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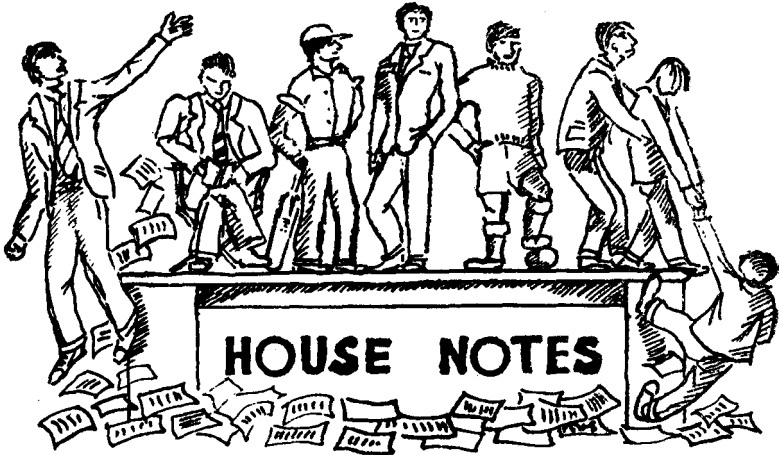
### EDITORIAL.

It is commonly thought by members of other houses that there is no fagging up Grant's, and that this is a bad thing. Junior Grantites, however, would disagree, for although we have no personal fagging system, we do have "lags" who perform communal duties, and rarely is this system abused for personal convenience. This may appear to condemn in one sweep the traditions of the public schools, but let us face the fact that there are few boys leaving public schools to-day, who are not faced with such everyday ordeals as washing up, cleaning of shoes and even preparing of tea. The Archbishop of Canterbury, we are told by Mrs. Fisher, helps with the washing up, and cleans his own shoes. Are members of the public schools hierarchy entitled to greater privileges than he? Things have changed up Grant's in this respect during the last few years, for when I was a new boy, I washed up cocoa mugs with the current head of house, whereas now that job is entirely done by "lags." I think that this change is reasonable, for the head of house and senior boys have plenty of their time taken up in work for the

house and school. But I do not think that this attitude can justify personal servants to clean one's shoes, and corps equipment or prepare one's tea.

One ordeal, however, to which Grantite Juniors are not subjected, and they certainly ought to be, is the "fagging" test. This consists of making new boys learn specific facts about the school, and that this is needed up Grant's is I am afraid only too apparent to senior members of other houses. Although an excellent thing in principle, the danger lies in that it tends to be carried out not as a genuine method of instilling essential knowledge, but as a rather crude means of amusement to those conducting the test, at the expense of the new boy. I say at the new boy's expense not because it does him any harm to be teased, but because it leads to a wrong conception of authority. It suggests that a person holds a responsible position, not for the sake of other people but for one's own personal amusement or advancement.

This criticism of authority I think can be aimed not only at the internal working of schools, but also at a large class of people in the world to-day, who think of few but themselves. We must judge ourselves by absolute standards. Public schoolboys are privileged people and the only way in which they can justify themselves in the world is by treating their neighbours as themselves and their neighbours include all those under their authority.



There left us last term : J. H. M. Anderson, M. S. Makower, I. R. Cameron, W. E. A. Phillips, J. G. F. Fraser, P. K. T. Smith, A. C. H. Lathe, D. N. S. McArthur, C. C. L. Brown and W. I. K. MacIennan to College. We wish them the best of luck.

We welcome this term : N. M. W. Anderson, J. A. Corcoran, A. W. Evans, J. S. Ingham, F. B. Lowe, J. Noakes, A. E. Richmond-

Watson and S. B. Westoby as boarders, and R. N. Chinn and C. Macfarlane as day-boys. J. A. K. Garrett and A. H. Lee become boarders.

C. J. Croft is Head of House.

The Monitors are N. A. Phelps-Brown, G. I. Chick, C. H. Prince, R. T. J. A. Clark (boarders) and J. S. Woodford (half-boarder).

In Chiswicks there are : J. U. Salvi, A. C. B. Hunter, D. Dewar, F. A. Warholm, D. B. Wilkins, R. F. Fuller, E. C. Dickinson, C. M. Wolchover, M. E. T. Holmes, F. R. Lucas (boarders), R. P. G. Richards, D. D. Cammell, S. C. H. Douglas-Mann, P. M. Godfrey, J. C. Overstall and J. H. McKendrick (half-boarders).

The Head of Hall is M. C. M. Frances and the Hall Monitors are C. L. Fisher, H. H. L. Phillips, J. A. Macfarlane and J. A. K. Garrett (boarders), and G. S. Clarke (half-boarder).

Before Exeat F. R. Lucas was Head of Hall.

C. J. Croft is Captain of Fencing.

G. S. Clarke is Secretary of Tennis.

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S. Douglas-Mann is Head of House Water.

A. C. B. Hunter is Head of House Shooting.

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Congratulations to : R. T. J. A. Clark on his Pinks for Football.

and to : J. H. M. Anderson and D. N. McArthur on their Pink-and-Whites for Water.

and to : W. E. A. Phillips and D. Dewar on their Thirds and S. Douglas-Mann on his Colts for Water.

and to : M. C. Frances and D. B. Wilkins on their Colts for Cricket.

and to : F. Lucas and F. M. F. Cox on their Junior Colts for Cricket.

and to : J. Benson on his Colts for Tennis.

and to : D. McArthur, S. Douglas-Mann, D. Dewar and G. I. Chick on their Seniors for Water.

and to : J. U. Salvi, H. H. L. Phillips, C. L. Fisher, J. C. Overstall, J. A. Macfarlane, M. D. Fairbairn, G. J. Puxon, J. F. Hewitt and W. I. Maclennan on their Juniors for Water.

and to : J. S. Woodford on his Seniors for Cricket.

and to : A. G. Cheyne and F. L. Lucas on their Juniors for Cricket.

and to : G. B. Patterson on his Juniors for Fencing.

and to : C. W. Redgrave on his Colts for Fencing.

## HOUSE DIARY.

The readers of the *Grantite Review* seem to resolve themselves naturally into two classes : those who are and those who are not ; those whose faces light up expectantly at the promise of a new issue and those who tear the magazine up after looking at the blueness of its cover. The " House Diary " or " Social Jottings " is designed to please both. You, however, are a genuine reader, and because you are or were a Grantite (though your age may be anything from thirteen to a hundred and three) you are entitled to peep between the pages of this diary, essentially an intimate form of literature, and take some interest in the course the house is pursuing. You possibly want to confirm that the house is not the same as it used to be, or to revive nostalgic memories—or are just plain curious.

Now, of course the normally important events in Grant's are overshadowed, and consequently obscured by the construction of the new building. But the return of Grant's to its dominating position in Little Dean's Yard is effected so subtly, oh, so cautiously, that before the inmates realise it, the peeling khaki of number 19 has been superseded by the rainbow hues of number two. Never in the history of this house, the oldest boarding house in Britain, can such drastic action have been taken to rejuvenate her system. Her face is painted, warmth restored to her, and the mysteries of her plumbing have been plumbed. And all the while, from what was, two terms ago; a mud patch at the back, a tall stranger has been rearing her head. During the course of construction, aside from the Tudor drain and Roman sewers, there was unearthed a tattered manuscript which has now been identified as an early copy of Bahrem Kus'aaid, written in verse :

Corcoran anderson  
Richmond-watson  
lowe  
Inghamevans westoby  
Chinn macfarlin  
noakes

The basement premises in their new form are verging on the palatial with the changing room, the huge shower room that was once a kitchen, and the rest. In consequence they have given birth to much wishful thinking : already certain Grantites are drawing up plans for the furnishing of their studies, when completed. The recent revival of interest in the Rococo is likely to influence members of the History VII in their choice, while the sympathy of the Modern Linguists lies towards contemporary furnishing. A subversive influence, however, neither chemist nor classicist, but indeterminate, has begun collecting early dynastic vases for his Chinese revival study—the atmosphere about him is heavy with the aromatic smell of joss-sticks and designs for the hand-painted wallpaper

are even now in the hands of a certain expert in Dulwich East. After all, with a room ten feet by six feet, and only a bookcase, chair, bed and radiator to fit in, one can do a lot.

Yet nothing can interrupt the even tenor of the Grantite's ways. He eats his food, loses league matches, does his prep and looks censoriously out into Yard from Chiswick's window—Corps on Friday, Abbey at nine.

## WATER.

Last summer we fell just short of our target of reaching third place in the Halahan Cup, for in fact we only came fourth. This year, however, we achieved our aim in finishing second. The Halahan Cup was won by Rigaud's, and the third place went to Ashburnham.

On the Finals Day Grant's were represented in two events, as well as in the Old Westminsters' Sculls, which were won for the second year in succession by H. Ward (O.G.), who beat H. H. M. Rogers (O.G.) by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. S. C. H. Douglas-Mann beat C. L. Fisher in the final of the Junior-Senior Sculls, and the Junior Fours were won by Grant's, who beat Rigaud's in the final by four feet.

On the whole our fours this year were not as successful as had been hoped. The Senior Fours, although always well together, suffered from lack of weight, to make up for which they had to aim for a consistently high rate of striking during practice outings. Their first race was in the semi-final against Rigaud's and Wren's. Grant's, striking forty, went up slightly on the start, but Rigaud's, a heavier and more powerful crew, soon began to draw ahead. Grant's kept ahead of Wren's for the first half of the course, after which Wren's went ahead to finish second.

No points were gained this year by either of the Junior-Senior Fours. The "A" Four won their first race against Busby's "B", but were beaten in the semi-final by Rigaud's, who won the event. The "B" Four appeared to be quite promising in their practice outings, but their opponents proved to be superior to them in both skill and weight, and after a very good race they were beaten by Busby's "A" and Wren's.

Our Junior Four "B" this year showed unusual promise for a "B" Four. Though one of the lightest crews on the river, they worked hard and kept up a high rate of striking. In their first race, they were unfortunate to have drawn Rigaud's "A", who were the second heaviest Junior Four, and they did very well to lose by only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

From the beginning the Junior Four "A" showed signs of promise. Although not a stylish crew, perhaps an asset in a Junior Four, they were the heaviest Junior Four and they worked together as a crew. They won their first race against Rigaud's "B" by 5 lengths, and although they were never really pressed by the other crew during the race, they benefited by the experience of rowing over

the course with another crew. In the semi-final they met Busby's "A". Owing to a slight misfortune, when the button of stroke's oar slipped out of the rigger, Grant's lost about half a length off the start, but by the boathouse they had regained a length and they went on to win by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. Their final race against Rigaud's "A" was a much tougher and more exciting race than either of the previous ones. Rowing from Beverley Brook to the U.B.R. stone, both crews kept level with each other until the boat house. Grant's went up about half a length here, and they kept their lead and increased it a little until they reached Putney pier, where Rigaud's did a magnificent spurt. At this point the timing of the Grant's four seemed to fall to pieces, but nevertheless they managed to keep just ahead and to win by four feet.

Our sculling this year was much better than it has been for a long time, for seldom before have so many points been gained by so many different scullers. In the Senior Sculls, Phillips beat Meadows and McArthur, but lost in the next round to Naylor-Smith, of Rigaud's. In Junior-Senior Sculls, Overstall, Chick, Douglas-Mann, Phillips and Fisher all won their first races, while three of them, Overstall, Fisher and Douglas-Mann, got through to the semi-final. In the final of the event, Grant's were represented by Douglas-Mann who beat Overstall, and Fisher, who did very well the day before to beat Stemp, of Rigaud's. Douglas-Mann came through as the winner, beating Fisher by four lengths. In the Junior Sculls, Fairbairn, Creed, Macfarlane and Hewitt all won their first races, but only Macfarlane survived through to the semi-finals, where he met MacCallum, of Ashburnham. Unfortunately Macfarlane's steering lost him the race, for he went aground on the mud flats twice, and he was unable quite to catch up with MacCallum before the finish of the race.

The order in the Halahan Cup was as follows:—Rigaud's (88 points), Grant's (41 points), Ashburnham (18 points), Busby's and Wren's (6 points), College (2 points). Once again we would like to thank H. Ward, Esq., and R. P. Harben, Esq. (O.G.G.) who devoted much of their time and energy towards coaching us, not only during the Regatta, but during the weeks before it.

The crews in the Regatta were as follows:—

*Senior Four*.—S. C. H. Douglas-Mann (bow); 2, W. E. A. Phillips; 3, D. N. S. McArthur; J. H. M. Anderson, stroke; D. Dewar, cox.

*Junior-Senior "A" Four*.—H. H. L. Phillips, bow; 2, J. U. Salvi; 3, C. C. L. Brown; G. I. Chick, stroke; D. D. Cammell, cox.

*Junior-Senior "B" Four*.—J. G. Lowenstein, bow; 2, J. C. Overstall; 3, R. F. Fuller; C. L. Fisher, stroke; N. R. P. Heaton, cox.

*Junior "A" Four*.—J. F. Hewitt, bow; 2, G. J. Puxon; 3, J. A. Macfarlane; M. D. Fairbairn, stroke; W. I. K. Maclellan, cox.

*Junior "B" Four*.—N. D. K. Evans, bow; 2, E. C. Blauvelt; 3, C. P. Wakely; R. D. Creed, stroke; A. H. Lee, cox.

## TENNIS.

In tennis Grant's had an extremely successful summer term. Two members of the house were in the unbeaten school side, G. S. Clarke being in the first pair and C. H. Prince in the third.

In the house events both finalists in the junior singles were Grantites. J. S. R. Benson beating R. Munro-Faure. In the doubles however, we were not so fortunate. In the senior singles the four seeded players reached the semi-finals. Gordon (W.W.) was too strong for Prince, but Clarke scored a good victory over Richter (W.W.). In the final Gordon beat Clarke in three sets in an extremely tense match. In the doubles the Grantite team had an easy passage to the final where they met Wrens. Narrowly defeated by Gordon and Richter in the previous years, Clarke and Prince played well to win 7—5, 6—2. May we hope that the promising results of the junior singles foretells a continuation of Grantite success in the following year.

## CRICKET.

Although on looking at the results on paper (played 5, lost 5), the season seems to have been unsuccessful, in fact Grant's cricket has had a very profitable term.

The lack of senior cricketers was greatly felt in the matches against other houses, and Grant's team was drawn mainly from the junior members of the house who have all gained valuable experience. The morale of the team was very high, and everyone played with great enthusiasm and effort, achieving some surprising results. A high standard of fielding was set by Woodford, who, in Clark's absence, captained the side against Busby's. Wilkins and Clark were both aggressive batsmen, Spry taking more time for his runs. Several other players batted well on occasions. Both Lucas and Wilkins bowled well, and with almost the same team, Grant's hopes are high for next year.

In School cricket Grant's has several representations in the junior teams, Frances captaining the Colts, and Spry the Under XIV.

Seniors were awarded to J. S. Woodford.

## LEAGUE FOOTBALL

League this term is unfortunately a story of no great success, it is however, not nearly as terrible or pathetic as it appears from the results. We started this term with only six regular players, but owing to three welcome newcomers to the game, and two others

who were l.o. for the first few weeks, we are now able to raise a complete regular team. Our results have risen accordingly. Our first two matches were lost 10—3 to College and 16—0 to Wrens, but recently we have beaten College 4—2, and lost by a mere 3—2 to our other opponents. With a little more team work and tactics, and with continued keenness and interest we may well fight our way up from the bottom of the league table and win ourselves the name of the 5ft. terrors.

## C.C.F. CAMP

This year the army section of the school C.C.F. decided to wage its summer-holiday campaign in the deserted wilds of Norfolk. No cadet was given many details about the campaign beforehand, but he was told that the chances of success were not unfavourable and that, though no financial reward would be offered for services rendered, the prospect of being given a stripe at the beginning of the following term was good.

The contingent arrived at the place selected for encampment in a slight drizzle of rain. Though no orders were actually given by higher command, the rank and file soon, however, discovered for themselves that the orders should have been issued on the following lines :

*Situation* : The enemy consists of large swarms of flies and mosquitoes. They are situated almost everywhere in the vicinity. The location of the enemy's general H.Q. is, as yet, unknown.

*Mission* : We WILL wipe out the enemy.

*Execution* : No plan yet formed.

*Administration* : Supplies of D.D.T. non existent. As a preventive measure however, large quantities of " pills, mosquito-sting healing for the purposes of " have been procured by the M.O.

*Logistics* : None.

*Command* : H.Q. will be at one end of the store tent.

*Signals* : As there is no insecticidal ammunition in our possession, there will be no signal for offensive or defensive fire.

The success signal will probably not be necessary.

The situation must indeed have seemed depressing, but nevertheless, things went better than one might have hoped, for, not long after the contingent had settled down to camp life, the enemy's H.Q. was located. It was soon learnt that the name of the enemy's general was Nelson and that this notorious being was not only acting as the enemy's general, but also as the leader of the espionage department. He had found employment for himself as a private in the A.C.C. and had proceeded to instil large quantities of bromide into the tea. However, the presence of the bromide was soon dis-



covered and suspicions were almost immediately directed upon Nelson whose real identity was consequently discovered.

Action was quickly taken. The school contingent made numerous excursions out to Bodney Lodge where the enemy was found to be at it's thickest. However, little impression could be made on the insects. But then the bombshell came ; news was received that the enemy was now attacking by water ! The contingent, with its usual readiness to tackle any situation, hurried down to the "harbour" and proceeded to man the exquisite ships supplied for it. It was in true fighting spirit that the fleet set out and all the truly nautical phrases such as : " Pull with your right paddle," and " mind the sharp end doesn't hit the bank, you silly fool," were used in abundance.

The enemy, however, dared not oppose such a formidable fleet and soon disappeared. It was in triumph therefore that the contingent returned to hand their life-jackets into the harbour-corporal. It was however rumoured that one of the contingents sergeants had felt not a little sea-sick.

However, the enemy returned and it was decided that pre-ordinary tactics would have to be employed. In consequence of this then, about half the contingent disguised themselves as ancient Britons, for, it was rumoured, insects never attack ancient Britons.

The operation took place at night and all "tribes" centered on one point. Dawn broke and simultaneously the enemy appeared with the result that they saw through the disguise and completely overwhelmed the contingent.

However, despite this serious mishap, it was discovered that insects, like oriental soldiers, always flee or surrender immediately their leader is lost. So, at the end of the week, certain neighbouring contingents were detailed to annihilate Nelson. Although Nelson was not actually annihilated, he was however given twenty-eight days in the cooler. The insects retreated and the campaign was won.

It was in great glory then that General Glauser led his triumphal procession down Tothill St. to bring another great campaign to a great end.

However, before this article is concluded, it is only fitting that the camp organisers should be warmly congratulated for a really excellent piece of efficient and thoughtful management. The food, when compared with that supplied in other army catering establishments, was really excellent, and, with the exception of one or two minor considerations and the fact that a jeep was totally wrecked after having been faultily ejected from a bomber ,(for which one must blame the junior service), everything ran very smoothly.

And, of course, last but not least, one must thank the R.S.M. for his inexhaustible patience in what must for him have been a very tiring week.

## THE CONCERT.

The Concert, given Up School, on Friday, July 23rd, 1954, started with a performance by Grant's House choir of "A Poet's Hymn" by Sir George Dyson. The words were not always very clear, but the impression gained was a pleasant one. R. L. G. Flower (RR.) then gave a delicately dull performance of Schubert's Impromptu in A Flat. This was followed by a spirited rendering of Handel's "Come, see where golden hearted spring" by J. H. Simpson (Q.S.). M. M. Aufenast (W.W.) by now well known as a violinist of some standing, played Bartok's Rumanian Dances, ably accompanied by G. G. Bell (W.W.) on the piano. After this the Asburnham Vocal Ensemble gave an amusing performance of a light piece by Julius Harrison by the name of "Soloman Grundy." Finally the winners of the Chamber Music event, Aufenast, J. C. Armstrong (W.W.) and Bell played the Loeillet Trio in D Minor for Violin, Oboe and Pianoforte.

The second half of the programme was opened by a lively performance of Schubert's Overture, Rosamunde. Vaughan Williams' "Toward the Unknown Region" was given a good performance but was not outstanding. M. S. Makower (Grant's) was the soloist in the Slow Movement (Romanze) from Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor (K.466). The orchestra lacked the Viennese poise and finish required so much for this composer, and tended to rush away from the steady four-in-a-bar, but the performance as a whole was not without its merits. Scarlatti's Ballet Suite "The Good Humoured Ladies" was performed in its orchestral version of Tommasin's, but again lacked the final polish needed to make it outstanding. The choir joined forces again with the orchestra to give an enthusiastic but unsustained performance of Holst's "Turn Back, O Man" taken from the "Old 124th Psalm," well known to many. The concert ended, as usual, with the Carmen Ferriale Westmonasteneiense, admirably rendered by the audience with full supporting choir!

## AN OXFORD LETTER.

The leaves are falling in St. Giles, Morris Motors are thriving, the traffic is as bad as ever and the 12.5 a.m. to Oxford still leaves Paddington at 11.58 p.m. That is the news from Oxford. Old Grantites have no news—they are working, they say. Work is never news. Not until the dockers strike do they hit the headlines. Not until Old Grantites miss lectures, do not write their essays and are ploughed in their examinations, can your correspondent have much to report.

Old hands in their third year have been made to feel very old and acutely third year by the arrival this term at Corpus and Worcester

of Ian Cameron and Graham Fraser. Down by the canal and the railway station, they have found time to study, among other things, the habits of wallabies and trains. Andrew Martindale, now in his second year at New College, has established himself in the Oxford musical world. The story is told of how he hired a piano, had it carried up three flights of stairs to his rooms, played one note, had the piano carried all the way down again and demanded a better one. He plays regularly for New College 1st XI, sings in the Bach Choir and patiently awaits the publication of Dr. Pevsner's Penguin Guide to the City of London and City of Westminster for which he collected some information last spring.

People entering their third year spoke with such awe of their work that your correspondent felt for a moment that he ought to write about Timothy Smethurst's next tutorial. For want of anything better, in the end, he had to turn back to those good old days of last summer, when Jonathan Brostoff took photographs for *Isis* and *Cherwell* and when Stephen Croft acted the Devil in "Everyman." But Jonathan Wordsworth has for some time passed for a third year man. When he is seen on a bicycle in Oxford, unlike most cyclists in this city, he always seems to be going somewhere and to have come from somewhere else. A. J. Croft is now in that much sought after position where, instead of paying the University for the privilege of being here, the University pays you for the privilege of having you here. As well as continuing his research, he is administrator of the Clarendon Laboratory.

An Oxford letter at this time would not be complete without mentioning Dr. Radcliffe, who entertained the Emperor of Ethiopia at New College during his recent visit and Professor Adrian, under whose presidency the British Association met in Oxford last Summer.

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

*November, 1954.*

## OLD GRANTITE NEWS.

Not much news of Old Grantites has been received recently, but we hope that we shall have more information after the Annual General Meeting of the Club which will be held in Ashburnham House on Thursday, December 9th, at 6.0 p.m. to be followed by sherry up House.

Of leavers during the last few years the following has been gleaned :

- D. N. CROFT (1945-1950) is completing his medical training at St. Thomas's Hospital and becoming a proficient cook.
- R. N. MACKAY (1945-1950) is in advertising.
- R. M. MILLIGAN (1946-1949) is about to start his National Service after reading Greats at Oxford.
- K. J. M. KEMP (1947-1951) has left the army and is in business in Nigeria.
- J. W. L. CROFT (1947-1952) expects to get back on Christmas Eve from Kenya where he has been fighting Mau Mau.
- C. J. H. DAVIES (1947-1952) is in banking and expects to go to the Far East soon.
- J. G. S. HARRIS (1947-1951) has completed his National Service and is preparing to be a solicitor.
- D. S. CAMMELL (1947-1950) is in great demand as a painter and is to be congratulated on his marriage.
- T. J. DAVIES (1948-1952) has been playing golf for Wales.
- A. W. ABBOTT (1948-1953) is training as an Accountant.
- C. R. HAYES (1948-1953) is extending his experience of the hotel business in Switzerland.
- J. D. S. MACDOUGALL (1948-1953) is studying electronics in the R.A.F.
- R. F. WILDING (1948-1952) is still with the Intelligence Corps in Egypt but may be home for Christmas.
- C. T. SIMS-WILLIAMS (1949-1953) is studying Engineering at Cambridge as a Midshipman.
- M. G. DRAKE (1949-1953) is, among other things, controlling aircraft in Germany.
- A. C. HORNSBY (1947-1952) is still in the R.A.F. and has added squash to his athletic activities.
- P. R. J. VICKERS (1949-1953) has gone up to Trinity, Cambridge.
- J. W. PARKER (1950-1953) has been teaching at a Prep. School before doing National Service.

Of last year's leavers the majority are doing National Service.