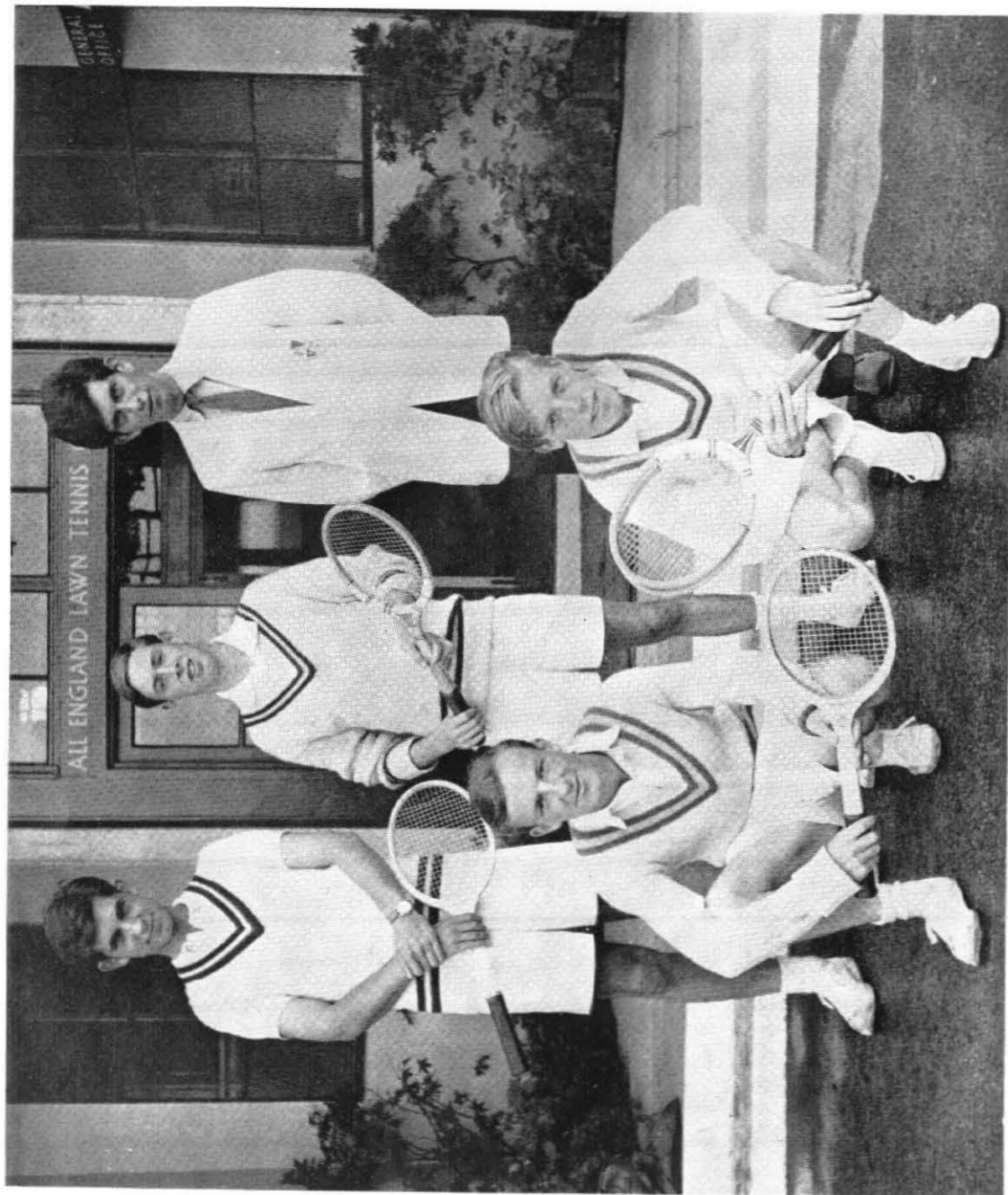


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WINNERS OF THE YOULL CUP, 1959

Back row, l. to r. R. B. AVORY, J. B. MAYLAND, E. J. AVORY

Front row, l. to r. C. J. G. ATKINSON, D. R. SABBERTON

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## EDITORIAL

THERE have been two notable achievements by Stoics in recent months. The first was Stowe's convincing Lawn Tennis victory in the Youll Cup, the competition which we have come so near to winning on a number of previous occasions. A full report of the matches is given on another page; here it is right to pay tribute to the work of the late Mr. R. E. Lucas, whose skill and enthusiasm laid the foundations of Stowe's fine record at tennis. It is sad that he was not there to see one of his life's ambitions realized.

The other achievement, in one sense a more personal success, was the winning of a Trevelyan Scholarship by D. J. Easton (W). These awards are made to boys who have shown outstanding personal qualities in addition to intellectual ability, but the conditions of the Trevelyan Trust lay it down that each candidate shall submit a thesis on some original research, and this proved to be Stowe's gain. For, taking advantage of a visit to America, Easton spent three weeks at the Huntington Library in California, working on the papers in the Stowe Collection, and he has come back with much new information about the history of the house and gardens. Some of this has been useful in compiling the picture history of the South Front which is the main feature of this term's *Stoic*, and it is intended to print more of his findings in future articles.

In the School itself there are several major changes to record: Nugent, the new waiting house, was opened in September, and the Music Staff, whose old teaching rooms were on its ground floor, has migrated to the Roxburgh Hall; the Masters' quarters are now grouped more conveniently in the rooms east of the Gothic Library, so that the Masters' former Mess has become available for use as a Tutorial Centre and Careers Room; and, as was foreshadowed last year, there has been considerable re-organization of the sides, forms and time-table. The new names and the new geography must perplex Old Stoic visitors, as indeed they perplexed many present Stoics, masters and boys alike, for the first few weeks of term. But constant reference to the Blue Book kept us informed, and no doubt the marching and counter-marching kept us fit.

## STOICA

*School Officials—Christmas Term, 1959.*

*Prefects* :—L. A. W. Evans (B), Head of School; D. J. Easton (W), Second Prefect; M. B. M. Canavan (C); T. A. S. Dufty (B), Prefect of Gymnasium; C. J. W. Gauvain (T); R. M. H. Griffiths (G); J. A. Jefferson (Q); H. R. Kay (S); R. E. C. Marton (Q), Prefect of Hall; A. F. Stone (T), Prefect of Chapel; D. S. Watson (C); D. R. White-Cooper (G), Prefect of Library.

*Rugby Football* :—Captain, D. J. Easton (W); Secretary, G. D. Parkinson (W).

*Squash* :—Captain and Secretary, M. C. Sabey (C).

*Fives* :—Captain, C. J. W. Gauvain (T).

*Fencing* :—Captain and Secretary, M. B. M. Canavan (C).

The following have preached in the Chapel this term :—Sunday, September 27th, the Headmaster; Sunday, October 4th, the Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, October 11th, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl; Sunday, October 18th, the Rev. Canon J. B. Sturdy; Sunday, October 25th, the Rev. J. Westlake, Vicar of Fringford; Sunday, November 1st, the Rev. P. T. Ashton (C, 1935), Rector of Sandringham; Sunday, November 8th, the Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl; Sunday, November 15th, the Rev. Canon J. B. Sturdy; Sunday, November 22nd, the Rev. C. Windsor Richards; Sunday, December 6th, the Rev. L. M. Wollen.

The Collections in the Chapel were :—On October 4th, for Aid to European Refugees Fund, £30 13s. 7d.; on October 18th, for St. Luke's Hostel, £37 17s. 3d.; on November 8th, for the Earl Haig Fund, £130 os. od.; on November 29th, for the Returned British P.O.W. Fund, £42 2s. 6d.; on December 13th, for the Children's Hospital, Gt. Ormond Street, £40 os. od.

Confirmation was held on Advent Sunday, November 29th, in the Chapel, when 94 candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford.

George Cansdale, Esq., F.L.S., and Anthony M. Quinton, Esq., (T, 1942) have become Governors of the School.

The Old Stoic Dinner, which took place on November 21st, was again held in the Members' Dining Room in the House of Commons. Speeches were made by the Rt. Hon. J. A. Boyd-Carpenter (C, 1927), the Headmaster, Mr. J. C. Saunders and Mr. A. M. Quinton. 156 Old Stoics were present.

Next year the Old Stoic Dinner has been provisionally fixed for December 3rd.

On Saturday, October 24th, 1959, for the first time in its history, the Old Stoic Society proper held a dinner outside London. D. G. Guyer (S, 1955) and R. W. Slater (C, 1955) organized a Northern Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Manchester. 67 members attended and speeches were made by D. S. Bramley (T, 1927), one of "the 99", and by the Headmaster.

Thanks to the effort of D. R. Speight (B, 1955) and others, the Oxford University Old Stoic Society has been revived and on May 12th held its first dinner since the war. Speeches were made by the Headmaster and A. D. J. Grenfell (W, 1956).

The Pineapple Ball is to be held at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Thursday, January 7th, 1960. The price of each ticket (including dinner) is 45/-; senior Stoics can buy double tickets at the reduced rate of 70/-. Invitations have been sent to all Old Stoics; tickets can be obtained from R. V. P. Adams, Esq., Stowe School, Buckingham, or from the Hon. Organizing Secretary, 231, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.5.

At the beginning of this term Nugent, the new waiting house, opened its doors to thirteen boys, including the son of an Old Stoic. It occupies the block to the west side of the Powerhouse Yard and faces the Masters' Garden. Here used to be the Masters' old Common-room, the teaching rooms of the Music Staff and the Preparation Room of the Biology Laboratory. Two members of Temple House have been temporarily attached to Nugent for duties as settlers.

The Rev. J. E. C. Nicholl, M.C., (B, 1939), Mr. B. H. Mead, Mr. R. M. Blackmore and Mr. I. B. Kellie have joined the Staff this term; Mr. E. H. Fletcher has joined the Music Staff. Also with us for this term is the Rev. Canon J. B. Sturdy, a Canon Emeritus of the Upper Nile.

Members of Side Two went to see a performance of Goethe's *Faust* in Oxford on November 12th.

Two House dances were held this term. The Temple dance took place on November 14th, and Walpole and Grafton gave a combined dance on December 12th. A party of senior members of the School attended a dance given by Hawnes Girls' School on December 4th.

The Old Berkeley Beagles met at Stowe on October 31st and the Grafton Hunt on December 3rd.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

L. J. D. MCINTYRE (G) was awarded a State Scholarship for Higher Mathematics with Physics on the results of the Certificate Examinations in July.

D. J. EASTON (W) was awarded a Trevelyan Scholarship in December.

C. J. GIBBON (G) was awarded a Minor Scholarship in Classics at King's College, Cambridge, in December.

#### E.S.P.

Ted Parke came here in May, 1944, from the Imperial College of Science and Technology, and now is going on to the Physical Research Division at Harwell. In his fifteen and a half years at Stowe his official position has been Physics Laboratory Technician, but in fact he has been known to many masters and boys as a most devoted and loyal servant of the School who has been ready to turn his hand to anything within his powers. Cinema operator, electrician, radio expert, cook in the old Home Guard, typist and a complete photographer, he is a man who has never failed to respond to an appeal for help from boys and masters alike. Many of the photographs in the *Stoic* have been his work, as well as the photographs of School functions of all kinds. In the Laboratories he has been invaluable, for he is a craftsman who can make most of the apparatus with a precision that is not so common nowadays amongst the material bought in quantity. He has saved the School a great deal of money.

But it is as a person that we shall miss him most. His cheerful smile and readiness to joke whatever the crisis were welcome to many a harassed master. All who have known him, or of his work for Stowe, will wish him happiness in his new post.

#### RE-ORGANIZATION OF SIDES AND FORMS

There are again eight Sides in the Upper School where recently there have been ten, but there is also an Upper Fifth Form for those who are out of the Middle School, but need to consolidate their position before full specialization. Nor are the Sides as independent as they were, for they now share a programme so timed that a great variety of subjects may be combined, even to some extent Arts subjects with scientific.

Upper School Forms are solely a matter of status; but placing is now based upon actual achievement, in terms of the G.C.E. The senior division of the Sixth Form is now open to all who have passed two 'A' Levels, and to them is restricted the right to work in their studies during school hours (those below them working either unsupervised in the new Tutorial Centre or in the Library under the supervision of a master). But Sixth Form privileges, in the old sense, are still reserved for those only who have some real distinction to their credit.

Lower down, the four stages to 'O' Level, reduced from five not long ago, have now been reduced to three; and the old names have given place to new, Fifths, Fourths and Thirds. Removes are removed and Shells have hatched; but the Twenty and the Forty still hold honourable place. Another innovation is that all boys will start, in the summer of their first year, upon work that directly leads to the G.C.E. and includes, as well as Science for everyone, the option of Greek, German or Spanish. Hence every new boy, in whatever term he comes, will be able to attempt 'O' Level within three years at most of his arrival.

Finally, in the Fourths, as for long past in the Fifths, marks are no longer what they were. They have at both these levels been replaced by a fortnightly award of symbols, inscribed against each subject on Record Cards which carry a useful summary of the pupil's past and give ready information to those who need to have it. For promotions, which (to the advantage of the syllabus) are now few in the bye-terms, examination performance is counting for more than in the past.

"In order to have right opinions, you need to have a capacity for reasoning—that is, a trained brain—and you need to have something for your reasoning to work on—that is, you have to have knowledge. Both the trained brain and the knowledge are to some extent arranged for here as a part of School routine and in a way which leaves you no choice. But it is the trained brain more than the knowledge that a School imparts. For a School gives you regular opportunities for exercising your brain and practising mental processes. Every time you get some little puzzle right in Latin or Mathematics, or remember something which you have been in the habit of forgetting, or understand something which you have not grasped before, or express something on paper more clearly and concisely than usual, you have advanced a step towards securing an efficient brain. Progress of that kind is never lost, and even when the particular thing you are asked to do seems dimly uninteresting and far from all you really care about, remember that if you do it properly you will have a fitter brain afterwards, just as you have a fitter body after a run even if you find the run a nuisance or a bore. Remember, too, that the thing depends chiefly on yourself. Compulsion is necessary, because for one man under twenty who instinctively dislikes physical exertion nine instinctively dislike mental exertion. But very little can be done by compulsion from outside. You have got to compel yourself to exert your mind, for no one else can compel you to."

(from an address delivered by J.F.R. to the School and printed in the 'Stoic' of thirty years ago)

## OLIM ALUMNI

J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER (C, 1927) and T. V. H. BEAMISH (T, 1935), both Conservatives, retained their seats in the General Election, and S. T. SWINGLER (G, 1930) retained his seat for Labour. The following Old Stoics also stood for Parliament, but were not elected: C. A. HART LEVERTON (G, 1953), R. J. MAXWELL-HYSLOP (C, 1949), M. B. SCHOLFIELD (T, 1939), and H. H. SEBAG-MONTEFIORE (W, 1940). P. B. LUCAS (G, 1934) did not offer himself for re-election.

B. A. STEWART (C, 1938) commanded the Queen's Guard at Balmoral and Q. E. AGNEW (G, 1955) was one of his subalterns. It is believed to be unique for Stowe to have two Old Stoics as members of the Royal Guard, Balmoral, in any one year.

C. T. CROWE (C, 1932) has been appointed British Chargé d'Affaires in Cairo and took up his post in December.

J. D. MURRAY (C, 1928) was, in April 1959, appointed Counsellor at the British Embassy, Lisbon.

C. A. MOODIE (G, 1940) has been appointed Pathologist and Director of Laboratories at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, St. Catherine's, Ontario.

A. F. WEAVER (T, 1933) has been a lecturer in Education at Whitelands College, London University Institute of Education, since 1956 and has recently brought out a book, *They Steal for Love—an experiment in education and psychiatry with children and parents*.

C. S. CHURCHER (C, 1946) has been appointed Lecturer in Vertebrate Anatomy at the University of Toronto.

A. C. L. WHISTLER (G, 1930) was awarded First Prize in this year's Cheltenham Poetry Competition for his poem *The Spectacle*.

J. T. MELVIN (G, 1933), formerly a Housemaster at Sherborne, has been appointed Headmaster of Kelly College, Tavistock, Devon.

G. P. TWEEDALE (C, 1933) has, since April, been Bursar, Games Master and P.T. Instructor at Glaston Tor School, Glastonbury, Somerset.

A. S. M. DICKINS (C, 1932), first boy-editor of *The Epicurean*, has presented to the British Museum Vol. I (the first twelve numbers) of that periodical. The Museum possesses only one number of the second volume.

C. J. G. ATKINSON (C, 1959) played Squash and Hockey for Buckinghamshire County teams.

## BIRTHS

To the wife of G. G. I. BARKER (C, 1943), a daughter, on September 18th, 1959.

To the wife of G. R. L. BARRON (G, 1936), a son, on November 18th, 1959 (in Hong Kong).

To the wife of G. T. BEER (G, 1949), a son, on April 22nd, 1959.

To the wife of J. B. CHITTENDEN (T, 1947), a daughter, on November 22nd, 1959.

To the wife of M. COLSTON (G, 1951), a daughter, on September 15th, 1959.

To the wife of T. C. EATON (C, 1936), a son, on November 19th, 1959.

To the wife of P. D. FORSYTH-FORREST (T, 1940), a daughter, on October 28th, 1959.

To the wife of B. W. GUEST (B, 1943), a daughter, on August 23rd, 1959.

To the wife of C. D. HARVEY-PIPER (T, 1940), a daughter, on August 15th, 1959.

To the wife of A. C. L. LEWISOHN (C, 1943), a son, on November 28th, 1959.

To the wife of J. A. B. LLOYD-PHILIPPS (G, 1940), a daughter, on May 18th, 1959.



## MARRIAGES

G. T. BEER (G, 1949) to Veronica Savage, on April 26th, 1958.

J. M. G. BEST (T, 1927) to Gudlaug Gisladdottir, on January 10th, 1959.

R. K. BOLTON (C, 1949) to Miss L. J. Spencer, on June 6th, 1959.

J. I. G. CAPADOSE (T, 1943) to Monica Joan Bramwell, on July 26th, 1958.

C. S. CHURCHER (C, 1946) to Winifred Beatrice Mary Lindsay, on July 4th, 1959.

I. V. DE WESSELOW (C, 1948) to Jennifer Jane Baker, on October 16th, 1959.

P. G. DIGGLE (C, 1939) to Baroness Anna Sylvia Von der Lanchen-Wakenitz, on September 17th, 1959.

C. EBERAN VON EBERHORST (C, 1954) to Barbro Ebba Fallenius, on August 1st, 1959.

J. P. FANE (B, 1939) to Diana Ewart Hill, on September 29th, 1959.

K. A. HENDERSON (C, 1953) to Susan Noel Askey, on September 19th, 1959.

S. S. F. HORNER (C, 1939) to Elizabeth Patricia Waring, on July 9th, 1959.

J. D. MURRAY (C, 1928) to Merriall Rose Eden, on September 25th, 1959.

M. G. D. O'DONOVAN (T, 1950) to Frances Jane Templer, on September 19th, 1959.

D. L. ROBERTS (G, 1952) to Eurwen Jones, on August 3rd, 1959.

R. J. ROBERTS (C, 1949) to Patricia Mary Milbourne, on August 8th, 1959.

E. C. SKEPPER (T, 1946) to Judith Mary Found, on November 26th, 1959.

C. A. VANDERVELL (B, 1944) to Audrey Jane McCall, on August 14th, 1959.

## “THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST”

*Presented by the Congreve Club in the Roxburgh Hall on December 4th and 5th*

Stowe audiences being what they are, there can be little doubt that, in planning a Congreve Club production, Light Comedy is the best bet. And of all Light Comedy *The Importance* is the first choice. Everyone wants to do it. Witness the fact that Messrs. Fox have no less than seven sets of costumes for this play in constant circulation. The piece is as ubiquitous as Bunbury himself; *facile princeps* with repertory companies, local Thespians, colleges and schools, as secure in the English dramatic tradition as *The Mikado* or *The Pirates of Penzance* in the operatic.

But is it such a safe bet? On the contrary, it is a big risk. Wilde wrote a piece of nonsense as simple and conventional in structure as any musical comedy, but of a texture so subtle and exquisite that careless or inept handling will reduce it to so much rubbish. Moreover, everyone knows it, many by heart. A recent distinguished, but under-rehearsed, presentation in London was audibly prompted from the stalls. Lastly, the professionals, notably Sir John Gielgud and Dame Edith Evans, have firmly sealed it with unforgettable, and inimitable, performances on stage and screen.

In short, if your production succeeds, it will be a riot: if it fails, it will be a sad flop; and there will be plenty of people to tell you so, and why.

The Congreve Club took the risk, and Mr. Bain wisely and ruthlessly rehearsed them to a standstill. Great pains were taken over every detail. A posse of anonymous artists led by R. W. Alexander (G) and J. A. Booth (S) devised elaborate and skilful settings—the second scene quite outstanding. Lorry-loads of properties were imported from the Northampton Repertory Theatre. The cast could hardly have been better drilled or better supported.

The tempo throughout was decorous and unhurried, but was never allowed to drag. With one or two exceptions the diction was precise and articulated, the manners cultivated, rarely degenerating into mannerisms, and no more obviously assumed than is necessary to the satire which runs through the whole play.

All this combined to produce an authentic fin-de-siècle atmosphere. The actors had plainly worked very hard to carry out the producer's intentions, and gave a credible impression of experience and savoir faire. Perhaps most convincing, in spite of some slurred lines, was the John Worthing of A. C. Geddes (T), solid and trenchant if a little gauche and over-genuine, so that one felt it hardly fair to laugh at him. Something of this transparency could be seen in Cecily (J. Cunningham-Reid (C)). Here was no attempt at the customary kitten-clawed little innocent. Instead we saw an engaging and composed naiveté which made Gwendolen look no more than an ordinary cat. Their verbal duel in the garden was excellent and owed much to the crisp incisiveness of W. R. B. Allan (T).

A good Gwendolen will persuade you that one day she will be a replica of Lady Bracknell. Allan did give that impression, unfortunately assisted by her dress and wig, which made her look more than half-way there already. Nevertheless this was a most competent and controlled performance.

T. W. J. Waine (S) gave a faithful imitation of Mr. Bain's imitation of Dame Edith Evans playing Lady Bracknell. It was a valiant effort, but something went wrong somewhere. Dame Edith's deportment in this rôle has been described as “like affronted Royalty refusing to open a Bazaar”. This Lady Bracknell was a booming old battle-axe rather than a grande dame, her pronouncements underlined by strange gestures

with large ungloved hands. A pity, this, because, however formidable, the lady must not be coarse: and there are other ways of playing the part more suited to the actor in question.

Algernon Moncrieff ran (almost flew) in all directions. The performance of M. C. Sabey (Q), full of verve and gaiety, supplied pace and movement where it was required, but was distinctly out of period. When the film of the play opened with Algy in his bath, a critic observed that such indecorum would have emptied a Victorian theatre. Likewise Sabey's Algernon might go down well at a S.W.1. bottle-party in 1959: the Albany in 1895 would have cut him dead.

The minor characters were all well cast and each contributed something distinctive to a closely co-ordinated direction. One appreciated, for example, the contrast between Algernon's starched flunkey (J. L. Hunter-Coddington (C)) and the cosy arthritic old butler (M. J. Dunlop (C)) at the Manor House—an accomplished study in senility. M. J. Jones (C) doddered delightfully as Canon Chasuble, a joyous caricature and a welcome relief from the stock stage cleric. Miss Prism (A. W. V. Ireland (Q)), angular and ineffective but somehow lovable, was occasionally difficult to hear, but related her handbag story with the touching pathos of the under-privileged.

Such individual criticisms as are here offered are counsels of perfection—and for this play nothing but perfection is really good enough. They are no reflection on the producer or his cast, whose team-work was remarkable. Reactions, general and individual, were carefully planned, unobtrusive and most effective in pointing lines and situations. Viewed as a whole, this imaginative and most enjoyable production deserves nothing but praise, and must rank as one of the most impressive of the Congreve Club's entertainments.

A.A.D.

(Pictures facing p. 33)

## THE FETE

*July 25th, 1959*

It was a thoroughly unusual English summer's day. The sun was shining, as it had been all the year. The Oak Lawn was smothered underneath a vast marquee, and from the tower of Stowe Church Mr. Webb's brass ensemble was making itself delightfully evident. On the very stroke of three o'clock the “Empress Josephine” made an impressive entrance on to the South Front, and with a few extremely well-chosen words declared to the assembled multitude of stockinged Stoics that the fête was open. Then, dragged off at alarming speed by her heavily-disguised chauffeur, she hurtled through the fête itself, signalling as she went the start of the race that sent five hundred Stoics crashing down to the stalls.

The many visitors who happily appeared later wisely remained out of the way while the fête was overrun by Stoics, who, fortunately for Stowe Church, spent freely—indeed, they had good reason to: for the fête was the result of weeks of hard work by Mr. Mounsey, Mr. Fox and numerous boys. The usual stalls that are essential to any fête were there: the rifle range attracted a large number as it will anywhere; unfortunate victims took it in turn to walk up and down behind a cover of sacking while the pro-

truding top hat was knocked off; the crockery-smashing stall had its usual brief but exciting life and nearby a huge mouth gaped to swallow rugger balls all afternoon.

Scattered around these mainstays of the fête were the more ingenious devices, which attracted just as many customers: the 'rat' challenged all comers, and few managed to hit it; an exploding balloon announced that another contestant had failed to shave it carefully enough; the Freak Show staged regular performances to its surprised audiences; the electricians of the school foxed most people with their machine that emitted a dreadful buzz to tell its customers that it had won, and only infuriated them into trying again and again, while the would-be mathematicians of the school spent hours in trying to cover a seemingly small circle with five gramophone records—and for the most part failing magnificently.

Over all this scene a large loudspeaker, hidden somewhere in the ilex by the second golf tee, sent forth noises of all sorts, ranging from Messrs. Presley and Steele to "Will Mrs. So-and-So please come to . . . ?"

At some time soon after four o'clock the visitors moved in in force. They, presumably after years of experience at Lillingstone Dayrell, proved rather more apt than the Stoics, but spent none the less freely.

At about seven o'clock the fête was again taken over, this time by wasps and gnats. They, however, proved to be scavengers rather than customers, and gradually the fête slowed down, finishing up, of course, with the draw for the raffle.

That the whole thing was a success cannot be doubted: the outcome was a wonderful afternoon for Stowe—certainly enhanced by the 'plug' on the B.B.C. less than a week before—and the handsome sum of over £500 for Stowe Church.

M.P.W.-M.

## THE HOUSE ART COMPETITION

The House Competition in Drawing and Painting was held on Saturday, November 28th. It was criticised and judged by Mr. W. R. Leadbitter, who said that he thought that it was a lively, vigorous show which was well worth talking about. Mr. Leadbitter began by pointing out that paint has texture, unpleasant or otherwise, and that many of the artists represented clearly did not appreciate that fact; that it was not enough to put on paint like house-paint nor to end up with a slimy mess; much more care was needed to maintain an attractive texture of paint. The second point he made was that the whole picture must be designed and it was quite disastrous to leave, for instance, the sky to chance; skies were difficult and needed therefore all the more designing.

Mr. Leadbitter singled out the paintings of R. W. Alexander (G) for the best use of paint and the best all-over design. He also commented favourably upon the work of E. Both (B), T. D. A. Cecil (C) and H. L. Cowdy (E), and said that the water colours of J. A. Booth (E) were excellent. There was a dark little picture of the Oxford Bridge by P. R. N. Lewis (E) which gave Mr. Leadbitter some pleasure, as also did some of the work of R. E. N. Sorrell (G). Two paintings which he considered very good but for the fact that the sky had not been designed with the rest of the picture were a mountain scene by F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (C) and a bridge by P. J. August (B). Of the drawings, the two he liked best were by E. Both (B) and P. N. Hawkins (B).

Mr. Leadbitter awarded the first place to Grenville on account of R. W. Alexander's paintings, the second place to Grafton and the third to Bruce.

## MUSIC

CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA, STRING ORCHESTRA AND GLEE CLUB  
SUNDAY, JULY 26TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

*Leader of the Orchestra*—MR. WATSON

*Conductor of the Orchestra*—MR. KELYNACK

*Leader of the String Orchestra*—C. J. GIBBON (G)

*Conductor of the String Orchestra*—MR. WATSON

*Conductor of the Glee Club*—MR. COX

THE ORCHESTRA :

Suite from the Water Music . . . . . *Handel*  
(based on the original instrumentation) (*Edited by Anthony Baines*)

THE STRING ORCHESTRA :

Divertimento in F major, K.138 . . . . . *Mozart*

THE ORCHESTRA :

Symphony in B minor (The Unfinished) . . . . . *Schubert*  
First Movement

THE GLEE CLUB :

*Fen and Flood*—A Cantata . . . . . *Words by Charles Cudworth*  
*Music by Patrick Hadley*

*Soprano*—ANGELA TAYLOR

*Baritone*—PETER RHODES

*Pianos*—MR. BURKE, MR. KELYNACK

CONCERT BY THE HARVEY PHILLIPS ORCHESTRA  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Many people find that a concert of string music lacks contrast. As if aware of this, Mr. Harvey Phillips provided an outstandingly varied programme, and was able to show to advantage the various excellent qualities of his orchestra. It is possible in fact that he went too far in his search for variety, and though satisfying everyone in part, failed to give complete satisfaction to all but a few.

The first half of the programme consisted of a Handel G minor Concerto Grosso, Two Delius Aquarelles and Britten's Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge. All were stylishly played, though Britten's outstanding work got the best performance. In the second half of the programme, Mr. Phillips brought out the lighter side of Mozart's D major Divertimento, by choosing quick tempi in all movements, but he lost some of the warmth of the second movement in doing so. Mr. Hugh Bean, the leader, then played a curiosity, Kreisler's Violin Concerto, and it turned out to be in the composer's quasi-baroque style. Some of Kreisler's work in this manner, notably the Praeludium and Allegro, are outstandingly successful, but this concerto was altogether a less happy affair. If pastiche is to survive at all, it has to be very good indeed. Nowadays there is so much of the real thing about that it is doubtful whether a work of this kind has a place in modern concert programmes. Leo Wiener's Hungarian Dances, however, were delightful, and more than restored the good humour of the audience.

A.J.W.

## MUSIC IN CONCORD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, IN THE TEMPLE OF CONCORD

BRYAN CORRIE ( <i>Tenor</i> )	MR. WATSON ( <i>Violin</i> )	
MR. BURKE ( <i>Piano</i> )	LESLEY MELVIN ( <i>Violin</i> )	
ANNE WOLFE ( <i>Viola</i> )	MISS MARTIN ( <i>Cello</i> )	
Sonata in G minor for Two Violins and Continuo, Op. 2, No. 8		<i>Handel</i>
<i>An die Ferne Geliebte</i> (to the Distant Beloved), Op. 98 ...		<i>Beethoven</i>
(A cycle of six linked songs for Tenor and Piano)		
String Quartet No. 9 in C major, Op. 59, No. 3 ...		<i>Beethoven</i>
(dedicated to Count Rasoumovsky)		

CONCERT BY THE ORCHESTRA, STRING ORCHESTRA, CHORAL SOCIETY AND GLEE CLUB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Leader of the Orchestra and Conductor of the String Orchestra—MR. WATSON

Leader of the String Orchestra—J. R. WINGAD (C)

Conductor of the Orchestra, Choral Society and Glee Club—MR. KELYNACK

I have heard Stowe produce a better concert than this one. It seemed that Mr. Kelynack made the very best of somewhat limited talent. Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances* were the best item. It is frankly difficult, but the orchestra made a very good attempt, the chorus was well trained, though the altos inevitably were numerically weak, and the result was exciting.

L. J. D. McIntyre (G) then played the first movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto in C minor. His playing was admirably lucid, well-timed, rhythmic and revealed great talent. And he knew the work well enough to be able to synchronise accurately with the orchestra. But here he was let down; the orchestra had not got the right balance and gave him very little support; it is not surprising that he appeared happiest in the cadenza. The lid of the piano had been totally removed for the benefit of the orchestra, but this may have accounted for the somewhat soft-pedalled tone throughout.

The String Orchestra then played a movement of a Vivaldi concerto with a certain lack of confidence, the strings seeming unable to sustain a high register; this was followed by two pieces by Elgar—*Chanson de Nuit* and *Chanson de Matin*—which were very well played, the lower strings in particular producing some good rich timbres. It should be said, though, that the String Orchestra fell below the usual high standard of its concerts in the Temple of Concord.

The Glee Club sang competently two rather slight pieces, followed by *Sweet Kitty Clover* accompanied by the orchestra; this was a great success.

Finally the full orchestra played *A Little Suite* by Malcolm Arnold. I did not like this much but it was well played.

S.W.E.S.

CONCERT BY THE MILITARY BAND  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

Conductor—MR. WEBB

Chaconne in E flat ... ..	<i>Holst</i>
Humoresque for Trombone—"The Joker" ... ..	<i>Moss</i>
Soloist—J. CURWIN (G)	
THREE SONG CONTRASTS:	
<i>None but a lonely heart</i> ... ..	<i>Tchaikovsky</i>
Londonderry Air ( <i>Danny Boy</i> ) ... ..	<i>Old Irish</i>
The Farmer's Boy ... ..	<i>Old English</i>
Symphonic March (Coronation 1953) ... ..	<i>E. J. Webb</i>
Excerpts from the Ballet Suite <i>Les Deux Pigeons</i> ... ..	<i>Messenger</i>
Entrée de Tziganes; Danse Hongroise; Finale	
MARCH: <i>Voice of the Guns</i> ... ..	<i>Alford</i>

It is forty years since Mr. Webb entered the premises of Messrs. Boosey and Hawkes for the first time, and as a token of the firm's long and happy association with him since then the directors have presented a challenge cup to the School, to be awarded each year for outstanding progress on a wind instrument. This will greatly encourage young players, who are eligible to qualify for the award on their current progress, whatever their final standard may be. Normally the award is to be made at the end of the Summer term, but this year the cup was presented during the Military Band Concert; although J. Curwin (G) had been chosen as winner quite apart from his performance on this occasion, it was none the less appropriate that the presentation should have been made personally by one of the managers of the firm immediately after Curwin's very fine playing on the trombone.

CONCERT BY MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, IN THE ROXBURGH HALL

BRASS ENSEMBLE:

Sonata No. 24 ... ..	<i>Reiche</i>
Ricercar del primo tuomo ... ..	<i>Palestrina</i>
Trumpet—P. M. WHITFIELD (T)	Horn—J. H. GOLDSTONE (T)
Trombones—L. A. W. EVANS (B), J. CURWIN (G)	
Tuba—H. WHITELEY (C)	
Schlummerlied ... ..	<i>Schumann</i>
Piano—I. F. BRACEY (C)	
Allegro Appassionata from Sonata in F minor,	
Op. 120, No. 1 ... ..	<i>Brahms</i>
Clarinet—A. R. NEGUS (B)	
Piano—MR. BURKE	
Andante and Allegro Spiritoso ... ..	<i>Haydn</i>
from the 'London' Trio in G	
Violin—M. SPIRA (C)	
Oboe—J. L. HUNTER-CODDINGTON (C)	
Cello—P. F. BROWN (C)	



- Arabesque in G ... .. *Debussy*  
*Piano—A. A. W. KEMP (G)*
- Theme and Variations from the 'Emperor' Quartet ... .. *Haydn*  
*Violins—J. R. WINGAD (C), J. F. R. SAUNDERS (C)*  
*Viola—MR. WATSON*  
*Cello—P. F. BROWN (C)*
- Overture from Suite for Two Clarinets and Corno di Caccia ... .. *Handel*  
*Clarinets—C. B. TETLOW (T), A. C. GEDDES (T)*  
*Horn—J. H. GOLDSTONE (T)*
- GLEE CLUB:
- I saw three ships* ... .. *arr. Vaughan Williams*  
*Silent Night* ... .. *Gruber*  
*A Merry Christmas* ... .. *arr. Warrell*

The House Singing and Instrumental Ensemble Competitions were held on Sunday, November 1st, in the Roxburgh Hall. Mr. John Stainer, Registrar of the Royal College of Music, was the Adjudicator. The Singing Cup was won by Chatham and the Instrumental Cup retained by Temple.

On Saturday, November 7th, we were to have been given a concert by the Ripieno Choir of Weybridge and Gareth Morris (flute), but unfortunately this had to be cancelled as the performers were prevented from coming by fog.

On Sunday, December 6th, the Choir sang at the annual Carol Service in Wicken Parish Church.



## GREY GOOSE

The dying rays of the sun cast a glow on the snow, which in the shadow was already assuming a cruel tint of blue. The trunks of the few, snow-spangled larch trees which surrounded the hollow had taken on that fiery radiance which is so noticeable just before the sun dips below the horizon. Then, suddenly, it was gone. Blue shades darted from below the rocks, and spread over the whole extent of the smooth expanse of snow, which stretched, unbroken, to the low cliffs which girded three sides of the cwm. On the fourth side, where the coloured streamers of the sunset were framed by the encompassing ridges, the ground dropped away abruptly to the floor of the main valley in a series of gigantic boulder-strewn steps. In summer these steps were accessible enough, but in winter a treacherous film of ice covered every rock.

So the small lake which nestled in the bottom of the cwm was left to the geese, for the time being a sanctuary. Springs in the bottom of the lake kept much of it free of ice in all but the hardest winters, and so they flocked there in their thousands. From far, far away they came, over range upon range of snow-clad mountains, flying with a strange sense of destination, a strange determination. Sometimes the crags re-echoed with their weird cries, and the sky seemed filled with thin, wedge-shaped lines of birds. At these times it appeared that no human foot could ever have trod those icy wastes, and a curious feeling of eternity suggested that it never would, that the little lake among the rocks would be left for ever to its swift-winged inhabitants.

But when with the first thaw came spring, and the rivers were swollen with icy water from the melting snowfields, the geese left the lake. Flock by flock they rose from the water and winged their way beyond the far horizons to new seas, new continents. Many, spurred on by some inexplicable force, flew to the region of eternal snow beyond the Arctic Circle. Here indeed no foot had ever trod, here indeed might they breed in peace, unharmed by anything but a few arctic foxes or snowy owls.

Such then are the ways of the grey goose. It is a mysterious bird. What power guides it on its way? What enables it to navigate unerringly over vast tracts of desolate country and trackless ocean? We may never know the answer.

Maybe it is this which lends to the goose its air of mystery, and above all its air of freedom. On hearing its musical clangour echoing from the upper air, one is filled with a sense of wonder. One feels one has found something very wild, as free as the air in which it flies, an untamable and unfathomable creation.

F.P.G.A-B.

## THE LIBRARY

The following new Librarians have been appointed: F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (C), T. J. L. Gauvain (T), T. W. J. Waite (G). The Prefect of the Library was D. R. White-Cooper (G).

A copy of *Men Fighting* by J. North has been presented by H. F. Ramsay (G).

J.C.S.

## BORRA'S CONTRIBUTION TO STOWE

(This essay won the J. F. Roxburgh Architectural Prize.)

Signor Borra's contribution to Stowe was primarily one of alteration. In general he unified the style of most of the buildings and infused a quality both Roman and antiquarian, which can be seen most clearly in the classical detail of the entablature on the Lake Pavilions. There are hardly any existing or known records of Borra's development as an architect and nothing is known of the man's personal life; but descriptions of his work at Stowe appear in the Stowe guides printed by Seeley in Buckingham in 1763 and 1788, and in one guide of 1797 he is mentioned as 'architect to the late King of Sardinia'. Mr. T. M. Clarke in the *Architectural Review* for March 1947 claims that in all probability he is identical with Giovanni Battista Borra, who was active in Turin in the 1760's and 1770's. Mr. Laurence Whistler has also confirmed this identity in the *Country Life* of August 29th 1957 by showing that the Stowe guide of 1788 tells that the rich door-case of the south portico and its ceiling were derived from a design at Palmyra, where Borra made sketches on his tour with Robert Wood in 1750. Nevertheless it must not be forgotten that Earl Temple frequently made suggestions to suit his personal taste and the decoration of the portico may have been one of them.

Robert Bridgeman's plan for the Stowe Gardens was published by his wife Sarah in 1739. In this can be seen the pentagonal area with enclosing avenues which, around the periphery, created an illusion of surface continuing outwards. The Vanbrugh Rotundo is the centre of the intersecting lines of the general plan and looks over the Home Park. When the gardens were replanned with a new sense of fluid rhythm, the Rotundo, a key point, had to be redesigned. The old hemispherical dome was replaced by a flatter one in 1752, and Borra, its recreator, gave it a circle of acanthus leaves above Vanbrugh's Ionic capitals. Thus with the flatter dome, made so because Vanbrugh's columns appeared too long to be correctly Ionic, the new Romanized Rotundo stood in the Garden of Venus, and when standing in the temple it was possible to see a different view from every side, each reminiscent of a Claude landscape. An illustration of the new Rotundo appears in the Seeley guide of 1763. So also do the redesigned Lake Pavilions. As Vanbrugh designed these in 1719 they were merely Doric Porticos on a terrace, but by 1763 they had been rebuilt by Borra farther apart and with several alterations made to them. The back of one of them was extended on the east side by a type of flanking wall to conceal a cottage behind it, for the Bell Gate had become a regular entrance. The space between them was levelled out and the number of steps leading up to them was increased. The disappearance of the terrace was part of the general abandonment of formality by Earl Temple, and this respacing helps to provide the view of the Corinthian Arch from the South Front with a more architectural character.

The pavilions guarding the Western Entrance to the gardens were designed by Gibbs in 1728 (considerably influenced by Vanbrugh) and were altered by Borra in 1758—9. The typically Vanbrughian pyramids were replaced by a dome and Ionic cupola surmounting four pedimented arches which were surrounded by a considerable amount of heavy rustication. The pavilions have a particularly Roman appearance and it is of interest to note that one of the pavilions used to contain statues of Julius Caesar, Marcus Tullius Cicero, Portia and Livia. Thus in his alteration of the Boycott Pavilions Borra shows his skill of adaptation. The almost heavy domes replace the ill-proportioned

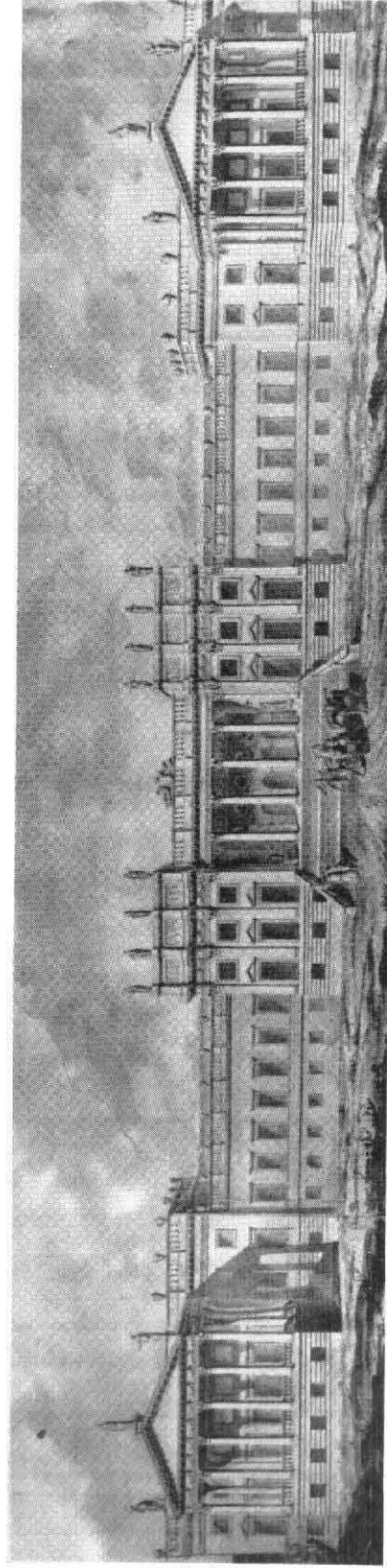


PLATE 6. A SECOND PROPOSAL FOR THE SOUTH FRONT, ALMOST CERTAINLY BY BORRA

Although again this was not adopted, the interior of the central portico and the grand flight of steps are strongly reminiscent of the final design.

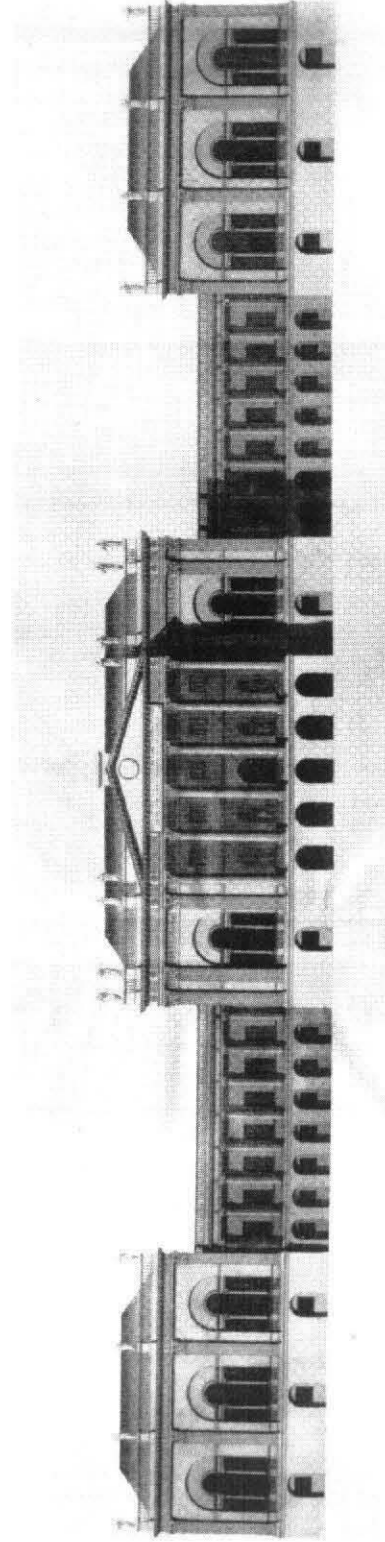


PLATE 7. ROBERT ADAM'S DESIGN FOR THE SOUTH FRONT, 1771

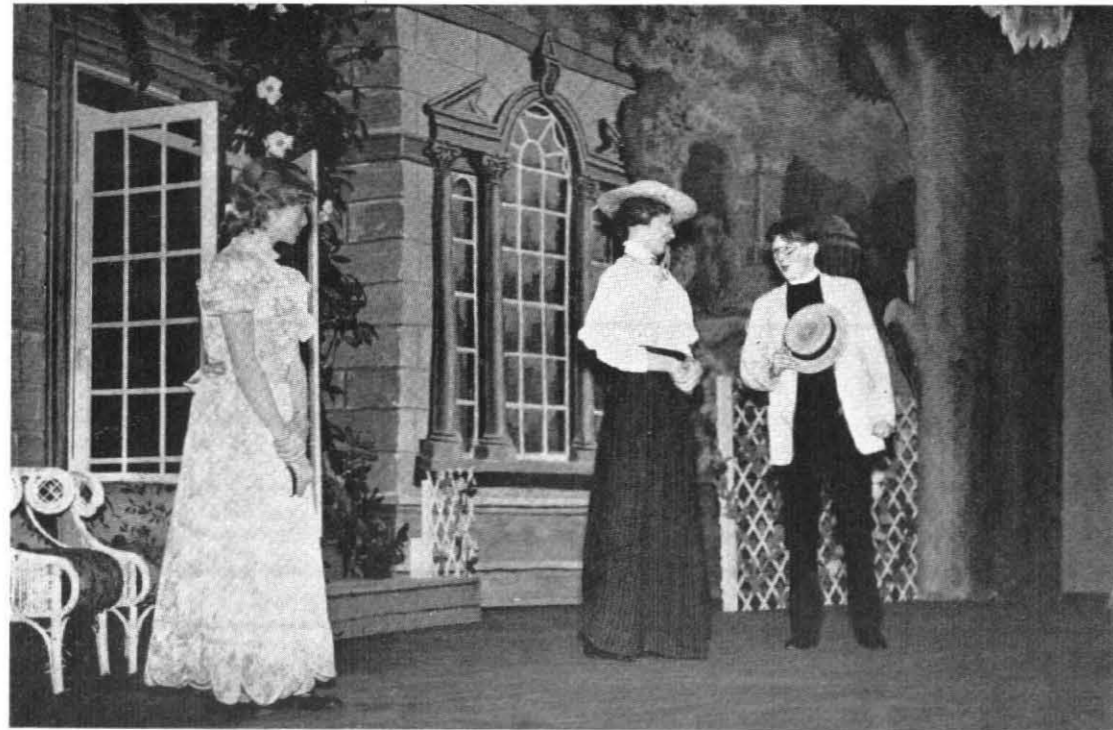
Adam did not actually allow his designs to be adapted by others, but on this occasion he appears to have done so. Temple accepted it as a basis, and with Borra's help modified several important details: the end pavilions were raised to the same height as the central block, the sky-line was altered and topped by a row of urns (since removed for safety), the orders of columns were simplified, and a grand flight of steps was added to the South Portico; his other modifications can be seen by comparing this with the final design. At last considered worthy of the landscape, the facade was built between 1772 and 1774 and has existed unchanged to this day. A measured drawing is printed as an end paper to this number of the 'Stoic'.



LADY BRACKNELL



JACK AND ALGERNON



"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST", ACT 2  
(Photographs by E.S.P.)

pyramids, keeping the strength of the former design, and thus both buildings greatly contribute towards the grandeur of the surrounding landscape that has been recently so well restored.

While the gardens had been expanded considerably, the circumference by the outside wall being some three miles, the house was beginning to take shape. In the Seeley guide of 1749 the South Front facade appears as an extraordinary arrangement of fronts discordant one with another (Plate 3). Before Borra made his alterations in 1754 there was an existing portico which consisted of two layers of equal proportions and four Ionic pillars, the whole being surmounted by a pediment. This extraordinary portico was not projecting and it was flanked by two pavilions which were little changed in 1754. In this alteration Borra added an Ionic portico six columns wide and a flight of steps (Plate 4). As the South Front stood then, the end pavilions would be obliterated from view by a small plantation growing out across the garden on either side just below the further games pitch. But when the gardens were opened up by Lord Temple and the wooded land was cleared, these pavilions would have come into view. Their design was an unfortunate and almost ugly one, and Borra, while changing the Rotundo, Lake Pavilions and Boycott Pavilions, was called in to redesign the South Front again. Borra's two proposed designs for this alteration still exist and they are magnificent propositions. They are somewhat similar. The first suggests three grand porticoed pavilions linked by two similar pavilions without porticos (Plate 5). The second suggestion was for the two end pavilions to be porticoed in the Palladian manner and the same treatment for the centre pavilion as the outside pavilions in the first design, with the Ionic order changed to Corinthian (Plate 6). However, neither of these proposals was accepted by Temple as they were probably too dashing, and in 1771 Robert Adam was called in to make a fresh design (Plate 7). Adam, however, used some of Borra's suggestions and kept the two galleries of seven windows long, linking the centre pavilion to the two outside pavilions. But Adam's design did not create a decisive unity throughout the whole building. As can be seen from his design, the facade as a whole lacked strength. The fault was that the two galleries by their proportions failed to link the outer pavilions, the pavilions had too many discordant proportions, and the different orders of centre and outer pavilions increased the disunity. It is almost certain that Borra was asked to remedy the defects of the Adam design. The three pavilions were raised to an equal height (Plate 8), so that the major proportions are only two. The Corinthian order prevails along the whole front except for the Ionic order in the galleries. The colouring and simple decoration, in fact the Romanizing of the whole, point to authorship by Borra. The facade has a beauty that is both strong and delicate, but perhaps the present day architect would abhor the disregard of economy in that less than a dozen rooms of importance look out over the grand South Front vista. The change of proportion was noticeable on the North Front, where the colonnades were added a year later. The graceful sweeping curves that neither draughtsmen nor photographers have ever been able to capture make the North Front one of great beauty.

It is very hard to estimate the extent of Borra's designing for the interior decoration of the house. In what used to be the State bed-chamber, now the Garter Room and a dining room, Borra produced a white marble chimney piece and possibly the flanked Corinthian columns in white and gold that decorated the walls. The sumptuous State bed, redesigned by Borra, used to stand on an elevated dais closed by a balustrade of polished brass. It was very elaborately designed with dome testers and scrolls at the angles and posts of ribboned laces on the occasion of the visit of Frederick, Prince

of Wales, in 1737; in photographs it appears to have been very comfortable. It is also possible that Borra designed the Marble Saloon, now the School Assembly. The pavement is made of white Carrara marble in squares of four feet. The ceiling is divided into compartments that diminish towards the centre. The Cornice is of Doric order and the alto-relievo consists of more than three hundred figures by Valdré. The whole effect is one of magnitude but is not wholly attractive. When the South Front vista is seen, the Marble Saloon is soon forgotten.

At this time the Seven Years War stumbled to an end, and to commemorate its finish Borra completed the interior decoration and the exterior of Kent's Grecian Temple that was renamed the Temple of Concord and Victory. This nearly follows the measurements of the Maison Carrée at Nîmes, and Borra may have suggested the addition to the pediment of the alto-relievo by Scheemakers and the six statues on the roof. Inside, fourteen medallions represented the victories of Lagos, Minden, Quebec and the other events of the military campaigns. The Scheemakers sculpture was taken from the Palladian Bridge, so that it is likely that Borra redesigned part of the bridge nearer the lines of the Wilton original. In 1772—4 the Lady's Temple, known now as the Queen's Temple, was considerably redesigned. The Corinthian portico standing on an elevated basement was added to the south side with a flight of steps that lead up to the interior, decorated in 1790. The back of the Queen's Temple has, in front of the main window, an Ionic bow which was added in 1778 and is slightly reminiscent of Borra's alterations to the Rotundo.

Borra must now be considered as an adaptor of several of Stowe's most important buildings, which he altered and adjusted in his peculiarly individual methods of Romanizing and introducing antiquarian motifs. The unity of design that prevails in nearly all the buildings is largely Borra's contribution. A great deal of the character that still struggles to live in the Stowe gardens is that of the mysterious Signor Borra.

R.B.J.G.

#### NOTES ON THE ILLUSTRATIONS

PLATE 1 is a reproduction of a Victorian engraving, itself copied from a sketch of about 1690 which was discovered in a grangerised copy of Lyson's *Buckinghamshire*.

PLATE 2 is taken from one of the views of Stowe engraved for Bridgeman's widow, Sarah, by Rigaud in 1739.

PLATE 3 is from the Seeley Guide of 1749. (Photograph by M.J.M.)

PLATE 4 is from the Seeley Guide of 1763. (Photograph by *Country Life*)

PLATE 5 was used in *Some Notes on the Early History of Stowe* (1932) and is identical in all but the foreground figures with the engraving published by Bickham in the 1760's. It may be a second version of this engraving.

PLATE 6 is taken from another drawing in the grangerised copy of Lyson's *Buckinghamshire*. It is reproduced by permission of the National Buildings Record.

PLATE 7 is reproduced by permission of *Country Life*.

PLATE 8 first appeared in the *Stoic* of July 1928.

(The assistance of Mr. Laurence Whistler is gratefully acknowledged, both in the article on Borra and in the illustrated history of the South Front. He is nowhere responsible for the opinions expressed, but without his help and encouragement neither the article nor the history could have been attempted.)

#### THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY

The Huntington Library is situated on an estate of about 220 acres in the midst of a heavily populated residential area on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Apart from the Library itself, there is an excellent Art Gallery, a superb Oriental Garden and one of the finest collections of cacti in the world. From the cacti to the Stowe manuscripts, most of these were personally acquired by Henry E. Huntington, a railroad millionaire, the founder of the Library, who was collecting during the early part of this century. This was a time when many family collections were being broken up, as at Stowe, and sold for amazingly low prices. Not only did he acquire many English collections and such gems as Elizabeth Barrett Browning's diaries and Shelley's boyhood notebooks, but the Library also contains one of the largest collections of American Civil War papers in the United States. Many readers from all lands come to the Library during the year, and the friendly atmosphere and hospitality of the staff make working there very pleasant.

The Stowe Collection itself is kept on two different floors of the Manuscript Department, a quite arbitrary division which was necessitated by lack of space on the lower floor. The land papers and all the nineteenth century family papers are extremely well sorted, but for the most part the Stowe and Wotton eighteenth century accounts have been unopened since they were folded by Lord Cobham's or Earl Temple's steward. While I was working at the Library, I had two desks, one on the lower and another on the upper floor of the Manuscript Department; both of these, after only a few days, were covered with the sand which was used to blot the bills two hundred years ago and which fell out when I opened them. These bills are stored in large boxes which are quite well labelled, but the bundles of accounts themselves have obviously never been undone since bill and receipt were meticulously pinned together, tied in monthly sections with pink string, and numbered for filing purposes. All the family, diplomatic, and other letters have been carefully sorted, and so have the few plans that the Library possesses. I was disappointed, however, by the complete lack of any eighteenth century architectural plans; most of them were nineteenth century schemes of the second Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, such as the designs for a gas-works and other monstrosities.

Unfortunately, most of the research the Library has done into the Stowe Collection has been on the sixteenth and seventeenth century papers, which although very useful does not help to solve any of the problems connected with the greatest era in Stowe's history. However, when one realizes that one woman spent ten years just sorting a part of the papers, it is clear that any research is going to be a lengthy process. The collection was first catalogued by Mr. Jenkins, the Secretary of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, in 1953, but since then some of the papers have been moved and not re-catalogued. Nevertheless they were fortunately not difficult to find and I was able to work very quickly though the material which I had planned to examine.

D.J.E.

#### WOOD-ENGRAVINGS

The wood-engraving on page 7 is by J. A. Booth (G), that on page 42 by P. W. Hinwood (B), and those on pages 14 and 24 by R. D. de B. Bingham (T).

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## THE TWELVE CLUB

Last term ended impressively with the reading of R. B. J. Gadney's (G) paper on "A Survey of Abstract Art and its Relationship with Contemporary Life", and the reputation of the Club has been upheld very satisfactorily this term with a further three papers of equally high standard. D. J. Easton (W), following up his successful "vetting" of the Stowe MSS in the Huntington Library, U.S.A., delighted us in his paper (entitled, for the sake of brevity, "A new light on old problems" instead of the original four or five lines suitable only for the Trevelyan examiner) with unsuspected anecdotes, a short survey of Stowe's history for the layman, and the more serious details of architectural problems and garden planning in the eighteenth century, which he supported with a great many photostats. Later in the term he also read this paper, or some of it, to the School, and perhaps the best appreciation one can offer is to say that not a few members of the Club attended the second reading.

On Tuesday, November 10th, H. R. Kay's (G) paper on "The Impressionists" appeared. This was in some way complementary to Gadney's, though in no way identical, but where Gadney sometimes gave the impression of being artistically biased, Kay's representation was the better balanced and possibly the more appreciated. A fortnight later D. M. Fingleton's (C) carefully fostered brain-child, "Disraeli", hatched forth despite the Secretary's inexcusable absence. Obviously, therefore, any criticisms made have come not from impressions harboured at the time, but from a minute study of the paper afterwards. This would be distinctly 'not quite fair'; it sufficeth to say that none of Fingleton's adverse listeners—naturally one excludes the President—had anything adverse to say about either his paper or the presentation of it, and this despite its being considerably lengthier than the average. Since a biography at any time must be amusing to be worth looking at or listening to, this speaks eloquently in Fingleton's favour.

New members of the Club are: L. A. W. Evans (B), D. M. Fingleton (C), R. D. Blow (C), J. R. Wingad (C) and L. M. Thomas (B).

C.W.J.G.

## '59' CLUB

The Club has had two meetings so far this term. At the first, on October 25th, B. L. Irving (C) gave an interesting and much appreciated paper on the little-known subject of "Hypnosis". On November 22nd S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T) gave an authoritative account of a highly controversial subject, "Modern Art". At both meetings, which were held in the Aurelian Room, there were some lively and, at times, intellectual discussions. At a third meeting, held on December 11th, A. E. Hopwood (G) read a paper on "Flying Saucers".

T.A.S.D.

## THE SYMPOSIUM

Owing to the unfortunate injury of our Secretary, T. E. C. Bushell (C), there has only been one meeting of the Symposium this term. This was held in the President's room to hear a paper on "Jazz" by P. M. Whitfield (T). The paper was very enjoyable and enlightening, and was accompanied by many examples on a tape-recorder. We regret our Secretary's indisposition and we hope he will be with us again next term.

J.F.R.S.

## THE TUESDAY LECTURES

A new venture this term has been a series of open lectures and films on Tuesday evenings in the Roxburgh Hall. They have covered a wide variety of subjects and have mostly been well attended, both by the School and by members of the Staff. In the lectures on "The Guitar" and "Opera" the new high fidelity gramophone and amplifiers were used to play illustrations, giving a clarity and depth that we have not been able to hear before at Stowe.

We are most grateful to the speakers, to Mr. Saunders and Mr. Zettl, who arranged the programme, and to Mr. Parke for his invaluable help in the projection box.

The following lectures and films were given this term:—

September 29th.	Film:— "The Search for Oil".
October 6th.	Lecture:—"Hebridean Cruise" by F. R. Newens, F.R.P.S., F.I.B.P.
October 13th.	Lecture:—"Outward Bound Trust" by E. W. Dawson, Esq.
October 20th.	Lecture:—"Possibilities of the Tape Recorder" by Mr. Burke.
October 27th.	Film:—"The Rivers of Time".
November 3rd.	Lecture:—"The Guitar" by Mr. Totton.
November 10th.	Lecture:—"Opera" by Mr. Macdonald.
November 17th.	Lecture:—"Mediterranean Shores" by F. R. Newens, F.R.P.S., F.I.B.P.
November 24th.	Film:—"Our Native Shore".
December 3rd.	Lecture (Temple of Concord):—"The Stowe Manuscripts in the Huntington Library, California" by D. J. Easton (W).
December 10th.	Brains Trust on "Sport and Games". The Brains were the Headmaster, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Deacon, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Pinchbeck.

R.E.C.M.

## THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Since last going to press three debates have been held, all this term. The first was on Sunday, October 18th, when the motion was "That times are hard". Mr. P. M. WHITFIELD (T), proposing, spoke in tones far more pleasing to the ear than were his clothes to the eye, but nothing he said convinced the House that here was a rebel without a cause. MR. P. L. DUNCAN (B), opposing harshly, condemned those who were illegally dressed and spoke at great length, a fact which was to annoy the fourth speaker. MR. M. A. HARRIS (G), speaking third, spoke in a slightly risqué manner, before the Secretary, MR. A. F. STONE (T), hoping that his water was still pretty hot, arose ostensibly to speak fourth, but practically speaking, to make coffee. This, the Secretary feels must be recorded, he did rather well. After speakers from the floor of the House had tended to argue about the luxury of a study, the motion was lost in the Upper House by 3 votes and won in the Lower by 77.

On Sunday, November 8th, the motion was "That the Public School system is out of date". Attendance was the highest for several terms but the applause which greeted the Treasurer, MR. L. A. W. EVANS (B), was no more than polite in view of the issue at stake. This did not daunt the speaker, who with the aid of some organised heckling (and some powerful oratory) swung a large part of the House to his side before MR. D. J. EASTON (W) arose to oppose the motion. Not his usual immaculate self, dressed

as he was in little badges and fountain-pen tops, he cleverly caricatured the Secondary schoolboy and thus showed Stoics that to agree with the motion could be akin to suicide. MR. J. N. WATES (B) had a hard task in front of him but assured the House that good beer-drinking men were nearly all depraved. The Co-opted Member, MR. D. M. FINGLETON (C), speaking fourth, wondered where any non-Scientist would be at a Grammar School and horrified the House with a picture of a Stowe ruled solely by Sides V and VI. Amongst speeches from the floor that of MR. N. O. G. MURRAY (C) stood out, explaining as he did just how he organised the underworld of Stowe. The motion was finally lost in both Houses.

The last debate of the term took place on Sunday, November 29th, when the motion was "That Women and Children should be saved last". MR. R. D. BLOW (C), proposing, began rather off the point with some quite discreet references to a certain book written by one Nabakov but then showed the House that most of those at Stowe with wives and children (the Masters, that is, not the boys) led a far less happy life than the bachelors. The Librarian, MR. C. J. W. GAUVAIN (T), opposing, made his farewells to the Society in a speech which was a model of British patriotism. Unlike the Proposer, he did not have a Lolita complex and would be only too pleased to lay down his life if need be for the fair sex. MR. R. G. GOMME (C), speaking third, harangued the House unmercifully, asking questions and demanding replies, before MR. T. A. S. DUFTY (B) explained just why it was necessary to have the opposite sex in this world. He was referring to his breakfast being cooked, of course. From the floor, MR. J. V. M. BRYANS (T) brought the House almost to hysteria with a poem which was not meant to be funny, whilst MR. B. K. HUFFMAN (C) had some plans for the extermination at birth of all babies likely to become like certain members of the House. The motion was eventually won in the Upper House by a single vote and lost in the Lower by 52.

Messrs. R. G. Gomme (C), D. J. Easton (W), R. D. Macleod (C), B. K. Huffman (C), N. O. G. Murray (C) and C. S. Wintle (C) have been elected to the Society.

A.F.S.

#### THE CONGREVE CLUB

A meeting was called at the beginning of the term to decide what play the Club should present in December. Mr. Bain presided, and the Club, having lamented the loss, by the former Secretary, of the minutes book, started the usual argument about prospective plays; in the middle of the controversy it was suggested that candidates be nominated for the vacant post of Secretary, and eventually B. L. Irving (C) was elected. The members then attempted to decide between Ibsen's *Pillars of the Community* and Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*; they completely failed to agree and Mr. Bain finally decided on *The Importance*. Casting began immediately and the production, after many interesting rehearsals, took place on December 4th and 5th. A review is printed elsewhere in this issue.

A new branch of the Congreve Club has come into being this term, and we hope it will foster new actors and improve old hands: this is Mr. Kellie's drama class. Unfortunately many people who were needed to put this new project firmly on its feet were rather over-occupied with the play this term, but next term we hope that the drama classes will come into their own and prove a useful asset to the Club.

The cast of the play, together with the production staff, went to see the Old Vic's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

B.L.I.

#### THE VITRUVIAN SOCIETY

The Society, which has been virtually dormant since 1958, has now been completely revived. The term's programme has been quite full and varied, ranging from parish church architecture to heraldry.

At the first meeting, on October 20th, S. R. Houfe (T) gave an illustrated talk on "Architecture in Western Europe". This was followed, on October 29th, by an expedition to Stoke Bruerne, near Stony Stratford, where the members saw the two pavilions designed by Inigo Jones. On the return journey the parish churches at Passenham and Thornton and a most interesting modern Roman Catholic church at Stony Stratford were visited. On November 7th J. F. R. Saunders (C) gave a talk on Heraldry. A second, smaller expedition was made on November 23rd to Easton Neston Park. Owing to the limited amount of time we were unable to study this lovely classical house in detail, as we would have liked.

The last meeting of term took the form of a talk by the Hon. J. M. Jocelyn (B) on December 12th. We were shown colour slides of two important Roman cities in Libya, and it proved a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

S.R.H.

#### THE GLEE CLUB

At the beginning of term Mr. Kelynack very kindly agreed to coach the Club, after the departure of Mr. Cox. Practices have been held every Sunday morning and we took part in the School concert on November 21st. Since then a few light carols have been learnt for the end of term. The programme for next term has not yet been decided but it is hoped that the Club will be able to give a short concert of light popular songs.

A.H.G.A.

#### THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

The term started with the Gramophone Room's being moved to the other side of the Roxburgh Hall, and despite teething troubles in the equipment, doubtless caused by its journey, and the rather reduced size of the room, the Society was soon pursuing its happy course once again. During the term many new records have been added to the collection, ranging from a recording of Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances*, which were performed at the School Concert, and Viennese music by the Strausses, to the more esoteric realms of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Shostakovitch's 5th Symphony. The Secretary, before leaving, would like to express his thanks to Mr. Burke for his very kind co-operation, and for doing so much to make the Society function, and indeed flourish.

D.M.F.

#### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Society it was suggested that members attempt some portrait photography, with a view to an exhibition of results next term. Two weeks later there was an informal meeting to show colour slides taken during the summer holidays; a number of slides was selected as examples for a lecture by Mr. Mounsey on December 12th on colour photography. At a third meeting Dr. David explained in a lecture the various uses of colour filters.

M.W.W.

## THE JAZZ CLUB

At the end of last term a performance was given to the school in the Roxburgh Hall. The tape-recordings have proved to be very useful indeed, and during this term the group has been re-organized and has had many jam-sessions. The front-line, M. J. R. Wightman (trumpet), E. Both (clarinet), and J. Curwin (trombone), remains unchanged, and they now have much more co-ordination among themselves.

The rhythm section, however, has undergone some changes. T. D. A. Cecil is now the regular pianist with the band and plays many fine solos as well as maintaining good rhythm. C. D. Richardson plays the drums, and R. A. M. Birchenough has switched from guitar to banjo. H. Whiteley, on the tuba, remains a firm and steady foundation to the group. These four members, comprising the rhythm section, have now had sufficient practice together to be a good team and supply the rhythm which is essential in Dixieland jazz.

Our repertoire has increased quite considerably and we are now playing some of our own numbers instead of only "standards". It is hoped that the jazz itself will be more down-to-earth at our next public performance and that we will have the co-operation of those in the School interested in jazz to point out our faults from in-experience.

J.C.



## THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On October 29th a small expedition visited the Experimental Research Station at Rothamsted. We were shown the Park Grassland experiment, parts of the entymological and botanical departments, and finally the electron microscope. The latter was the highlight of the expedition. We only used it at magnifications of up to 150,000. However, we were shown photographs giving an overall magnification of 2,000,000. At this magnification it was possible to make out the finer structural details of a virus.

The Society has met once so far this term, when F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (C) gave a lecture on "Migration". Next term we are visiting the Severn Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge.

F.P.G.A-B.

## NATURAL HISTORY NOTES

1959 appears to have been a good year for Humming Bird Hawk Moths; during the first few weeks of term several were seen by various members of the School. Two flocks of geese have been seen during the term. The first, six birds of unidentified species, was seen flying S.S.E. by R. St. C. Strange (G) on September 30th. The second, also six birds, probably Pinkfeet, was seen flying in a southerly direction by R. J. Hay (W) and F. P. G. Aldrich-Blake (C) on November 22nd. Tufted duck have not arrived in force yet. Apart from a flock of about thirty seen flying over the lakes early on the morning of October 10th, the only record this term is of a single young bird which has been seen on the Eleven-Acre on and off since November 7th. The only snipe seen so far this term were a group of three seen by A. J. Barber-Lomax (G) on November 11th.

F.P.G.A-B.

## THE ARCHERY CLUB

This term Archery began on a large scale for the first time in the School's history. A club was set up with the intention of operating as a Monday Extra. The new activity at first received tremendous support, but, as was expected, the novelty soon wore off, and after a few weeks only a hard core of enthusiasts remained. During the course of the term the improvement in accuracy has been most encouraging and we hope to hold a small competition soon at Stoke Mandeville.

Finally, the Club would like to thank the School authorities for providing the equipment to make this sport possible.

T.A.St.J.

## THE LATRUNCULARIANS

The Society has met officially six times this term, and at the first meeting R. C. Osner (C) was elected Hon. Secretary and R. F. G. Wrottesley (G), Committee-man. There has been one match this term, against Douai, when we were soundly beaten 6-0, although we were playing without two of our best players. Arrangements have been made to play Rugby next term.

R.C.O.

## THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

At a business meeting early in the term H. K. Marshall (T) was elected Treasurer of the Society, and P. M. Bell (G) was elected Librarian. At the Chairman's suggestion a new office, that of Projectionist, was instituted, and A. P. Rosner (C) and J. C. H. Mungall (T) were elected jointly to share the arduous duties.

There has been only one expedition this term, that to Morris Motors, Cowley, in late October. The assembly lines were fortunately only mildly affected by "Wildcats" at the time.

There have been some film shows this term, none of a very esoteric nature. A number of short films and one full length film—*Far Horizons, the story of Dunlop's wartime activities*—have been shown. It is hoped to continue these shows, which have proved popular, next term.

T.C.J.M.

## THE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLUB

The Club did not meet for the first few weeks of term because the evenings were so fine, and it was thought better to wait until the bad weather had set in. However, it has since met on every Wednesday in Assembly; we have learnt many new reels and have derived great pleasure from these and from the meetings held on Sundays.

It is hoped to increase the numbers of the Club next term and to expand further the technique of its members.

A.D.F.L.

## THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

This term the Club has taken on the fattening of twenty hens, which are housed in a smart hen-house near the pole-vault pit. Although eggs have been scarce, we have benefited from the enterprise and hope it will be continued during future terms.

J.C.G.

## THE RADIO CLUB

This term has seen something of a rebirth of the Club with the introduction of a beginners' course and the obtaining of a comprehensive set of soldering irons, pliers, screw-drivers and so on. For these items and the parts for the one-valve receivers for the beginners' course the Club is greatly indebted to the generosity of Mr. Arbib.

In the past the Club's main activities have been among senior members carrying on their own work, but this term there has been a complete reversal of this state of affairs and juniors have taken over almost completely. It is to be hoped that a number of those at present constructing one valve receivers will remain interested and carry on to make their own super-hets or oscilloscopes, as their fancy takes them. As always, the most difficult job is to keep the hut tidy, but this is getting much better now that mountains of obscure equipment constructed, or destroyed, by former members have been disposed of. Fuse blowing is also in decline, which makes life much easier for Club members and the laboratory staff. Let us hope that this is the beginning of a new era for the Club.

R.L.W.

## C.C.F.

The Annual Camp, July 27th to August 5th, 1959, was at the School of Infantry, Warminster. Stowe was the only cadet unit present and thanks to the kindness of Lieut.-Colonel D. U. Fraser, M.B.E., 1st East Anglian Regt., and his staff a first-class training week was enjoyed by officers and cadets. 110 cadets and 6 officers attended. The R.N. Section went to H.M.S. Harrier, the R.N. Fighter Direction School at Kete in Pembrokeshire.

Cpl. M. B. M. Canavan (C), R.A.F. Section, has been awarded a Flying Scholarship. In the Basic Test, held on December 9th, 5 cadets passed with credit, 98 passed and 9 failed. In the R.N. Proficiency Test, nine cadets passed (one with credit) and three failed. In the R.E. Classification six cadets passed; there were no failures. Two cadets have been classified as signallers and two as assistant signal instructors.

One cadet attended a Naval Quartermaster's Course in August, two officers attended a signals course at the School of Signals, Catterick, in September, and one officer and three cadets visited the R.M.A., Sandhurst, on November 20th.

Wing-Commander A. Forsythe, O.B.E., spoke to the Signals Section on October 16th, and we were visited by Group Capt. F.O.S. Dobell, C.B.E. (G, 1931), the R.A.F. official "Old Boy", on October 23rd. Major-General H. R. Swinburn, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., visited the School on October 28th and interviewed potential regular Army candidates. On October 2nd Commander I. J. Davis, D.S.C., R.N., gave a talk to the Naval Section.

The following Old Stoics are now commanding their regiments:—

LT.-COLONEL J. M. ASHTON (C, 1933)

The Carabiniers (Prince of Wales Dragoon Guards).

LT.-COLONEL E. R. FARNELL-WATSON, M.C. (C, 1932)

The 4th Royal Tank Regiment.

LT.-COLONEL K. P. P. GOLDSCHMIDT (C, 1935)

The Leicestershire Regiment.

LT.-COLONEL W. P. LUNN-ROCKLIFFE, D.S.O., M.C. (C, 1936)

The 4th R.H.A.

LT.-COLONEL P. C. MITFORD (C, 1936)

The Seaforth Highlanders.

LT.-COLONEL R. A. SIMPSON (C, 1934)

16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

LT.-COLONEL A. M. SPROT, M.C. (C, 1936)

The Royal Scots Greys.

LT.-COLONEL E. G. W. T. WALSH (T, 1935)

14th/20th Queen's Hussars.

LT.-COLONEL A. G. WAY, M.C. (B, 1939)

3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards.

The Commanding Officer of the C.C.F. will be glad to know of any additions to this list.



Arduous Training on the North York Moors was such a success last Easter that it is proposed to carry out a similar scheme this year. It will be held in the French Alps, in the Modane area, during the period April 6th—13th. Our sponsor unit will be 15 Battalion de Chasseurs Alpins.

Field Day was an afternoon and night exercise held on November 11th.

Two new Wednesday activities have appeared this term and they both come under the organization of the Corps. One is the Pre-Corps, designed to introduce boys to the gymnasium and improve their posture and general mobility; to encourage them to make the most of the grounds and to appreciate them; and to develop a sense of initiative and self-reliance. This is done by giving them training in the gymnasium, lessons in Woodmanship and Fieldcraft, and teaching Life Saving and Elementary First Aid. The instructors are Corps N.C.O.'s. The second is the Civil Defence, which provides Stage III training for members of the Corps and provides an activity for those medically unfit for Corps training.

The following officers have joined the Corps this term:—Lt. B. H. Mead, R.N.R., and Captain J. E. C. Nicholl, M.C. The following masters are also helping: Mr. J. M. Temple is organizing the Civil Defence Section, Mr. J. M. Hunt is running the Pre-Corps Section and the Hon. S. W. E. Stuart is teaching map-reading to the Proficiency Platoons.

The following promotions and appointments were made this term:—

Appointed to *Senior Under-Officer*: Under-Officer L. A. W. Evans (B).

Promoted to *Sergeant*: Cpls. A. H. G. Atkinson (C), T. A. S. Dufty (B), P. L. Duncan (B), J. A. Jefferson (C), R. E. C. Marton (C), R. J. Preston (B), R. St. C. Strange (G), L. M. Thomas (B), D. S. Watson (C).

Promoted to *Corporal*: L/Cpls. A. A. J. Baird (T), S. Lloyd (C), B. G. S. Macoun (G), J. B. Mayland (W), G. D. Parkinson (W), R. A. C. Thompson (G), F. W. D. Whitelaw (W), A. R. Woodbridge (G).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdts. R. T. Booth (G), R. D. de B. Bingham (T), J. C. Galbraith (G), A. C. Geddes (T), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), D. J. L. Howard (C), J. S. Jackson (C), P. N. E. Luard (G), R. G. P. Mack (C), T. D. Mustard (B), W. R. E. Redfern (G), C. A. C. Shepherd (C).

The following specialist promotions and appointments have been made this term:—  
SIGNALS.

Promoted *Corporal*: L/Cpl. M. C. Sabey (C), A. E. Hopwood (G).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdt. C. C. Bell (G).

R.E.

Promoted *Sergeant*: Cpl. R. S. Dunlop (B).

Promoted *Corporal*: L/Cpl. J. H. Temple (T).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cdt. T. V. Partridge (C).

R.A.F.

Promoted *Corporal Technician*: Cdt. M. N. B. Druce (G).

Appointed *Senior Cadet*: Cdts. P. M. Bell (C), P. C. L. Haussauer (G), E. K. Hyslop (T), D. R. Loxton (G), D. R. White-Cooper (G).

## LAWN TENNIS

THE YOULL CUP. THIRTEENTH TIME LUCKY.

The Youll Cup Competition has been played at Wimbledon on the hard courts of the All England Club each year since 1947, and although Stowe had reached the final on four previous occasions (in '47, '48, '49 and '56) and had appeared in the last eight oftener than not, we had never succeeded in winning the Cup. We were most unlucky not to win at least one of the first three Finals, when we had such good players as Downing, Scott and Cunningham-Reid in the team (and Barrett was in the U.C.S. team); and in the 1956 final Coni and Earlam only just failed to win the vital doubles against a very strong Westminster pair (Gordon and Clark). This year, however, on our thirteenth appearance, we had that little bit of luck without which no team can hope to win the Competition. After all, 64 Schools entered, and though we knew we had a splendid chance of victory, we knew also from past experience that three or four poor shots at a critical stage might easily mean disaster.

One of the somewhat unfortunate features of the Youll Cup Competition is that a school can win if it has one very good pair and an outstanding singles player. We had no singles player who could confidently expect to beat Phillips of Mill Hill, but we had instead two very good pairs, either of which might beat Phillips and partner if things went well. Indeed, we were not even sure which of our two pairs was the stronger, and so decided to call the Head of the School and R. B. B. Avory First Pair, and Mayland and Sabberton Second Pair, and we hoped that one of the two pairs might beat any other First Pair.

The rounds preceding the semi-final did not prove very strenuous, as the scores show, and neither pair was ever in serious trouble. This was very fortunate, for Atkinson took some time to reach his best form, having been so preoccupied with cricket at the end of term that he had had little time for tennis practice.

In the critical semi-final, Mayland and Sabberton soon disposed of the opposing Second Pair, and when Atkinson and Avory led 5—4 in the third set against Phillips and his partner, we began to think that at last things were going our way. But no. Three weak shots, and we had lost the First Pair match, to even the score at one-all. And to make the suspense even less tolerable, it was then too late to play the other matches against Mill Hill on the Thursday evening; so we left the courts wondering what would happen the next morning.

On the Friday morning all the right things happened. Mayland and Sabberton went on court quite determined to win, and although the Mill Hill First Pair took the first set, they had to concede victory to Stowe after losing the next two (our First Pair meanwhile winning 6—0, 6—0 against the Mill Hill Second Pair).

The Final in the afternoon was played against Hymers College, whose team consisted essentially of a good First Pair, which included a Yorkshire "Junior" who had won some excellent singles matches in earlier rounds. Once again, therefore, we had to avoid a singles. Mayland and Sabberton seemed hardly to be on court against Hymers' Second Pair before they were off again, with a 6—1, 6—0 win to their credit, but in the meantime our First Pair had lost the first set in their match. After a dour struggle, however, they won the next two, and we realised that at last we had won the Youll Cup, for it was inconceivable that Atkinson and Mayland could lose against

Hymers' Second Pair. This deciding match was quickly over and one felt that a really good team had deserved its victory.

Then, as the *Daily Telegraph* reported, we had the unlikely spectacle of the Stowe non-playing Captain (E. J. Avory) accepting the Cup on behalf of his team from the Secretary of the L.T.A. The *Daily Telegraph* even suggested that the Stowe Tennis VI must have felt that for them the victory was rather a hollow one, in as much as only one of the regular VI appeared in the Wimbledon team. Far from it. The VI had done its part by making it possible for cricketers to obtain adequate practice whenever they were available, and only a very stuck-in-the-mud school would neglect to play the strongest team it could muster in such an important competition, whatever activity the players followed during the term.

One of the more gratifying things about the Stowe win was its popularity. We had been so near to winning so often that it was generally felt that at last a school with a consistently good Lawn Tennis record had been fittingly rewarded. And the Cup had been won by a good all-round team, and not by an outstanding pair. Another most pleasing aspect was that the team had been coached by Mr. F. Lucas, who thus set the crown on the work of his father, the late Mr. R. E. Lucas.

After the shouting came the champagne, thanks to the generosity of the Old Stoic father of the non-playing Captain and his brother. We eventually reached home without mishap.

Colours were, I believe, awarded to those members of the team who had not already had them.

1st Round	v. MALVERN.	Won 2—0. C. J. G. Atkinson (C) and R. B. B. Avory (T), 6—3, 6—2, J. B. Mayland (W) and D. R. Sabberton (T), 6—2, 6—2.
2nd Round	v. HAILEYBURY.	Won 2—0. Atkinson and Avory, 6—1, 8—6. Mayland and Sabberton, 6—0, 6—1.
3rd Round	v. WARWICK.	Won 2—0. Atkinson and Avory, 6—0, 6—3. Mayland and Sabberton, 6—2, 6—0.
4th Round	v. FELSTED.	Won 2—0. Atkinson and Avory, 6—1, 6—0. Mayland and Sabberton, 8—6, 6—2.
Semi-final	v. MILL HILL.	Won 3—1. Atkinson and Avory, 2—6, 6—3, 5—7; 6—0, 6—0. Mayland and Sabberton, 2—6, 6—4, 6—3; 6—0, 6—2.
Final	v. HYMERS.	Won 3—0, with one match abandoned. Atkinson and Avory, 2—6, 6—3, 6—3; 6—1, 6—0. Mayland and Sabberton, 1—6, —; 6—1, 6—0.

#### THE THOMAS BOWL

Two Stowe pairs played in the Thomas Bowl Competition at Wimbledon during the last week of July.

I. A. H. Sitwell (B) and A. R. F. Hobson (C), playing First Pair, beat Harrow II (6—3, 6—4) and Westminster I (6—2, 6—2) before losing (6—2, 2—6, 3—6) to Felsted I.

R. G. Edwards (W) and H. G. Wallace (G) played Second Pair, and did well to beat Radley I (4—6, 6—4, 7—5) before losing to Haberdashers' Aske's (4—6, 10—12).

This Competition, limited to boys under 16 who are not playing in the Youll Cup team, attracted an entry of 70 pairs, and provides valuable experience for promising Juniors. (E. J. Avory and R. B. B. Avory won the Bowl in 1956, and Mayland and Sabberton just lost the 1957 final against Mill Hill.)

#### RESULTS OF MATCHES

A report of the season was published in July; detailed results are given below. The scores shown after each pair are the results of their matches against the opponents' First, Second and Third Pairs respectively.

May 16th.	v. BEDFORD.	Won 9—0. E. J. Avory (T) and J. B. Mayland (W), 6—4, 6—3; 6—0, 6—0; 6—0, 6—4. J. R. A. Nottingham (C) and C. R. Morland (B), 7—5, 6—1; 6—1, 6—1; 6—4, 6—3. S. S. Barling (G) and I. A. H. Sitwell (B), 6—4, 6—4; 6—2, 6—2; 6—2, 7—5.
May 23rd.	v. RUGBY.	Won 6—3. E. J. Avory and Mayland, 6—3, 7—5; 6—3, 6—3; 6—1, 6—2. Nottingham and Morland, 2—6, 2—6; 6—4, 5—7, 6—1; 6—1, 4—6, 6—4. Barling and Sitwell, 0—6, 0—6; 0—6, 4—6; 6—3, 9—7.
June 4th.	v. DALLINGTON L.T.C.	Lost 4—5. E. J. Avory and Mayland, 6—3, 7—5; 4—6, 7—5, 6—0; 6—2, 6—4. Nottingham and Morland, 5—7, 2—6; 3—6, 2—6; 6—4, 6—1. Sitwell and J. H. Temple (T), 2—6, 3—6; 2—6, 6—8; 0—6, 1—6.
June 6th.	v. OLD STOICS.	Drawn 2—2. E. J. Avory and Mayland, 6—4, 10—12 (drawn); 6—1, 7—5; —. Nottingham and Morland, —; 4—6, 3—6. Sitwell and J. Q. Hippisley (C), 1—6, 2—6; —; 6—4, 4—3 (drawn).
June 9th.	v. ETON.	Lost 2½—6½. E. J. Avory and Mayland, 9—7, 6—1; 6—4, 7—9, —; 6—4, 6—3. Nottingham and Morland, 1—6, 4—6; 4—6, 2—6; 3—6, 3—6. Barling and Sitwell, 0—6, 0—6; 0—6, 1—6; 2—6, 2—6.
June 13th.	v. P.S.O.B.L.T.A.	Lost 3—6. E. J. Avory and Mayland, 6—2, 3—6, 6—1; 2—6, 6—2, 6—2; 6—2, 6—4. Nottingham and Morland, 2—6, 2—6; 3—6, 2—6; 2—6, 1—6. Barling and Sitwell, 0—6, 1—6; 2—6, 3—6; 6—4, 1—6, 0—6.
June 25th.	v. WELLINGBOROUGH.	Won 6—3. E. J. Avory and Mayland, 6—4, 6—2; 6—0, 6—3; 6—2, 6—1. Nottingham and Morland, 5—7, 1—6; 6—1, 6—3; 6—0, 7—5. Barling and Sitwell, 4—6, 1—6; 4—6, 1—6; 4—6, 6—3, 6—2.
June 27th.	v. LEIGHTON PARK.	Won 6½—2½. E. J. Avory and Mayland, 6—3, 6—4; 6—3, 6—2; 6—2, 6—3. Nottingham and Morland, 2—6, 3—6; 6—4, 4—6, 7—5; 6—1, 8—6..... Barling and Sitwell, 3—6, 1—6; 6—8, 7—5, —; 6—2, 6—3.
July 4th.	v. MARLBOROUGH.	Lost 1—8. E. J. Avory and Mayland, 3—6, 5—7; 6—3, 1—6, 4—6; 6—4, 6—4. Nottingham and Morland, 1—6, 1—6; 3—6, 3—6; 2—6, 3—6. Barling and Sitwell, 0—6, 3—6; 2—6, 2—6; 3—6, 1—6.
July 11th.	v. INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF G.B.	Lost 2—7.
July 18th.	v. REPTON.	Won 6—3.
July 23rd.	v. MILL HILL.	Won 5—4. Mayland and D. R. Sabberton (T), 5—7, 8—10; 6—0, 6—2; 6—1, 6—4. C. J. G. Atkinson (C) and E. J. Avory, 3—6, 7—5, 4—6; 6—3, 6—3; 6—2, 6—0. Nottingham and Barling, 2—6, 2—6; 6—4, 2—6, 2—6; 6—4, 6—0.
July 25th.	v. K.C.S., WIMBLEDON.	Lost 4—5.

In the final of the Mornington Singles, Sabberton beat Mayland (6—3, 6—8, 6—4). In the Doubles final Mayland and Atkinson beat Sabberton and D. E. Costain (W) (6—1, 6—2).

In the Junior Lawn Tennis Championships of Great Britain played at Wimbledon in September, R. B. B. Avory reached the semi-final in the Doubles Competition, and D. R. Sabberton reached the last eight in the Singles, being the youngest competitor to do so.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

The season has in many respects been a most disappointing one. With five old colours behind the scrum and three in it, there seemed to be the makings of a very useful side. But two factors chiefly told against us. The first, the perennial one of injuries, hit the School severely at crucial moments. The loss of Clucas was only appreciated as a disaster when he returned for the last School match. Here, and in later matches, it was his influence which was felt as much as anything else. The second factor was the pack. For more than the first half of the season there was little life, fire or constructive play. Easton led, inspired and cajoled, but all to little effect. Without the necessary possession, the backs proved powerless. Mayland was dogged by slight but annoying muscular injuries and the attack rarely got going.

It was a pity that the rejuvenation started with the two toughest School matches (against Rugby and Oundle) but faded when it came to Radley. So the solitary School victory was achieved against Cheltenham.

At full-back Gauvain was steady, if slow, but he never really learnt to tackle low. Parkinson provided the real thrust in the three-quarter line, with Knight ably assisting him. Hamp-Ferguson settled down as fly-half and proved invaluable as a kicker, from all angles, and a most useful defender. But all too often he had to become the all-purpose stop-gap, rather than the pivot. Thompson and Andrews were more than a match for most of their opponents in the line-out, and Clucas proved effective in the loose. The front row packed well and the hooking as well as the leadership of Easton proved the foundation stone on which the eventual successes of the team were built. He has been chosen as reserve for the English Schoolboys XV.

### SCHOOL COLOURS

*1st XV*:—C. H. Clucas (W), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), A. F. Stone (T), J. H. Temple (T) (re-awarded); C. J. W. Gauvain (T), R. A. C. Thompson (♣), R. S. Dunlop (B), C. M. St. J. Knight (G), R. F. Charnock (G), M. N. H. Andrews (C).

*2nd XV*:—C. M. S. Anderson (C), M. N. H. Andrews (C), R. E. C. Marton (C), R. M. Coulson (♣), L. A. W. Evans (B), M. J. Summerlin (C), R. J. Preston (B), S. H. Sladen (♣), G. J. Vapenik (B), C. B. Tetlow (T), D. P. Bentall (C).

*3rd XV*:—C. B. Tetlow (T), R. B. B. Ivory (T), J. R. Wingad (C), G. J. Vapenik (B), P. N. Gibson (G), M. J. Summerlin (C), S. H. Sladen (♣), D. P. Bentall (C), A. C.

Booth (♣), L. M. Thomas (B), I. R. Ferrier (T), B. K. Huffman (C), A. A. J. Baird (T), J. S. Jackson (C), B. B. Jones (B), C. P. Robinson (T), D. R. Loxton (♣), S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T), M. J. R. Wightman (C), T. D. Mustard (B), B. L. Irving (♣), G. E. W. Morse (♣).

*Colts Stockings*:—B. M. Allen (W), A. R. F. Hobson (C), R. J. Box (C), S. B. Murray (♣), D. R. Sabberton (T), M. A. S. G. Stewart (C), C. J. N. Felton (B), J. W. O. Allerton (G), M. M. Orr (T), A. J. Morison (G), G. F. Arbib (T), J. H. Grantham (T), I. A. H. Sitwell (B), R. M. Jefferson (C), C. A. McIntyre (G).

### THE OLD STOIC RUGGER DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

This second attempt to bring as many Old Stoic Rugger players as possible back to Stowe was noteworthy for being the first occasion for twenty-two years (apart from the war years) that Mr. D. I. Brown has not been intimately concerned with the Stowe 1st XV. It was fortunate for his peace of mind that he did not know that he was to receive a presentation at the tea in Assembly after the matches. Otherwise he would have raised considerable objections. The idea had been conceived very rapidly, and many Old Stoics who might have wished to take part were unable to. As it was, D.I.B. received a silver tankard and a cheque, with the gratitude of Old Stoics of all the years from 1937 to 1958. Happily, new generations of Stoics will still be able to remember his inspiration of the Under-14 XV's.

The game proved a triumph for the Old Stoic forwards, led by Rowe-Beddoe. One try in each half provided the only score, but the game was admirably fought out. The School backs never got into their stride and the tackling of the whole team left much to be desired. Tries were scored by J. A. Boyd-Smith and M. K. Ridley.

Results:—

1st XV, 0; Old Stoics 1st XV, 6.  
2nd XV, 14; Old Stoics 2nd XV, 8.  
3rd XV, 20; Vitruvians, 10.

*1st XV Team*:—C. J. W. Gauvain (T); J. H. Temple (T), G. D. Parkinson (W), A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W), P. M. Salamon (♣); J. B. Mayland (W), R. St. C. Strange (♣); T. A. S. Dufty (B), D. J. Easton (W), A. F. Stone (T), D. H. Manzi-Fé (♣), R. A. C. Thompson (♣), C. M. S. Anderson (C), J. H. E. Pasmore (C), C. H. Clucas (W).

The following played for the Old Stoics:—*Bruce*: P. J. S. Griggs (1957); *Temple*: M. F. Croker (1958); *Grenville*: J. D. Powell-Rees (1955); *Chandos*: D. S. Rowe-Beddoe (1955), J. R. Hunter-Coddington (1958), A. G. Howarth (1956), D. Rimmer (1959), P. H. Gartside (1959), J. R. Perriss (1959), R. M. Elliott (1956), P. J. Blayney (1958), G. W. Horner (1956); *Cobham*: J. A. Boyd-Smith (1956), D. A. L. McAdam (1955), P. M. Rossiter (1950), D. Ridley (1959), M. K. Ridley (1956), T. G. Garratt (1959), M. A. Gale (1954), I. C. McLellan (1953); *Chatham*: G. L. D. Duckworth (1949), M. C. Houghton (1958), P. Simpson (1959), C. M. Hill (1956), E. S. Kennedy (1959); *Grafton*: S. G. H. Sinclair (1951), P. W. Loxton (1958), J. A. M. David (1956), N. B. Venning (1956), B. E. Toye (1956), P. G. A. Gardiner (1954), T. D. Phillips (1956); *Walpole*: C. N. H. Hordern (1952), J. E. G. Nayler (1958), W. R. C. Heap (1958); D. M. S. Baxter (1945), C. G. Duncanson (1954), A. D. Evans (1956).

THE SCHOOL *v.* BEDFORD

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 17th. Lost 8—15.

The result this year was similar in part to that last year. If they had been given the chances, the Stowe backs might have proved superior to their opponents, but the forwards were beaten from the start by a heavy Bedford pack. The discipline and ruthlessness of this pack were all the more remarkable because of the scanty practice that had been possible. Certainly the gentlemanly approach was not paying dividends, and the Stowe side failed as a whole to appreciate it.

Against the breeze and the slight slope Bedford pressed hard, and the fly-half kicked a goal. Bad tackling then let the pack through for an unconverted try, and this was followed by a break through the line-out for another. This, at half-time, made the result seem a foregone conclusion.

Even when Hamp-Ferguson converted a penalty, after a number of unsuccessful attempts, Bedford came back with a good rush, which could never have succeeded if anyone had fallen on the ball, and scored another unconverted try. But some despairing Stowe three-quarter movements offered promise of what might have been. Then Mayland kicked ahead, Parkinson caught the ball on a fortunate bounce, and went through beautifully to score. Hamp-Ferguson converted. But that was as near as Stowe was to get. With a penalty in front of the posts Bedford settled the issue.

Easton had tried hard to rouse his forwards, and Strange, Gauvain and Parkinson played well.

*Team*:—Gauvain; Temple, Parkinson, Hamp-Ferguson, Salamon; Mayland, Strange; Dufty, Easton, Stone, Manzi-Fé, Thompson, Anderson, Pasmore, M. Ramsden (C).

THE SCHOOL *v.* ST EDWARD'S

Played at Stowe on Saturday, October 24th. Lost 3—14.

'I tell you naught for your comfort,  
Yea, naught for your desire.'

Thus wrote G. K. Chesterton—and thus might this match be recorded.

The start, with Stowe playing against the wind and the slope, was inconspicuous. One felt that the first score, as so often in School matches, might prove decisive. It did. A well-kicked penalty for a scrum infringement put St. Edward's three points ahead. An opportunist breakaway by a forward, who scored, made it three more. Parkinson then made a good break through, but cut inwards to the full-back and never seemed likely to be fast enough to round him. Hamp-Ferguson tried a drop at goal from the next scrum but was a mile adrift. This contrasted with a magnificent kick from near the half-way by the St. Edward's full-back. The ball bounced back into play from the cross-bar. Clearly this was a man to avoid, but the Stowe backs continued to ply him with badly judged kicks ahead. So it was only just that a similar kick should bounce well for the St. Edward's left wing, who scored. And with a third penalty for off-side the score rose at half-time to 0—14.

For the first ten minutes of the second half Stowe did not enter enemy territory. And then, when finally the attacks started to be launched, no one seemed capable of producing the speed or determination necessary to score. Eventually, after a penalty kick on the St. Edward's twenty-five had been booted over the dead-ball line, came

the only consolation. Parkinson kicked ahead for Preston to kick over and touch down. The end was all too near.

Easton again tried desperately hard to bring more life out of the pack. Stone and Thompson responded well and Wingad showed promising form, though he was much too easily caught off-side.

*Team*:—J. A. Jefferson (C); R. J. Preston (B), Hamp-Ferguson, Parkinson, Salamon; Mayland, Strange; Dufty, Easton, Stone, Manzi-Fé, Thompson, Anderson, Pasmore, J. R. Wingad (C).

THE SCHOOL *v.* RUGBY

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 7th. Lost 8—17.

After the first depressing games, this was the required tonic. For the first time we found the forwards really going off with a bang—and what a welcome relief that was. Rugby came with two defeats to avenge and a reputation of an unbeaten record to uphold.

Under ideal conditions Rugby kicked off into the sun. Very soon Stowe went in to the attack. Hamp-Ferguson kicked ahead on the blind side, caught the ball after a fortunate bounce and passed to Preston, who had a clear run-in. Hamp-Ferguson converted it well. With this unexpected success Stowe were perhaps over-confident, and a penalty was given away for not playing the ball after a tackle. And then Rugby went ahead, after some loose play near the Stowe line, with a forward try which was converted. A faulty kick ahead resulted in another try, from which the kicker hit the post.

Six points down at half-time, and now playing against the wind, Stowe might have given up; but instead a series of encouraging attacks was put in. Two rather difficult penalties were missed, but Hamp-Ferguson then dropped an excellent goal. But that was as much as could be hoped. After a number of scrums on the Stowe line, the Rugby stand-off half took a reverse pass to score. And as the School clock struck four, another faulty kick ahead allowed the fast Rugby wing three-quarter to score, after a run from inside the Rugby twenty-five. Neither of these was converted.

Easton led the rejuvenated pack sensibly and well. Charnock tackled well, and Stone, Andrews and Thompson showed much improvement. Hamp-Ferguson dominated the outside play, kicked well at times, but could never quite time his pass before being tackled. Gauvain added a confidence which had previously been lacking.

*Team*:—Gauvain; Temple, Parkinson, C. M. St. J. Knight (G), Preston; Hamp-Ferguson, Strange; R. S. Dunlop (B), Easton, Stone, Manzi-Fé, Thompson, Anderson, M. N. H. Andrews (C), R. F. Charnock (G).

THE SCHOOL *v.* OUNDLE

Played at Oundle on Tuesday, November 10th. Lost 6—17.

The records of the two sides up to this point had made it clear that our side did not stand anything of a chance. The showing against Rugby had suggested, however, that we might be capable of a better effort than before.

Ominous black clouds followed the team up to Oundle and a bitter wind blew down the length of the ground. Stowe had to face it in the first half. The opening play was very even and the School attacked well, but found the very steady Oundle

scrum-half sending out a stream of lovely passes. All too soon they had the man over and their wing three-quarter ran clear to score. The kick hit the crossbar. Stowe then pressed. Hamp-Ferguson kicked admirably and Knight cut through well, but found himself with insufficient speed to avoid the full-back. But play was forced back and Preston was caught standing off-side for an easy penalty. A glorious chance to reduce the Oundle advantage was missed when Parkinson kicked ahead over the dead-ball line.

The second half began with a terrific Oundle attack. The wind had died down and the sun shone. The whole Stowe side was run off its feet. Quick changes of direction, rapid passing and good backing up found us with no answer. First came a penalty for handling in the scrum, and then the humiliation of a push-over try. To crown it, the Oundle stand-off half broke through to add a converted try. It looked as though the score would reach the thirties at least.

But at this point Knight got a boot to a missed pass and dribbled away down the left wing, finally diving over for a most welcome try. This brought out all the extra fire and energy which we knew the pack possessed and had produced in the Rugby match. Time now was, of course, all against us, but Parkinson broke through in the centre, and timed his pass to Knight, who ran in to score.

It seemed a poor reflection on the others that all the scoring was done by the Captain of the Colts in his second 1st XV match, but it had been, in fact, a sterling effort by the whole side. If only the pressure had not been relaxed at the beginning of the second half, how different things might have been. But again it is all too clear that Stowe teams allow their opponents the privilege of dictating the play. To have played like this against Bedford or St. Edward's might easily have brought a victory. In fact Oundle were amazed that we had not beaten Bedford. Until Stowe learns to play its own game regardless of the status of its opponents, there will be no decisive victories, let alone even narrow ones.

*Team* :—Gauvain ; Temple, Parkinson, Knight, Preston ; Hamp-Ferguson, Strange ; Dunlop, Easton, Stone, Manzi-Fé, Thompson, Anderson, Andrews, Charnock.

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* RADLEY

Played at Radley on Saturday, November 14th. Lost 0—6.

Radley and Stowe were both limited sides. The difference was that Radley played within their limitations whilst Stowe did not seem to realize that they themselves had any. From the start of the game it became obvious that Radley, with little mid-field penetration, were going to rely on a kicking game, but Stowe did not seem to notice this and soon paid the penalty. The Radley fly-half kicked diagonally to the wing, and when the ball bounced back towards the centre of the field, our full-back and centres were nowhere near ; Radley scored an easy try.

Radley dominated the set scrums, and when Stowe did get the ball, the heel was so slow that it gave the three-quarters little chance against a close marking defence. Stowe did better in the line-outs, but in any case dangerous attacks seldom develop from these, and it was vital that Stowe should get the ball quickly from the loose ; the forwards, however, were much too slow as a pack.

When the three-quarters did get the ball, they were disappointing. We were more powerful in mid-field but this was not exploited. There was too much kicking and the positioning was so bad that it was impossible to tell whether we thought we were attacking or defending. Parkinson ran too far and only once gave Knight the ball

with room to move, and the wings never got the ball from an orthodox attack. The wings, on several occasions, took the pass from the scrum-half to make the man over but always passed it straight on instead of drawing the opposition or taking advantage of the gap created. For Stowe, Hamp-Ferguson did an immense amount of covering and kicked well, Thompson and Andrews did well in the line-out and Charnock tackled well.

As Stowe had played very creditably against strong Rugby and Oundle sides on the previous Saturday and Tuesday, they may well have been feeling the effects of these matches, and this account may therefore seem unduly critical. However, time and again Stowe pull out that bit extra against Oundle only to play far below their potential against weaker teams.

*Team* :—Gauvain ; Mayland, Parkinson, Knight, Preston ; Hamp-Ferguson, Strange ; Dunlop, Easton, Dufty, Manzi-Fé, Thompson, Anderson, Andrews, Charnock.

#### THE SCHOOL *v.* CHELTENHAM

Played at Stowe on Saturday, November 28th. Won 16—6.

For the first time this season Stowe got off to a lively start, establishing themselves quickly in their opponents' half, and within five minutes were three points up from a dropped goal by Hamp-Ferguson. This gave the whole side much-needed confidence, and, after some pressure by Cheltenham, the School came back to score a good try, Parkinson and Knight working an effective dummy scissors for the former to make the outside break and cross halfway out. Ten minutes later Dunlop produced a fine burst of speed to follow up a loose ball and beat the full-back to the touch-down. Hamp-Ferguson safely converted both tries and the School seemed set for an easy win.

However, Cheltenham fought back and for ten minutes before half-time had the better of the game, having the punch in the tight and heeling well, so that the School was probably fortunate to concede only three points, Garstin scoring wide out on the right for Cheltenham.

The second half was evenly fought, but the School always looked the more dangerous side in attack, the forwards being faster to the ball and giving their backs many opportunities by quick thinking. Parkinson, in particular, proved himself a penetrative runner with the ball, well served by Hamp-Ferguson and well supported by Knight.

Knight scored the School's second-half try, again an outside break by Parkinson after Hamp-Ferguson had made a half-opening, while Cheltenham replied with a well-taken try in the right corner by Brown after a break by the outside centre.

The speed and incisive running of the School centres, the smooth working of the midfield triangle with some slick changes of direction, effective without being over-elaborated as in previous matches, and a steady service from Ramsay, who deputised very creditably at scrum-half, ensured that the School attack created many openings in the Cheltenham defence, whereas only the scrum-half provided the same menace for the visitors.

But above all there was a new sense of purpose about the School side, intelligent loose play and quick heels from the loose mauls by the pack, which resulted in this convincing victory.

*Team* :—Gauvain ; M. J. Summerlin (C), Knight, Parkinson, Temple ; Hamp-Ferguson, H. F. Ramsay (G) ; Dunlop, Easton, Stone, Clucas, Thompson, Anderson, Andrews, Charnock.

## Other matches :—

Sat., Oct. 3rd.	v. WASPS (Home).	Drawn	16—16
Sat., Nov. 21st.	v. BLACKHEATH (Home).	Won	18—11
Tues., Dec. 1st.	v. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL (Home).	Won	11—9
Sat., Dec. 5th.	v. RICHMOND (Home).	Lost	8—12
Wed., Dec. 9th.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Won	3—0
Sat., Dec. 12th.	v. HARLEQUINS (Home).	Lost	3—14

## THE SECOND FIFTEEN

The 2nd XV have not had a good season. Apart from two victories over Old Stoics and University College, Oxford, their record has been one of defeats, some of them heavy. The composition of the team, especially the back division, has been upset by many injuries and the necessity to replace gaps in the 1st XV, but even so there was the material to do better. The pack were useful in the tight, where Marton or Coulson hooked well, and Vapenik improved his line-out play considerably; but they were sluggish in attack and their defensive covering and tackling were uncertain. Ramsay played pluckily at scrum-half, and Sladen, though slow, was safe and courageous at full-back. The three-quarter line occasionally handled well, as at Oxford, where they pulled off a copy-book try, but they rarely ran with determination and were slow on their men and hesitant in defence. Avory brought off some good runs, Jefferson, when available, showed some thrust, and Bentall played well in the later matches.

But lack of fire and determination let their opponents build up big leads, or, as against Oundle and Halton, the team threw away an even position at half-time by fading in the second half.

The following have played :—S. H. Sladen (G), J. H. E. Pasmore (C), R. D. de B. Bingham (T), R. B. B. Avory (T), J. A. Jefferson (C), B. B. Jones (B), D. P. Bentall (C), H. F. Ramsay (G), T. A. S. Dufty (B), R. E. C. Marton (C), C. B. Tetlow (B), C. J. Vapenik (B), P. N. Gibson (G), D. H. Manzi-Fé (C), R. M. Coulson (G), M. N. H. Andrews (C), J. R. Wingad (C).

The 'A' XV, formed from the 2nd XV pack and a much strengthened back division, was a more dangerous and forceful combination, defeating Wellingborough G.S. 19—3 and Oakham 12—6.

Sat., Oct. 10th.	v. OLD STOICS (Home).	Won	14—8
Sat., Oct. 17th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost	6—9
Sat., Oct. 24th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Lost	3—25
Sat., Nov. 7th.	v. R.A.F., HALTON (Home).	Lost	6—12
Tues., Nov. 10th.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Lost	0—30
Sat., Nov. 14th.	v. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (Home).	Won	27—11
Sat., Nov. 28th.	v. OXFORD R.F.C. (Away).	Lost	6—34

## THE THIRD FIFTEEN

A rather palsied-looking team at the outset but one which developed very well. The first two defeats were unnecessary, but Northampton were worthy opponents. The turning-point came against Berkhamsted, when, on a wet Novemberish day, a six-nil half-time deficit was turned into a most exciting 8—6 win. As always, Oundle was the test, and the 3rd came out of it very well. Thirteen points were scored in the first eight minutes, but then the tide dramatically turned, and though late in the game there were two more push-over tries, they were much protracted push-overs and measured the difference between the sides. Finally the win against Magdalen and the

draw with Towcester were both very tough, hard-fighting efforts and a very good finish to the season.

It is difficult to name the team, because so many people had to play, but for preference we had as halves Mustard and Jackson, skilful but not really dangerous; in the centre, Baird and Irving, defensively sound but ineffective; and, on the wings, our best try-scorer, Jones, and the occasionally elusive Osner. Loxton, at full-back, was reliable but slow.

The heart of the team was in the forwards, magnificently herded by Ferrier. The front row, Thomas, Wightman and Robinson, were tough, rough and solid; Ferrier and Morse used their weight, and behind them, was Stowe's own English-speaking American, 'Dawkins' Huffman, a wonderful inspiration to the side. Last, but not least, the two wing-forwards, Watson and Booth, from whom came much of the leadership and drive.

Team :—D. R. Loxton (G); B. B. Jones (B), A. A. J. Baird (T), B. L. Irving (C), R. C. Osner (C); J. S. Jackson (C), T. D. Mustard (B); L. M. Thomas (B), M. J. R. Wightman (C), C. P. Robinson (T), I. R. Ferrier (T), G. E. W. Morse (C), D. S. Watson (C), B. K. Huffman (C), A. C. Booth (Capt.) (G).

Also played :—J. Q. H. Hippisley (C), D. H. Bate (C), C. R. Morland (B) and P. N. E. Luard (G).

Sat., Oct. 10th.	v. OLD STOICS (Home).	Won	20—10
Sat., Oct. 17th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost	5—14
Tues., Oct. 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Lost	3—11
Sat., Oct. 31st.	v. NORTHAMPTON G.S. 2ND XV (Away).	Lost	0—8
Tues., Nov. 3rd.	v. BERKHAMSTED 2ND XV (Away).	Won	8—6
Thur., Nov. 19th.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost	0—19
Sat., Nov. 21st.	v. KINGHAM HILL 1ST XV (Home).	Won	47—0
Tues., Nov. 24th.	v. MAGDALEN C.S., BRACKLEY 1ST XV (Home).	Won	16—14
Sat., Nov. 28th.	v. TOWCESTER G.S. 1ST XV (Home).	Drawn	3—3

## THE FOURTH FIFTEEN

The team has not had a very successful season, winning only one of its matches. Though a number of people individually have played quite well, they have found it difficult to settle down and play together as a team. This has been partly due to the continual loss of players either to other teams or through injuries. On the whole the forwards have held their own against their opponents in both the loose as well as the set scrums, but the backs have not succeeded in making full use of this. Except for two matches all the other games have been very closely fought and more determination would have achieved better results.

Team :—R. D. Blow (C); R. C. Osner (C), C. R. Morland (B), A. H. G. Atkinson (C), T. D. A. Cecil (C); J. Q. H. Hippisley (C), D. H. Bate (G); R. T. W. Noton (C), R. P. Pearce (G), D. E. A. Marrow (W), G. E. W. Morse (C), D. Moyle (W), R. D. Macleod (C), H. R. Kay (G), G. S. S. Allen (T).

The following also played :—P. M. Henry (C), M. P. Dixey (B), M. G. Morley (T), R. M. H. Griffiths (G), D. H. Penrose (C), A. D. G. Shillington (C).

Sat., Oct. 17th.	v. BEDFORD SCHOOL (Home).	Lost	3—8
Tues., Oct. 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL (Away).	Lost	5—14
Sat., Oct. 24th.	v. ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL 1ST XV (Home).	Lost	11—17
Tues., Nov. 3rd.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Away).	Won	11—9
Sat., Nov. 7th.	v. BANBURY R.F.C. (Home).	Lost	0—32
Thur., Nov. 19th.	v. OUNDLE SCHOOL (Away).	Lost	0—29

## THE COLTS

The Club has had a very successful season despite the fact that it has never been able to field its strongest XV. Five matches have been won and two lost—125 pts. to 43 pts.; Oundle and Bedford provided our strongest opposition. The match against Bedford was a close, scrappy one, played on hard ground; and the match against Oundle was lost 10—19, with the team playing one man short for three-quarters of the game. We have lost two players, Knight and Summerlin to the 1st XV, and we have suffered a more than usual number of incapacitating injuries.

Murray has been a very dependable full-back and has led the side well in the last two matches. The three-quarters have not seemed to recover their confidence of last season, particularly after the loss of Knight and Summerlin, but have nevertheless run hard and confounded their critics by tackling low. Sabberton has been a very cool stand-off half and Allen at scrum-half was an inspiration to the team until he dislocated his shoulder.

The forwards have been hefty and have generally managed to wear the opposition down, largely owing to the fact that they have learnt to work together and combine their individual talents in a common purpose. Hobson has hooked well and has led the forwards creditably. Orr, Felton and Arbib have used their weight and speed to good effect, and Box has distinguished himself in the loose.

However, although individuals have been mentioned, it must be emphasized that the success of the Club must be attributed to the efforts of the team as a team.

The following have played:—C. M. St. J. Knight (G), M. J. Summerlin (C), B. M. Allen (W), S. B. Murray (C), I. A. R. Sitwell (B), J. W. O. Allerton (G), R. M. Jefferson (C), C. A. McIntyre (G), D. R. Sabberton (T), G. R. Duncanson (W), M. A. S. G. Stewart (C), A. R. Hobson (C), R. J. Box (C), M. M. Orr (T), C. J. Felton (B), A. J. Morison (G), G. R. Arbib (T), J. H. Grantham (T), M. J. L. McEwen (C), J. G. Green (W).

Sat., Oct. 10th.	v. BEDFORD MODERN (Home).	Cancelled owing to the hard ground.
Sat., Oct. 17th.	v. BEDFORD (Home).	Won 11—0
Tues., Oct. 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Home).	Won 45—13
Sat., Oct. 31st.	v. RUGBY (Away).	Won 13—6
Tues., Nov. 10th.	v. OUNDLE (Away).	Lost 10—19
Sat., Nov. 14th.	v. DOUAI (Home).	Won 31—0
Sat., Nov. 28th.	v. CHELTENHAM (Home).	Won 12—0
Wed., Dec. 9th.	v. NORTHAMPTON G.S. (Home).	Lost 3—5

## THE JUNIOR COLTS

It would be kind, perhaps, to draw a veil over this humiliating season. It is true that the side has never once been at full strength, and that on several occasions as many as five of the backs have been reserves. None the less, there is very little real talent in the group, and even despite recent improvements in skill and determination, there are very few members who really enjoy tackling and falling, and too many who prefer bloodless sport.

Amongst the backs, constant changes of players and positions and the prolonged absence of our better performers have been unsettling. Defence has been lamentable until lately. Tackling has been tentative and high, except that of Grace, Edwards and, on his day, Fletcher. Attacking movements have been rare and marred by hesitation and suspect handling. The forwards, after a desperately weak start, have steadily

improved and have become at least a workmanlike pack. But here, too, there is a lack of fire, always excepting Hesketh. Denempont has captained the side with courage and often with exasperation.

Lately a new spirit has begun to appear throughout the group, and in the final match the team fought with grim determination to hold its opponents to a draw. This was encouraging after so black a term.

Thirty players have represented the School. The following have played in two or more matches:—P. J. August (B), R. W. Bailey-King (C), J. R. Bullick (G), J. F. Burns (C), H. L. Cowdy (C), R. L. H. Denempont (G), I. D. Drysdale (C), M. J. Dunlop (C), J. S. Edwards (C), W. G. Fletcher (C), N. J. Grace (C), N. G. F. Hesketh (C), N. Honeyman Brown (G), P. E. A. Hope (T), T. G. E. Kilpatrick (C), J. W. S. Law (B), P. R. N. Lewis (C), C. P. Murphy (G), J. E. Poole (C), G. E. Rawlings (C), M. A. Williamson-Noble (T).

Sat., Oct. 17th.	v. BEDFORD (Away).	Lost 3—20
Tues., Oct. 20th.	v. ST. EDWARD'S (Away).	Lost 0—28
Sat., Oct. 24th.	v. BLOXHAM (Away).	Lost 6—9
Sat., Oct. 31st.	v. RUGBY (Away).	Lost 0—37
Tues., Nov. 3rd.	v. BERKHAMSTED (Home).	Lost 0—11
Sat., Nov. 7th.	v. RADLEY (Home).	Lost 0—63
Tues., Nov. 10th.	v. OUNDLE (Home).	Lost 0—45
Tues., Nov. 24th.	v. M.C.S., BRACKLEY (Away).	Lost 6—14
Sat., Dec. 5th.	v. M.C.S., OXFORD (Home).	Drawn 0—0

## THE UNDER FOURTEEN CLUB

Although the teams have done well in scoring 191 points against 46, there are many elementary weaknesses to be cured before they can hope to compete on satisfactory terms with teams such as Oundle next year.

On a hard ground at Bedford, without Sutton and early in the season, we were easily defeated 26—9. Luckily we had a return match at Stowe with two of their better players off. However, we played very well and very hard and turned the tables by 19—14. The two teams against St. Edward's won fairly easily by 20—3 and 26—0. We beat Radley by 38—0, Bloxham with an 'A' side by 34—0, Bilton Grange Prep. School by 8—3 with a 'B' side, and Brackley by 8—0, feeling a little jaded after the Bedford return match.

S. H. Arnold (B) looks promising on the wing; A. R. G. Scott-Gall (T), A. P. B. Sutton (T) and A. P. Dukes (W) have moved well. Sutton has kicked very well. In the forwards, J. V. M. Froggatt (G), the captain, has played a grand ranging game; R. D. Post (W) has improved as a No. 8; P. E. Dawson (W) is a terrier on the blind side. The line-out players Post and the Hon. J. D. G. Parker (G) have learnt a lot. D. W. J. Garrett (G) has become a proficient hooker. The great weakness is the difference between the 1st and 2nd XV's in the Club.

## LEAGUES

Cobham easily won the combined 'A' and 'B' Leagues. The results were:—1, Cobham 124; 2, Temple 104; 3, Chatham 88; 4, Walpole 84; 5, Grenville 60; 6, Chandos 44; 7, Grafton 40; 8, Bruce 20.

## UNDER FIFTEEN LEAGUES

In previous years rigger games have been organized for boys under fifteen and under fourteen years old who were not in the Junior Colts or Under-14 Clubs. These were "pick-up" games between the same players two or three times a week until half-term, when the players were drafted into Leagues.

An experiment was tried this year in the form of an inter-house league for Under-15's to be carried on through the term. Four masters acted as referees, and a number of boys acted as coaches and supplementary referees. The week was divided into two match days and one practice day, and the scheme certainly resulted in some spirited matches and much greater interest.



## ESTATE WORK

Fewer boys have been available for estate work this term, but progress has been made by clearing the 'mudbath' of weeds after a new raft had been constructed for the purpose by the Hon. J. M. Jocelyn (B). This improvement follows on from the dam which was successfully completed last term by the Cook memorial at the end of the pool. Further clearing has tidied up the plantation adjoining the Octagon creek, and next term it is hoped to launch the final stage in the restoration of the vista between the Doric Arch and the Palladian Bridge.

J.M.H.

## OTHER SPORTS

## SWIMMING

This year, for the first time, the swimming sports were not held on Speech Day, and the absence of a jostling crowd gave us much more pleasant and informal conditions. Enough spectators were, however, lured from the fête to give the appropriate atmosphere of competition. The unusually early start of general bathing made for a high standard of swimming, and the result was very open.

There was rather more monopoly than usual, Perriss, much to his surprise, managing to beat both Cooper and Kennedy in all the open freestyle events, Rosner and Clucas winning all the open breaststroke and backstroke races respectively, and Allen, our most promising junior swimmer, winning all the under-sixteen freestyle events. In the under-fifteen races, Froggatt showed himself to be a very promising swimmer.

The diving this year was marked by a different system and Walpole were the final victors.

Chatham reached both the finals in the water-polo; the seniors beat Chandos after a hard game dominated by Kennedy, but in the juniors they were beaten by Grenville, who took away their first swimming cup for a very long time.

Results :—

## OPEN

- 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, J. R. Perriss (C); 2, E. S. Kennedy (C); 3, A. D. Cooper (W); 4, P. R. Vester (C); 5, D. J. Hanley (W); 6, R. M. Coulson (C). Time, 26.8 secs.  
 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, Perriss; 2, Kennedy; 3, Cooper; 4, Vester; 5, R. D. Macleod (C); 6, Coulson. Time, 60.6 secs.  
 200 Yards Freestyle.—1, Perriss; 2, Cooper; 3, Kennedy; 4, Vester; 5, Hanley; 6, Macleod. Time, 2 mins. 21.4 secs.  
 400 Yards Freestyle.—1, Perriss; 2, Cooper; 3, Kennedy; 4, J. R. Wingad (C); 5, Vester; 6, C. H. Clucas (W). Time, 5 mins. 20.9 secs.  
 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, A. P. Rosner (C); 2, A. H. Matusch (G); 3, D. H. Penrose (C); 4, M. A. Harris (G); 5, J. A. Jefferson (C). Time, 32.0 secs. *New Record.*  
 100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Rosner; 2, Harris; 3, C. D. Winchester (C); 4, Matusch; 5, Jefferson; 6, Macleod. Time, 76.8 secs.  
 200 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Rosner; 2, Harris; 3, Jefferson; 4, Matusch; 5, A. R. Shackleton (W); 6, J. Q. H. Hippisley (C). Time, 2 mins. 50.7 secs. *New Record.*  
 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, Clucas; 2, H. R. Kay (C); 3, Perriss; 4, Hanley; 5, C. M. S. Anderson (C); 6, Jefferson. Time, 32 secs.  
 100 Yards Backstroke.—1, Clucas; 2, Kay; 3, Hanley; 4, Anderson; 5, Jefferson; 6, Hippisley. Time, 72.6 secs.  
 50 Yards Butterfly.—1, Kennedy; 2, Cooper; 3, Clucas; 4, Vester; 5, Coulson; 6, Winchester. Time, 32.6 secs.  
 100 Yards Individual Medley.—1, Cooper; 2, Kennedy; 3, Perriss; 4, Clucas; 5, Vester; 6, B. M. Allen (W). Time, 75.2 secs.

## UNDER SIXTEEN

- 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, Allen; 2, J. N. Sadler (C); 3, S. P. H. Barker-Benfield (T); 4, C. A. McIntyre (G); 5, C. M. St. J. Knight (G). Time, 28.8 secs.  
 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, Allen; 2, Sadler; 3, McIntyre; 4, Knight; 5, R. M. Jefferson (C); 6, J. L. Hunter-Coddington (C). Time, 65.2 secs.  
 200 Yards Freestyle.—1, Allen; 2, Sadler; 3, McIntyre; 4, Jefferson; 5, Hunter-Coddington; 6, Knight. Time not recorded.



50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Jefferson; 2, Sadler; 3, Hunter-Coddington; 4, R. I. McLintock (C); 5, J. M. Blayney (C); 6, R. J. Box (C). Time, 38 secs.  
 100 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Jefferson; 2, Hunter-Coddington; 3, McLintock; 4, P. G. Costain (W); 5, Box; 6, Blayney. Time, 81.8 secs.  
 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, R. E. Dale (G); 2, E. H. Bacon (W); 3, M. A. S. G. Stewart (C); 4, Blayney; 5, S. M. D. Williamson-Noble (T). Time, 34.6 secs.  
 100 Yards Backstroke.—1, Dale; 2, Barker-Benfield; 3, Bacon; 4, B. C. L. Graham (B); 5, Stewart; 6, Blayney. Time, 78 secs.

#### UNDER FIFTEEN

25 Yards Freestyle.—1, A. R. Genth (C); 2, J. V. M. Froggatt (G); 3, G. E. Rawlings (G); 4, J. E. Poole (C); 5 equal, L. M. Barnard (B) and P. R. N. Lewis (G). Time, 14.8 secs.  
 50 Yards Freestyle.—1, Genth; 2, Rawlings; 3, Froggatt; 4, P. R. J. Elliott (T); 5, C. C. F. Bouchier (C); 6, M. J. Dunlop (C). Time, 30.2 secs. *New Record.*  
 100 Yards Freestyle.—1, Froggatt; 2, Genth; 3, Dunlop; 4, E. J. Sherrard (C); 5, Bouchier; 6, R. G. Crosthwaite (C). Time, 79 secs.  
 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1, Froggatt; 2, Crosthwaite; 3, Elliott; 4, Lewis; 5, Poole; 6, M. J. F. Chapman (W). Time, 38 secs.  
 50 Yards Backstroke.—1, Rawlings; 2, G. T. M. Hayes (G); 3, Poole; 4, Bouchier. Time, 37.2 secs.

Final Results:—Senior Swimming, Chandos; Junior Swimming, Chatham; Combined Swimming, Chandos. Senior Water-polo, Chatham; Junior Water-polo, Grenville; Diving, Walpole; Relays, Chatham.

#### FENCING

Of the five matches this term we have won three and lost two. Bradfield we beat with a very young and inexperienced team, only Canavan remaining from last year. But Oakley and Irving fought well in the foil, as did Waring and Lloyd with épées and Oakley and Batten with sabres. The junior foil team lost 3—6 on this occasion. The next Saturday we beat Rugby 11—7. Only foil and sabre were fought, the teams being unchanged. Against Douai we lost 6—12, but the juniors showed promise by winning 5—4. Winton, folkes and Forwood fought on this occasion. We next lost badly to Harrow 10—26, who turned out a team unchanged from last year. The inexperience of the Stowe team was evident. Nevertheless Oakley earned his colours on this occasion. Against Bedford we put out a three man team against their six and won 11—7. Some intensive training before the match paid dividends. Batten was awarded his colours.

Batten has made the best progress, but Oakley, Waring, Irving and Lloyd have all improved a great deal. Forwood has turned out to be a very competent new boy and should be useful in future teams.

As a Monday Extra, fencing is now more popular than for a long time. Cobham and Bruce have been well represented, as always.

The teams were:—

Senior:—M. B. M. Canavan (C), E. H. Oakley (C), A. S. M. Batten (C), M. H. Waring (C), B. L. Irving (C), S. Lloyd (C).

Junior:—R. S. Winton (G), R. F. A. folkes (B), G. J. L. Forwood (N), M. S. J. Rappolt (B).

School Colours were awarded to Oakley and Batten.

M.B.M.C.

#### SAILING

The Club has been presented with a tankard by A. J. Bradford (C, 1959), who was Commodore last year. The tankard will be awarded each year to the helmsman who wins the most points in races against other schools. The Club is grateful to Bradford, both for the trophy and for the fine work he did throughout last year.

The House Races were held late in the Summer term after our busy and successful season with other schools. The weeds on the Eleven-Acre were more extensive than usual, and we were restricted to a minute triangular course. Each House entered two crews, and Cobham, with A. J. Bradford and J. E. Crowther as helmsmen, were fairly easy winners. The Individual Trophy races were held just afterwards on the same course and were won by Bradford.

In September the School again entered a crew in the Public Schools Invitation Firefly Championship at the Itchenor Sailing Club. J. C. Prunty (T), with M. C. Sabey (C) as crew, sailed extremely well in conditions which were difficult for a light crew. He was unfortunate in making a bad start in his first qualifying race owing to some confusion on the starting line, and in his second race he capsized in a very heavy gust. Bradford and Prunty sailed independently in the International Cadet Week at Burnham-on-Crouch. There were 164 competitors for the Yachting World Cadet Trophy, and in the final placing Prunty was 51st and Bradford 127th. This term's Commodore, the Hon. T. A. Jocelyn (B), sailed in Malta during the holidays. In the Royal Malta Yacht Club's annual race to Kalefrana he was first on handicap sailing in a Naval Whaler, and in the Royal Naval Sailing Association Regatta he was second out of twenty entries in the race for 14-ft. R.N.S.A. Dinghies.

A team of Old Stoics competed in the Public Schools Old Boys races for the Bembridge Trophy in September. Having reached the semi-finals in the previous year they were excused the qualifying rounds which were held last April. They reached the semi-finals again this year, but were then unluckily beaten by Winchester by 42½ to 38½. Winchester went on to beat Wellington in the final with a margin of 14 points. The Old Stoics will be excused the qualifying rounds again next year. The team consisted of I. G. Butler (G, 1943), who also did the organizing, M. J. Ellison (T, 1935), W. M. Peacock (G, 1950), M. Adams (B, 1953), P. Few Brown (G, 1947) and J. A. McGougan (C, 1947).

This term we have had to spend much time on the Cadets after their continuous use last summer. The tub dinghies are beyond further repair. However, we have had a number of races which will count towards the Individual Trophy, and we have held a competition for the pennant offered each year by the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, which was won by C. P. D. Yarwood (G).

I.D.

#### SCULLING

With great generosity the parent of a Stoic has presented a clinker-built 'whiff' to the School, so that a new activity has been added to the pursuits of Stowe this term. About fifty boys indicated that they would like to take up sculling, and as many of them as possible are learning the rudiments of the art, on the Eleven-Acre, before the end of term. So far only one person has had an involuntary bathe, appropriately enough in the swimming enclosure, where novices learn to remain upright before graduating to the full expanse of the lake and the mercy of the swans.

J.M.H.

## SHOOTING

At the beginning of term the entry for Monday Extra shooting was every bit as large as that of last term. At first the shooting was up to the high standard of previous terms, but it declined a little towards the end, partly through the absence of P. M. Salamon (G) after a rugger accident, and partly owing to an issue of old, unreliable ammunition—one bullet had even been put into the cartridge-case the wrong way up; this certainly affected Stowe's entry in the Staniforth Cup, in which we were placed 14th equal.

Plans for the extension of the range and safety bunker have been drawn up, to enable us to shoot with .303 rifles.

Results :—

## 1ST VIII.

v. CHELTENHAM.	Won	779—778
v. MARLBOROUGH.	Won	779—776
v. SUTTON VALENCE.	Won	779—771
v. WESTMINSTER.	Won	762—760
v. ETON.	Lost	764—771
v. DENSTONE.	Won	779—750
v. PORTSMOUTH G.S.	Won	779—774
v. BLUNDELL'S.	Lost	779—792
v. VICTORIA COLLEGE.	Lost	772—789
v. SHERBORNE.	Won	772—769
v. ST. PAUL'S.	Won	779—769

## 2ND VIII.

v. WESTMINSTER.	Won	740—738
v. MARLBOROUGH.	Won	753—736

R.E.C.M.

## FIVES

Last year it was said that Stowe Fives had undergone a resurrection, and this term our fixture list has been considerably enlarged. We have played nine matches, which, taking into account the fact that rugger anyway deprives us of much chance of practice and considering that the matches against Mill Hill, King Edward's, Birmingham, and the Cambridge Old Stoics had to be cancelled at the last minute, is a good step forward. Next term, too, there will be almost as many fixtures, including new ones against Oakham and Old Olavians.

There has been a disappointing tendency amongst the players to despair or, at least, appear to despair if the game is going against them, and this will have to be countered if Stowe is to be more successful. R. B. B. Avory (T), A. F. Stone (T) and A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W) have all played at different times with the captain in the first pair, Stone proving the steadiest. Both the others are young, but both have failed at crucial moments, Avory because he seldom uses his full strength, though on the whole his reactions are quite quick, and Hamp-Ferguson because of his unreliable temperament, which counteracts the fact that he is the quickest player on to the ball in the School. C. P. Robinson (T) still hits the ball too high, but he plays enthusiastically and is above the average standard of our normal third pair. He has been supported by either A. C. Geddes (T), who is a strong but unimaginative player, or D. S. Watson (C),

who has improved steadily throughout this term, or H. F. Ramsay (G), who, unfortunately, plays all too rarely. In the six-pair match against the Old Edwardians, H. H. Marshall (T) also played. Of the Juniors, D. R. Sabberton (T) is the ablest, but is slow about the court, whilst M. M. Orr (T) gets in mainly because he is a left-hander and has an enormous reach. Remarkably, Stowe has not had a left-hander playing in the team since 1954 and it is an encouraging sign to note four or five promising "South-paws" coming up. A. M. Macoun (G) needs strength but is not without ability, whilst J. H. Grantham (T), S. B. Murray (C), W. J. N. Moore (C) and A. R. F. Hobson (C) might all, with practice, prove useful in coming years.

The House matches have once again started and the first rounds in both senior and junior competitions have been played. Temple as usual have strong teams and look set to regain the Senior Cup, which they lost last year, but in the Junior their pre-dominance is not so certain. Chandos, Grenville and Grafton all have strong teams, although it looks like being a Grenville—Temple final.

Colours have been awarded to R. B. B. Avory (T) and A. J. C. Hamp-Ferguson (W).

C.J.W.G.

## CRICKET

The following results are in addition to those recorded in last term's *Stoic*.

## 2ND XI.

Sat., July 18.	v. MR. A. B. E. GIBSON'S XI.	Home. Lost.
	Stowe 160 for 9 wkts. (Watson 32, Jackson 42 not out, Dawson 21; Deacon 3 for 31, Barr 2 for 14).	
	Mr. A. B. E. Gibson's XI 161 for 3 wkts. (Deacon 44, Barr 33, Allerton 32, Oakes 28 not out).	
Sat., July 25.	v. STOWE TEMPLARS.	Home. Lost.
	Stowe 135 (Pasmore 51, Avory 21; Hawker 4 for 32).	
	Templars 137 for 7 wkts. (Bate 62).	

## 3RD XI.

Sat., July 11.	v. BLAKESLEY.	Away. Abandoned owing to rain.
Sat., July 18.	v. STEEPLE CLAYDON.	Away. Lost by 9 runs.
	Steeple Claydon 148 for 8 wkts. dec. (Strange 3 for 22).	
	Stowe 139 (Namouk 41, Strange 50).	

## GOLF

Despite the eventual collapse of the weather, the course is still benefiting from its drying-out during the summer, and it has been in bounds to golfers all through the term. Owing to lack of time no competition was held this term, but next term we hope to run many small competitions in order to try and produce a team of uniformly high standard players. The first competition for the new team next year will be Mr. Gerald Micklem's Public Schools' Invitation Match, which we have been invited to attend in April.

B.L.I.

## STOWE TEMPLARS 1959

Aided by the sun, we had a most enjoyable season, and the 'Week' was an outstanding success. As usual, we are much indebted to our friends and supporters at the School for their hospitality. This year we had the benefit of Charles Oakes's skill and encouragement. He is the School cricket coach, and we are very pleased that he has agreed to become an honorary member of the Club. Of the fourteen matches played, three were won, six drawn and three lost; two were interrupted by rain.

N.C.S.B.

## FIXTURES

*HOCKEY FIRST XI.*

Sun.,	Feb. 21st.	—OLD STOICS.	Home.
Tues.,	March 1st.	—BRADFIELD.	Away.
Sat.,	March 5th.	—WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD.	Home.
Sun.,	March 6th.	—BUCKINGHAM.	Home.
Tues.,	March 8th.	—RADLEY.	Away.
Sat.,	March 12th.	—PANGBOURNE.	Home.
Thurs.,	March 17th.	—R.A.F., HENLOW.	Home.

*CROSS-COUNTRY*

Sat.,	Feb. 6th.	—CHELTENHAM.	Home.
Tues.,	Feb. 9th.	—INTER-HOUSE RACES.	
Sat.,	Feb. 20th.	—SANDHURST AND OLD STOICS.	Home.
Sat.,	Feb. 27th.	—RUGBY AND UPPINGHAM.	Home.
Sat.,	March 5th.	—HAILEYBURY.	Home.
Sat.,	March 12th.	—R.A.F., HALTON, AND R.A.F., HENLOW.	Home.

*ATHLETICS*

Thurs.,	March 17th.	—OUNDLE.	Home.
Sat.,	March 19th.	—CHELTENHAM AND RADLEY.	At Radley.
Thurs.,	March 24th.	—BEDFORD.	Home.
Sat.,	March 26th.	—BERKHAMSTED AND M.C.S., OXFORD	At Berkhamsted.
Fri.,	April 1st.	} SCHOOL SPORTS.	
Sat.,	April 2nd.		

back to the beginning to find out what on earth he has been reading about. It is high time that something were done to cater for the interests of this reader, who comprises, so the evening newspaper with the second widest circulation in the world tells us—somewhat irrelevantly—nearly two-thirds of the English magazine-reading public. These few lines are dedicated to the reader who, like myself, is of a sufficiently inquiring nature to read an article, but who does not possess the patience to begin at the beginning and to read straight through to the end. So curious is he, indeed, that he must start half-way through, and then, when he has reached the end, he has to go

M.P.W.-M.

