the latter part of the term.

As last year, we went into the Suffolk A.A.A. Youths' race without our most successful runner—Austin this time—and without two or three other nominees, but with D. M. Ison sturdily playing a vital part as our fourth man, we secured third place. In the Boys' race, however, we had to yield our third place of three successive years to H.M.S. Ganges' *second* team, such is the strength of the young seamen.

To sum up, it was a pleasant and quite successful season, with our junior teams faring slightly better than recently. Full Colours were awarded to T. P. Austin, who ran for Suffolk Schools at Derby, and to D. C. Bonney, and Half Colours to M. K. Sheridan, R. D. W. Stonehouse and A. R. Tiplady. Junior Colours went to K. C. Barber, B. D. Parton and A. Rutter, with R. H. Bartram and P. J. Dobbyn of the very young showing much promise. G. M. Bowers ran a good race at Ixworth, but because of hockey and injury it proved to be his last for the School; B. Devine and P. T. Digby, like Bowers, ran for West Suffolk Schools, and R. J. Banham, the keenest of runners, gave a promising performance against the Old Boys.

RESULTS

Jan. 29, at Ipswich.

Senior Race: 1st Northgate G.S. 45; 2nd K.E.S. 59; 3rd Royal Hospital School 70.

Under 15 Race: 1st K.E.S. 48; 2nd Northgate 48; 3rd R.H.S. 75.

Feb. 8, West Suffolk Schools' Championships, at Ixworth.

Senior Race: 1st K.E.S. "A" 27; 2nd Culford 68; 3rd K.E.S. "B" 129; 4th Silver Jubilee 184.

Intermediate Race: 1st Silver Jubilee "A" 69; 2nd K.E.S. "A" 110; 3rd Silver Jubilee "B" 185; 8 other teams.

Junior Race: 1st Hadleigh 154; 2nd K.E.S. "A" 165; 3rd Newmarket Modern 173; 4th Beyton 187; 15 other teams.

(It later transpired that because of a misunderstanding several schools, including Hadleigh, had entered boys in this race who were over the statutory age.)

Feb. 12, at Bury.

Senior Race: K.E.S. beat Northgate G.S. 17-21.

Under 14 Race: K.E.S. beat Northgate 10-29.

Feb. 26, Suffolk Schools Championships, at Holbrook.

Senior Race (32 ran): 7th T. P. Austin; 11th B. R. Kerry; 14th D. C. Bonney; 15th R. D. Stonehouse; 21st R. Devine; 22nd P. T. Digby. (G.M. Bowers fell out.)

Junior Race (32 ran): 16th K. C. Barber.

Mar. 5, Suffolk A.A.A. Championships, at Framlingham.

Youths' Race: 1st Ipswich School 20; 2nd Northgate G.S. 61; 3rd K.E.S. 84; 4th Royal Hospital School 94; 5th Framlingham College 98; 6th Culford School 112; 7th Bungay G.S. 143.

Boys' Race: 1st H.M.S. Ganges "A" 32; 2nd Ipswich School 149; 3rd H.M.S. Ganges "B" 187; 4th K.E.S. "A" 196; 8 other teams.

Mar. 16, at Newport.

Senior Race: 1st K.E.S. 27; 2nd Newport G.S. 53; 3rd Royal Hospital School 66; 4th Soham G.S. 80.

Under 15 Race: 1st R.H.S. 36; 2nd K.E.S. 80; 3rd Newport 91; 4th Soham 98.

Mar. 19, Old Burians beat K.E.S. 15-22.

INTER-HOUSE RACES

Senior: 1st T. P. Austin; 2nd B. R. Kerry; 3rd G. M. Bowers; 4th D. R. Boyman; 5th D. C. Bonney; 6th P. W. L. Gooch. Houses: School, Lancastrian, Tudor, Stuart, Windsor, Yorkist.

Under 15: 1st K. C. Barber; 2nd B. D. Parton; 3rd A. Rutter; 4th J. Guthrie; 5th P. Sheridan; 6th P. Devereux. Houses: Lancastrian, School, Tudor, Yorkist, Stuart, Windsor.

Under 13: 1st R. H. Bartram; 2nd P. Rutter; 3rd W. H. Brown; 4th C. Boughton; 5th P. J. Dobbyn; 6th R. Janes. Houses: Yorkist, Lancastrian, School, Windsor, Stuart, Tudor.

Chess

The uncertain highlight of the term was an U15 Chess match against Thetford Grammar—uncertain because, due to typical untimely West Suffolk bus services, many of our best players were unable to play. The game was gallantly completed however by a brave team. Despite good effort, the School was tortured into a crushing 7-1 defeat.

In the West Suffolk Junior Chess Championships however, we surpassed ourselves. Allowed only two entrants, Knights and Rose, we gained both the 1st and the runners-up position. Congratulations to both of these on their excellent achievement.

Lastly, may I congratulate Windsor House on their success in the Inter-House championships, the first time School House has been pushed into second position for five years. A.J.S.



School Notes

Very little of note has occurred this term, except that the term has been hampered by widespread illness, and, of course, mock examinations took place.

The hockey season has been only satisfactory, but the games against the Old Boys were most enjoyable, if unsuccessful as far as the school is concerned. The match against the County School also provided some interest. Although we have no tennis courts yet, the new indoor cricket net should prove a valuable asset for a team that probably needs all the practice it can get.

St. Joan still seems to be going strong, if injured somewhat, having won the West Suffolk Youth drama festival and taken part in the Suffolk Festival. The visit to the theatre to see Osborne's "Look back in Anger" proved most enjoyable. Congratulations must go to Goddard for his fine speech in the debate chaired by John Stockbridge of B.B.C. Norwich. P.F.D.

Music Recital

On Wednesday, March 16th, music-lovers in the School were treated to a recital of music for violincello and piano, played by Jeanne Fry and David Pettit.

The opening items—five pieces by Couperin—had perhaps an unfamiliar ring to our ears, although the Sicilienne, with its stately measure, was well suited to the cello, and moved convincingly.

The major work of the afternoon—Brahms' second and more mature work for cello and piano—the sonata in F—followed, and David Pettit's illustrations of the themes in advance proved most valuable. The particular blend of head and heart in Brahms' string writing calls for technical virtuosity, warmth, and breadth of tone, and that rich lyrical quality which belongs only to the cello. Jeanne Fry and David Pettit tackled this masterwork with intrepidity and vigour, although the acoustics of the room prevented a proper balance, and strange resonances dispelled some of the warmth of tone. At the piano, David Pettit brought off the difficult part in commanding, almost dominant fashion. The scherzo provided perhaps the most successful blend of talents. In general I felt that we recognised the power and authority of Brahms here, if not always his lyrical warmth and sensitivity.

After the Brahms, in a somewhat more relaxed atmosphere, we were treated to several delightful occasional pieces—the lovely singing melody of Saint-Saens' 'The Swan', which is a piece to test the quality of tone of any cellist—a set of variations by Hindemith in the modern idiom (with special effects, for example, the sound of the snake swallowing the fly), on a folk tune "A Frog he went a courting".

To complete the afternoon we heard four Spanish pieces by the composer Nin, which, with complex rhythms and pizzicato effects well simulated the gay, lively atmosphere of Spain.

We are grateful to Jeanne Fry and David Pettit for providing an interesting and instructive afternoon's entertainment. R.T.H.

Pianoforte Recital—BARBARA HOLMQUEST

This varied programme, which began with well-known works by Bach, Mozart and Chopin, then introduced us to pieces by Casella, Villa-Lobos, Shostakovich and Gershwin. These latter pieces, although generally rather slight, were nevertheless interesting and frequently amusing.

Miss Holmquest, who prefaced each piece with helpful and entertaining observations, gave us a very enjoyable performance. Her occasional lapses of memory and insecurity of touch can no doubt be attributed very largely to the low temperature of the recital room. To have cold fingers at a recital or, possibly worse, to have hot, sticky fingers in an under-ventilated room, are hazards which every instrumentalist must dread. However, Miss Holmquest was not unduly perturbed and her playing was much appreciated.

S.F.T.

Dramatic Society Notes

The society was pleased to welcome two new members to the committee this term.

In an attempt to explore wider fields and give rise to more interest in drama as a whole the society has planned several activities which have been well supported.

We were very grateful to Mrs. Smeltzer for an interesting talk on stage make up and similar talks on all aspects of the theatre will take place next term.

In order to stimulate interest in some of the more mature modern drama that has been performed in the Theatre Royal recently, playreading sessions have commenced in which there is opportunity to look more deeply into these plays. "Look Back in Anger" by John Osborne was a recent example of a play which provoked interesting discussion after a party from the school had seen a production at the Theatre Royal.

Our success in the West Suffolk Drama Festival at the Theatre has led to a second production of scene six of "St. Joan" at The Suffolk Festival in Lowestoft.

The next production of the society will be "The Merchant of Venice" planned for late October, for which a cast has already been chosen.

It is hoped that there will be a wider opportunity for first, second and third year boys to do more acting next term.

P.S.

'St. Joan' in the Drama Festival

The Suffolk Drama Festival was officially opened by the Mayor of Lowestoft, at the theatre of the Lowestoft College of Further Education, on the evening of Monday, 21st March.

Of the three plays staged on this first evening of the Festival King Edward VI Dramatic Society, with their production of the Trial Scene from "St. Joan", won the most praise from the Adjudicator, Mrs. Christabel Burniston.

At the beginning of the evening it was announced that one of the actors in "St. Joan" was a replacement made at the last minute, and that St. Joan might not be quite "herself", due to the fact that he was suffering from an elbow that had been cracked and dislocated that afternoon. However, with arm in sling, Joan arrived in time for her trial, and gave a first class performance.

One of the first questions Joan (Christopher R. Jackson) had to answer on stage was "Are you not well?" which was followed up by an investigation of an attempt she had made to escape by jumping from a tower.

The Adjudicator said that the part of Joan was "happily played by a boy", who did not over-sentimentalise the part but gave to his speech that thoughtful country-like timing which was very effective, focussing his eyes dramatically on the accusers.

A special round of applause was given to Peter F. Downing for his performance as The Inquisitor, which the Adjudicator said was a tremendously demanding part. She gave particular praise to the way he used his voice with maturity of tone, economy, ease and spot-on timing, and summed his part up by saying that it possessed the "cool logic" of the part all the way through.

Special applause was also given to D. Longland, the Chaplain de Stogumber (the actor who stepped-in at the last minute) who gave an unfaltering performance to what was a big and demanding part.

The Adjudicator said that a great deal of study had gone into this play and that although this was a splendid play it was a most difficult one. She said that it was wonderfully presented and the stage had been used well. She thought that the lighting plan was good, but her one criticism of the whole play was that the actors tended to disappear out of the lighted area.

She was impressed by the strong and solid colour of the costume used and thought that the grouping and movement made very attractive main stage pictures.

The Adjudicator finally praised the tremendous patience of the producer in a play of this nature, to achieve excellent speech control and a very faithful interpretation.

P. S.

'Look Back in Anger'

On the 17th of March a large number from the school went to a production of 'Look Back in Anger' at the Theatre Royal. The play was well-acted on the whole, although one noticeable fault was that Mrs. Porter could not be heard clearly as she had her back to the audience during the first scene.

The play was one to invoke discussion as it is now ten years since it was first staged. Do the questions posed in the play still apply today? It is interesting that in the school discussion on the following day there was an evenly divided opinion on most points; while some people denied that the class barriers portrayed in the play still exist others argued that they are equally prominent. We could not even agree whether Osborne wanted us to like or dislike Jimmy Porter. This is a play that should be seen at least twice as the questions in it are important to all of us.

Sixth Form Debate

The motion before the House was that 'Government by the head is preferable to government by the heart'. Douglas and Wilkinson were the speakers for the proposition and their stoic stand on the advantages of the head was opposed deftly and with feeling by Goddard and Matthews. Downing acted as chairman.

It should be assumed that 'government' as referred to in the motion, is the mode of conduct by which an individual chooses to live. The motion assumed that thought and feeling, which compose the self, are the only two alternative modes of conduct. However, when the self approaches a problem it interposes theories and feelings between itself and the problem and thus creates a state of distraction. It is therefore only possible to look at a problem as a whole and therefore to find a solution, when the activity of the mind has ceased. This state of tranquillity comes into being only when one understands the self, the whole process of thinking and feeling.

It seemed that the alternatives given by the motion were too absolute and by the motion humanity was either doomed to exist as mere machinery or condemned to the fate of lunacy. There was an abundance of comment from the floor of the House, both serious and not so serious, and at the vote there was a large majority in favour of the motion.

A. J. L.

French Concert

On the last Wednesday of term, the Middle School presented a French Concert comprising two plays and a number of folk songs.

The Third Form set a high standard with their contribution "L'Inspecteur" in which a harassed Stevens attempted to control his unruly class under the critical eye of Hogg in the title rôle.

The second play gave a group of fifth formers the opportunity to get laughs by clever timing and ironic tones of voice. Allen, as a verbose costermonger arrested for assaulting an apparently respectable customer, Simmons, reveals the latter to be a criminal in a courtroom efficiently presided over by Crichton.

The folk songs were accompanied by an ensemble of guitars and illustrated by mimes.

It is to be hoped that this concert will be a stimulus to other forms to present a similar entertainment.

The Bridge Club

The bridge club has been meeting during this term at 2.35 on Thursdays, in Room L. It is run under the watchful eye of Mr. A. F. Taylor, who attempts to teach the members not just how to play bridge, but some of the finer points of the game also.

Four people are needed to play the game of bridge, and on many Thursdays, the club has been graced by the annoying number of only seven people. Although not a great number can be accommodated at once, some extra members will be gladly accepted. If you decide to join, you will not be disappointed, as bridge is a skilled and interesting game.

N. B.

Scout Notes

Games, and in the latter part of the term, illness, have seriously impeded the activities of the Thursday afternoon meetings during the past term. Fortunately the weather has treated us quite well and so good use was made of their time by the members present. It was thus possible for the scouts to do a reasonable amount of work out of doors as well as inside. Many second class tests were passed successfully, but only one proficiency badge has been gained. Also work has been started on the First Aid proficiency badge and it is intended that those involved should proceed next term and make an attempt at passing this test. This badge will give the scouts concerned a firm grounding of First Aid knowledge which is extremely useful, both in and out of scouting activities.

"Operation Gauntlet" produced another three challenges for the two patrols taking part during the past term. The January challenge was to complete a hike, about eight miles long, and make good observations and notes 'en route'. One of the patrols traced the course of the River Tinver and the other followed the tracks of certain foot-paths in the countryside. Both patrols produced reasonably complete logs of their journeys and successfully passed this challenge. This was their fourth successful challenge of the series and each member of each patrol was awarded with a special "Operation Gauntlet" woggle. The February challenge was not in so much a challenge, as a help in the advancement of scout friendship abroad. Each of the two patrols have sent a log of the other five achievements of the series to a troop overseas, and hope to receive a reply sometime in the future. It is intended that these relationships with other troops should grow, and perhaps exchange visits be arranged between the correspondents. The March challenge was a test of the patrols' skill in pioneering. One of the patrols built an aerial runway and the other one a bivouac. The result of this challenge determined whether or not the patrols received the Wayfinders' Award for completing the whole series of six challenges. Fortunately the patrols completed this challenge successfully.

Discussions about a Summer Camp have been making slow progress and as yet no definite decision has been made about the time or location of the camp. With the coming of warmer weather next term we hope that junior P.L.'s will be encouraged to 'invent' challenges for their patrols and create a sense of competition between the patrols, hence furthering the troops activities during times other than the normal meetings. If the right kind of challenges are arranged the troop will be set in good stead for any scout camp arranged.

R.J.W.

Editorial Comment

In the Old days of this school, we were known as "Bury School". Ever since those days of Tudor monarchy the school has been proud to bear this name. Wherever the school building stood, and whoever constituted its headmaster, staff, and boys, the school was still "Bury School".

But today we live in a world of changing values, in which society and its basic rules are shifting, sometimes too fast to know what is happening. It is, then, time to take a look at the school in the light of contemporary society. Are we still "Bury School?"

The truth is that we are not. Our tradition seems to have been lost in the confusion of a modern 'Welfare State'. We cannot allow such a cherished tradition to be lost, and it seems that there is only one way in which our former prestige may be regained.

The path, then, is obvious. To truly earn our title we must accept the other local schools, and to amalgamate with them, destroying all of the distasteful divisions brought about an "11-plus" exam. Whether you call it comprehensive education, or the joint secondary system does not matter. It is in this way, and this way only, that we can truly earn our title "Schola Buriensis".

S.D.W.

Valete

JULY 1965 (additional)

Form VI.—Ottley, J. R.; Reeve, S. L.; Stebbens, C.; Taylor, J.F.

Form V.—Alderton, B. J.; Baker, C. Geo.; Baker, C. Gr.; Basham, J. E.; Beattie, D. A.; Blake, C. K.; Brighton, R. E.; Burroughs, K. J.; Campbell, A. J.; Campbell, I. J.; Clay, T. R.; Denny, B. D.; Edmunds, J. M.; Finn, M. J.; Hall, G. F.; Hammond, C.D.; Howe, R. L.; Howten, R. F.; Kelly, J. D. N.; Metcalfe, T.; Moore, M. G.; Newton, J. P.; Sparkes, M. J.; Williams, A. R.

Form IV.—Ashcroft, D. W. J.; Gorham, G.; Smith, T. E.; Tapping, T. H.; Winters, B. P.

Form II.—Ashcroft, P. J. G.

Form I.—Cotton, B. W.; Hows, R. A.

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Form VI.—Culley, M.; Emmens, H. J.

Form IV.—Watson, J.

Form III.—Ellis, P. J.; Hills, M. G.; Perrow, J. D.; Simpson, R. V.; Tompsett, A. G.

Form II.—Adams, P. M.; Bowers, W. R.; Hearn, C.; Palmer, G. C.; Sutherland, D.

Form I.—Emmens, R. J.; Jackson, R. J. C.

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Form VI.—Hardicker, D. J.

Form IV.—Palfrey, R. J.

Old Boys' Notes

Last summer, Dr. O. J. W. Gilbert, manager of the work study department at Samuel Fox (United Steel), spent eight weeks attending an "executive program" at the graduate School of Business of Stanford University, California. His impressions were published in 'Unisteel', the monthly review of the United Steel Companies Limited.

D. Blackmore has been given a place for next October at Leicester University, to read Geography in the Faculty of the Social Sciences. He expects to return to the Civil Service on the completion of his course.

J. M. Pearce (Pye Laboratories Ltd.) has commenced a sandwich course at the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology leading to the H.N.D. in Electronic Engineering.

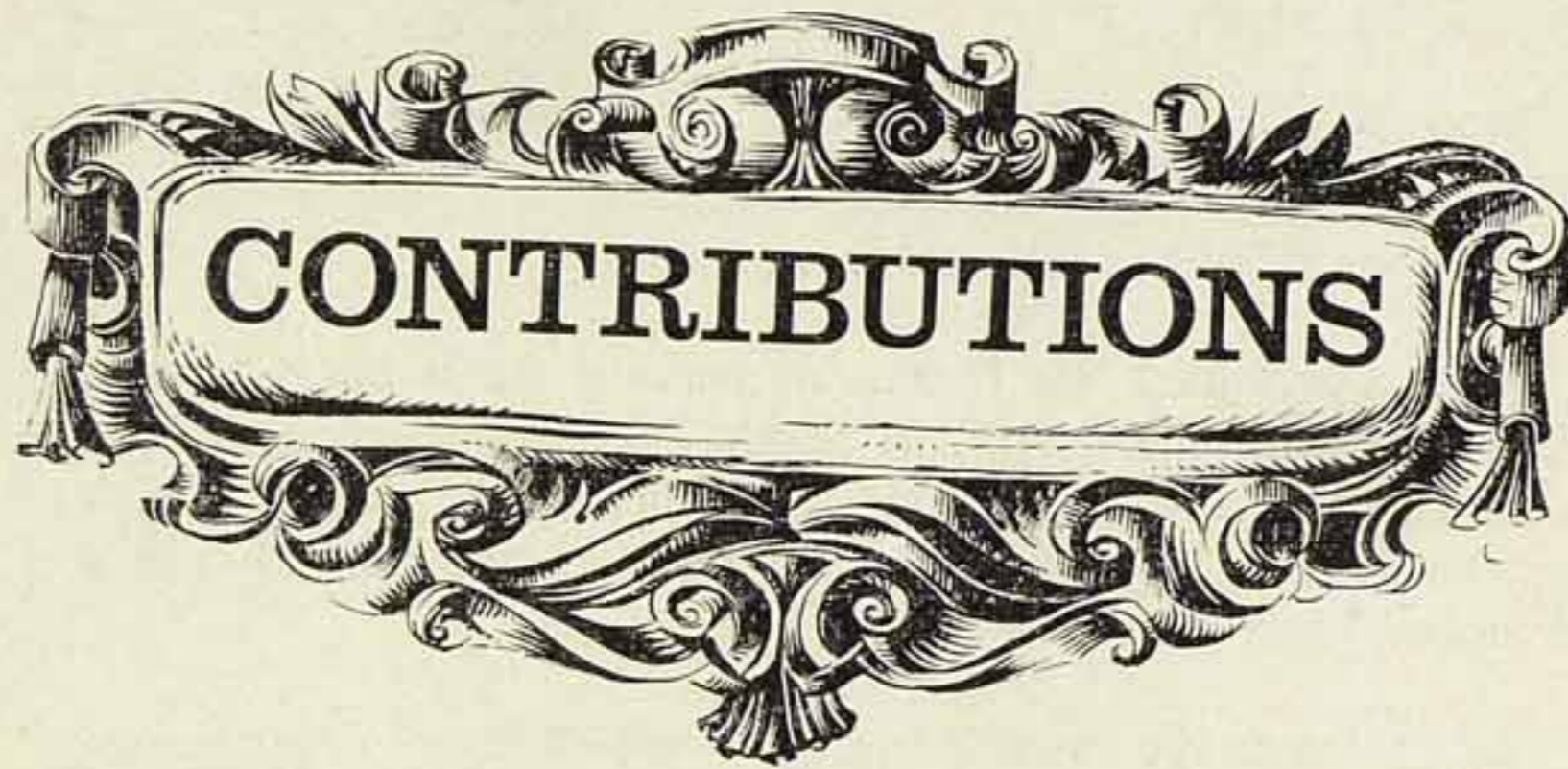
N. J. Corbishley has begun his training for a Short Service Commission with the R.A.F. at South Cervey in Gloucestershire. He is invariably last in the four mile runs and explains his high marks in English by saying that his exercises are marked with a different end in mind.

According to the English Electric Presentation of Awards Programme recently sent to School A. R. Malten has gained his H.N.D.

M. J. Woodhouse has passed out as Junior Technician (with O.N.C. in Mech. Engineering) from the School of Technical Training, R.A.F. Halton.

R. N. W. Smith left Northampton College in December, after one term. He has decided to study Medicine and is on the waiting list of Barts. In the meanwhile he is gaining Laboratory experience in the Royal Northern Hospital.

M. J. R. Thompson, who is in Maryville, Missouri, at the Northwest State College, has visited Western Kansas, the Rocky Mountain National Park, and hopes to spend a holiday in Colorado, passing on to Utah and Nevada, thence to Oregon and Washington and into British Columbia, east through Alberta and Saskatchewan, and returning through the Dakotas and Iowa.



Spring Landscape

*The spring, the spring, the spring is here,
Buds are bursting from the ground.
The golden daffodil is here,
Springing forth to drink the air,
The cool, clear air.*

*But the town, the poor town,
Laden in dirt and grime.
Fog and fumes from factory tower
Blight the joyous morning of spring.*

*But on the farm
The warm sun, the mooing of the cow,
The cold milk, the clanking churn,
That ploughs the earth for the seed.*

*The damp earth, the humming tractor
The good fresh tang of country air,
Smelling fresh and clear,
Warms our hearts.*

R. T. Suggett, 1st Form.

The Elephant in Captivity

*The place to see an elephant
Is at the London Zoo,
Where he waves his trunk about,
Watched by me and you.*

*Most people think he's safe,
Away from hunters' guns.
He certainly looks much happier
Eating currant buns.*

*The children on his back
Scream and yell with fun,
And when he gets back to the start
He has another bun.*

*When the day is over,
He lies upon his bed.
His big legs go into the air
As he rests his weary head.*

J. Hitchings, 1st Form.

A Gorilla

The Gorilla is a very dangerous animal. It can get you round the neck or body and crush or tear you apart with its giant claws. The Gorilla looks like a human. It stands on its back legs. Its face is all screwed up, with large eyes. Its claws are about two inches long and all its body is covered in long, thick, black hair. The Gorilla has very human ways. It is the nearest relation to man; it eats like us. I know it doesn't have a knife and fork. But it gets its food in between its great sharp paws and then puts the food to its mouth. Sometimes Gorillas have been taken round London Zoo in a pushchair. I suppose some day some Gorilla trainer will teach a gorilla to talk or to eat properly like humans do.

T. Theobald, 1st Form.

The Fate of that Tall Building

*The Building I imagined
Was very, very tall.
It was so fine and slender
Each night they held a ball.
It had twelve hundred windows
And a hundred and fifty floors.
There were lots of other things
Don't ask me how many doors.
It had five hundred porters,
And golly! That's some fee.
It also had a radar
That could not miss a bee.
That radar recorded everything
That flew about the air.
You could see it on a screen
Through that radar's care.
There where a lot of scientists
With brains going in and out.
I wonder what they were working on.
Perhaps a cure for a drought.
But! There always is a saboteur
Popping up here and there,
Finishing off people's plans
That were made with care.
So one moonlit evening
It was getting fairly late,
He threw in some high explosive
And plunged the building to its fate.*

P. Temple, 1st Form.

Swifts and Swallows

*Swifts and swallows, here they come,
Diving and swooping as fast as they can;
Watch out! The boy's head,
Look at them, here they come.
They skim across the glowing water;
The shining sun reflects on the water,
Which is crowded with the swifts and swallows.*

R. Bennett, 1st Form.

The Sea

*The waves lapped over the rugged rocks,
The sea was a turquoise shade.
They reared and smashed upon the shore.
In little pools they played.*

*A storm brewed up, the clouds did break,
The sea was lashed with rain.
The breakers roared onto the beach,
Again and yet again.*

*The storm died down and all was still,
Tranquil lay the sea.
But still there was a trace
Of the previous tragedy.*

P. Edgar, 2nd Form.

The Kestrel

*Down and down
the Kestrel goes.
A rabbit screams
in its last death throes.
There waits his mate
with her two chicks,
Up in a tree
in a nest of sticks.
A lesson now,
the chicks must fly.
He pushes them off—
they utter a cry.
Down and down
four Kestrels go.
They've seen a rabbit
in the snow.*

J. G. Mattock, 2nd Form.

The Phantom Highwayman

*'Twas on a cold and wintry night
The highwayman came down.
He wore a hat as black as coal
And a bright silvery gown.*

*His horse's hooves clattered and clashed
On the cold cobble stones,
And how they moved so smoothly down
Was enough to kill the bones.*

*And on the cold and wintry night,
Pouring down with rain,
A man might see the highwayman,
And never speak again.*

C. S. Gowers, 2nd Form.

The Fire

*Another siren wails aloud
As under cover rush the crowd;
A bomb falls with a flash of fire,
Houses burn and flames grow higher.*

*The fire burns on and on all night.
Panic-stricken people in their flight
Fall over burning wood and rubble,
Choking and coughing as they stumble.*

*Worn and tired, the firemen came,
Defying death in the yellow flame,
Using hoses and axes through the long night,
Fighting the fire until morning's light.*

*Then the firemen leave with relief in their faces
And all that are left are burned-out spaces
Of embers and of black charred wood,
The remnants of houses which once there stood.*

I. Robertson, 3rd Form.



M. LEWIS, 6TH FORM.

Computers

*Metallic minds now created
Often leave one's breath alated.
Man's work mastered with efficiency,
Uncanny speed and accuracy.
Journeying into outer space,
Reaching to the depths of ocean,
Without legs or arms or face—
Brains of perpetual motion.
Obedient to the human mind,
Taped orders accepted blind,
Used in every field of life
(Ultimately to replace the wife?).
So to rule the world in future,
Man must be master, not Computer.*

S. Rich, 3rd Form.

The Trials Car

*The layer of mud lies tempting
To the car, like ice-cream to a child.
The brightly painted, frail, shaking body
Trembles as the starter's flag goes down.
Mud flies high, as the specially designed rubbers fight
To grip the bed of the sea of mud.
It oozes round the wheels, then explodes, as car and man
Gather speed, round the first post, and up the steep incline.
It bounces, jumps and flies past skeletons
Of others that have gone before it,
Heads straight for the tree, then turns,
Sharply, towards the chequered boards, so near yet so far.
Will the grip last to the top of the hill,
Once so beautiful, with its sheet of green grass?
Car slips, it's in a rut; more grip and home,
With engine torn to shreds of boiling grease and wire.*

G. Cooper, 4th Form.

Nature

*The withered oak, the sturdiest of them all,
Standing against the wind in nature's fight,
Proving its strength, its noble power and might,
To time's most bitter ruin now must fall.
The mountains thrust up through the earth, and climb
Ungainly through the mire of time's decay,
Past others now lain low, the self-same way
That these ones too will victim fall to time.
The ages come and pass, but all in vain,
Poor nature sees her efforts rolling past,
Knowing that even her best will never last,
For what may be here once, will not again.
On windy nights, the Gods will hear more pleas,
But still will go her mountains and her trees.*

P. Rowlinson, 5th Form.

Spring Cleaning

*About this time of every year
Women go quite mad,
They buy some paint and wallpaper,
And then get poor old dad
To do his very best.
With brush in hand
And paint on chest
He paints the kitchen door.
Mum gets to work with the scraper
And pulls off all the paper,
Leaving the wall bare.
Then in comes Sis
And leans against the door;
Oh! cries dad, but it's too late.
The paint is there no more.
Upon her coat it does now rest:
All dad's work—his very best.*

B. Soames, 5th Form.

Spirit

*From all the far corners of the well-established town
Come black-jacketed riders, each on a bike.
Windows reveal elder people, on their face a frown;
They look on these boys with mistrust and dislike.
Motors are set, their faces turn grave,
Away through the dust they roar in a single file lane;
They streak round the cars and call themselves brave
But they who witness it say it's completely insane.
Throttles wide open, noise echoes off walls,
Smell of burnt rubber, smoke trails left along the bend.
They whistle, they shout, give each other cat-calls
But one day will tragically come to an end.
But up until then many moments will have past;
Their way to work off is to get up and go—fast.*

M. Edwards, 5th Form.

A Wandering Life

A tall young man, about seventeen years old, sat languidly on the sand and stones. Staring unseeingly into the middle distance he casually strummed the battered, stained guitar. Long, waving, black hair caressed his face in the warm breezes of night. Legs that spread-eagled over the rounded pebbles, ended abruptly in worn-out suede boots that were formerly covered with beer, gin, mud, salt water and several other miscellaneous discolourings picked up whilst tramping all over the country.

Slowly his foot glided through the darkness to rock his companion, sleeping by his side. The rolling music stopped, the sleeping man woke and slowly reached his feet and without a word took a few faltering steps around his guitarist friend. Then they contemplated where to go. They decided to wander into the tiny village after dawn. It would be another two hours before dawn so, gathering a few pieces of driftwood, they lit a small fire. It was not cold but they needed some light. Soaking one piece of the wood in some foreign gin that was completely unpalatable and lighting it they built a fire large enough to throw a flickering light around the heap of wood.

By the light of this tiny fire the two shaved. An old razor containing, faithfully, a blunt razor blade was used along with a small mirror that had been cracked at some time during its lengthy career. Not much shaving was needed. Both sported long side-boards and the guitarist a bushy moustache that enveloped the skin between the bottom of his nose and the top of his upper lip and then dropped down the sides of his mouth until it reached his jaw-bone.

The remaining parts of the face that needed to be shaved were rather scraped by the razor. No lather was used as they had no soap. Salt water was splashed over their faces, necks and hands in a vague effort to remove some dust that had settled on the exposed parts of their bodies. Then, till dawn, they talked casually on the subject they knew and loved, music. Folk and blues music was the thing these loved best, being placed higher in the list of favourite subject than drink or even girls.

As the oft-quoted rosy fingered dawn spread through the sky the conversation became mobile. Although the everyday wonders of nature, sunrise and sunset had been observed many hundred times by these two wanderers it still provided them with a picture of immense beauty. The glowing orb peeped over the warm grey sea, a fragmented crimson-pink pathway stretching over the sea, ending in a gentle white froth before it disappeared on reaching the shore. Pink petals showered the sky, lining the eastern edges of the wispy white with colours so soft and delicate that they seemed unreal. Soft lights pirouetted from the sea in the half-light of dawn. Gentle ruddy tinges lit the travellers' thin rugged faces. The conversation on blues dried up as they stared in continual wonderment at the fascinating beauty of the rising sun.

Everything these two owned they carried, from their clothes, the guitarist carrying a spare pair of jeans under the dirty suede jacket, to their instruments and records.

The denim-jacketed wanderer carried all the records, about twenty blues long-players. Some of these carefully picked classics were held next to his heart by the dirty jacket, the rest he held by his side. These records were each, in their own right, a gem of that style. Some of the records were prime examples of guitar work, with records by artists ranging from Big Bill Broonzy to Gabriel Brown. Others were by harmonica players with examples by Sonny Terry and Little Walter, and others by singers. It was from these current records that our two wanderers learned how to play their instruments, guitar and harmonica and sing.

As they reached a dingy cafe, as yet still locked and dark, they decided to sit on the dirty grey steps and wait for the owner to appear. Each sat on one side of the large flat steps and leant against the door-posts. The posts were caked in dust which all but obscured the bubbling, flaking, deep green paint below. After ten minutes of casual chat and passing of remarks on the village in general and the cafe in particular, the conversation veered towards the blues. This very personal music almost comprised their total lives. Within minutes of the beginning of this conversation their instruments appeared and came alive in their able hands. Broonzy-type blues are not too well appreciated by the aging inhabitants of sleepy

Cornish villages at seven in the morning. Lace curtains soon began to quiver as if an unfelt breeze wafted through the southern end of the street. Luckily, before the almost inevitable loud-mouthed char woman came out uttering fearful oaths at the musicians, the owner of the aforesaid cafe appeared. The boys and the owner soon came to terms and it was agreed that the musicians should play lively songs for two hours during the dinner time in return for a free dinner each.

With a dinner fixed up for them the boys thought that they ought to earn some money as they had less than ten shillings between them. Although money meant extremely little to them they knew by experiment what happened when they had no money and could not get a job. Reluctantly, and after much rapid talking by the jobless, and almost moneyless, musicians, a few of the suspicious, inhibited housewives agreed to have their wood chopped and gardens dug for small fees. With their total savings now well over thirty shillings the wanderers began to enter a world of, what they considered, security.

Blues shook the rattly window panes which formed a rather pleasant tinkling, though irregular, noise. They played so well that the cafe owner, a man equally as dingy as the cafe itself, gave them ten shillings to share and some bread and cheese. The bread looked particularly revolting. It was greying and hard but they did not complain as free food tasted a lot better than none at all. When these hours of playing and eating were finished the two wandered again, obeying the call of the sea, to the beach. Midnight blue enveloped the figures and no sounds were heard save the laughing, happy sea.

Then before sleeping as his friend was doing, the guitarist lifted that battered, stained instrument and, before playing, surveyed it purely as a work of art. The neck, dirty, chipped and slightly warped still gave immediate response to the ever shifting hands of the player. The body of the guitar was finished in plain wood and was as equally badly damaged as the neck. This was the instrument the boy loved. He realised a more expensive instrument would only mar the whining, broken sound of this instrument.

Then, his legs sprawled over the soft sand, he began to play. Soft restful sounds that blended into the sounds of the grey sea. The picture was, just as the previous night, one of complete and utter calm. It was the time the guitarist loved best and would often sit and watch the night until morning without ever closing his eyes. This boy, as did his companion, knew exactly what was happening. He was alert and intelligent and he knew, as do so few people today, the beauty of complete enlightenment and dedication to what he believes true and good.

B. Wordley, 5th Form.

The American Negro

Throbbing rhythms hammer at the night;

Negro rhythms.

Stinging sweat flies on invisible strings;

Negro sweat.

Hot colours swirl, colours of the cotton dresses;

Negro colours.

Screaming singers holler through the darkness;

Negro singers.

Figures sway, keep count;

Negro figures.

*A pointed white hood appears, the Negroes die under a burning
cross at the hands of cold-blooded murderers;*

White murderers.

B. Wordley, 5th Form.

The Anthropomorphist leaves Hell in a Vision

I asked the time—the reply was Eternity,

Which is now.

I asked the place—the reply was Infinity,

Which is here.

I asked the reason—the reply was Oblivion,

Which is always.

Passivity fled!

Energy perished!

The infinite five unified.

Glass is no longer seen.

We look for the cross instead of for Christ,

And we find the cross.

Conflict arises,

Is ignored,

And dies: yet lives,

And man dies—again.

Death!

Escape!

Yet the nun calls for Jesus;

One of many swallowed up by solitude,

In the endless corridor,

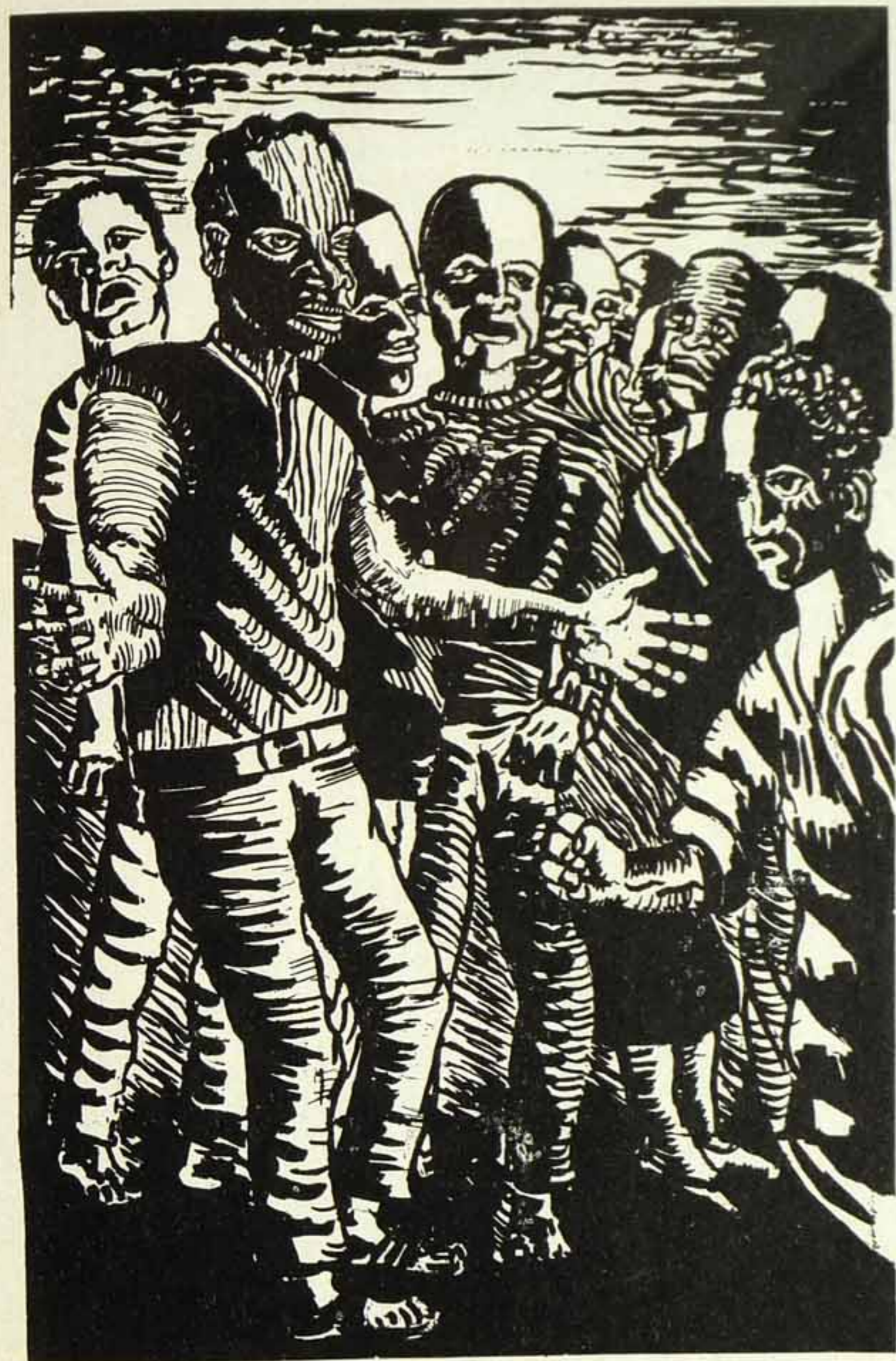
*Drowning in weep,
 She sees sounds, hears visions,
 Knows herself—knows man!
 Demands the chord of harmony—
 But the destroying sphere, destroyed, obtrudes,
 And man dies—again!
 Death!
 Freedom!
 Write a letter to a stone.
 What is your reply?
 Seal it with gloved hand—none!
 How many stars are there in the sky?
 Three appear each night—and one flees.
 Woman congeals, man powders, conflict dies.
 Eternity is reborn, flows on.
 Dust!
 Air breeds, lulled, cool; until again
 The Psyche wanders, excited, excites,
 And Eternity cracks!
 Passivity.*

R. Crane, 6th Form.

Funeral

*The crunching gravel
 Yields invitingly
 As the shouldered coffin leads.
 The preacher's words
 Still all toll in our ears
 As we seek the grave before the day
 Has ended.
 The black-coated quartet
 Disturbs the rest of the yawning earth
 With hempen bands,
 Their soles crushing the vernal turf.
 Like a slowly descending pendulum
 The dead weight at last swings out lost time,
 Effortlessly swallowed.
 Birth to earth, and she's gone
 From our time.*

M. Shinn, 6th Form.



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