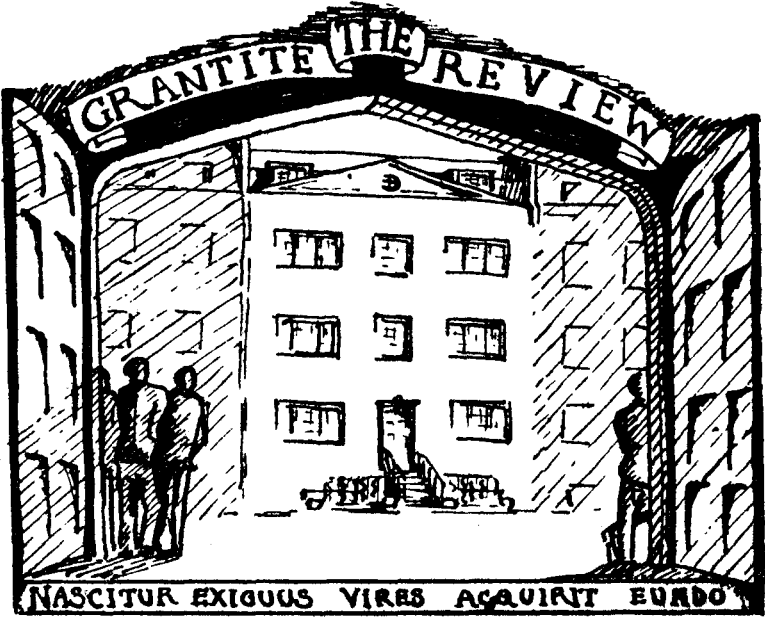


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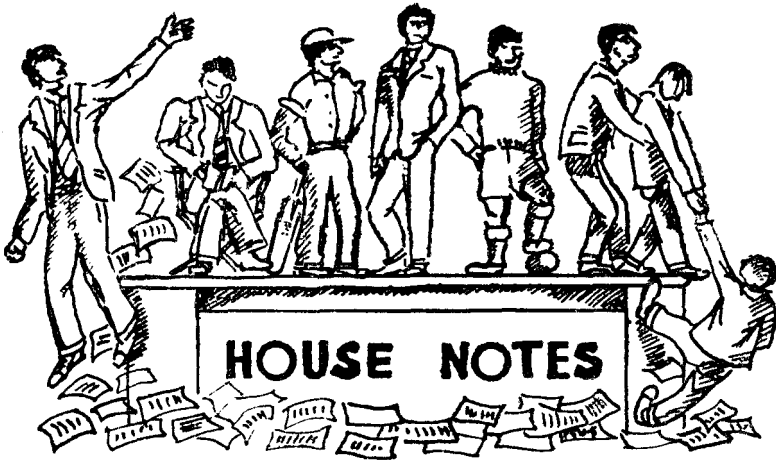
EDITORIAL

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on the birth of their daughter on the 29th of July, 1955.

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Summers go, winters come and with them for the last 90 years have come and gone the Editorials of *The Grantite*. But is it imagination or do those inevitable articles come more slowly from the Editorial pen? If they do there can be no valid excuse; for in these degenerate times *The Grantite* rests during the winter months, so that presumably it may blossom into colours more glorious with the summer. That perpetual pen, however, seems to be in the same position as the unfortunate individual in the strip advertisements; for after "9 or 10 months' sleep it continues to awaken tired." Unlike its human counterpart, however, it cannot find a cure at hand and so must wearily continue to find something both instructive and amusing for the edification of its readers.

Having succeeded in keeping matters under control by writing about itself, a thing that no respectable Editorial would ever do it must continue its task. Never sleeping, always on the outlook for something to be Editorial about, next term's Editorial exists already, embryonic but tangible. In the meantime, however, the Editors in praying that this vigilance may be allowed to slip into sleepiness offer their apologies for the shortness of this edition, and promise great things for the summer.



On the last day of Election Term there appeared in Hall six most handsome upright chairs, including a carver, inscribed with the date, for the Housemaster. These now provide the seating at the "Top Table" for lunch and are the generous gift of the Old Grantite Club. The House would like to take this opportunity of expressing its gratitude for this latest item in the long list of benefactions made by the Club to the House and of saying how much the chairs are appreciated and admired.

The House has recently received the sum of £44 7s., the proceeds from a fund initiated and administered by our late Housemaster, Mr. A. T. Willett, and Mr. W. N. McBride, and wishes to record its grateful appreciation of this most welcome gift. It is hoped to report in our next issue the use made of this money. A small committee, representative of all sections of the house, has been appointed to consider what requirements of a lasting nature can most appropriately be acquired.

There left us last term : R. T. J. A. Clark, A. C. B. Hunter, R. F. Fuller, E. C. Dickinson, and A. P. Woolfitt. S. I. Eden went to College and P. S. Weld went back to Milton. We welcome this term : M. B. M. Brown, C. K. Channer, J. P. Daniels, J. W. Grose, L. C. Haynes, M. G. Hornsby, P. J. B. Latey, J. K. Ledlie, M. C. Norbury, F. M. B. Rugman, and J. T. Wylde as boarders, and A. E. C. Ball and N. R. K. Halpin as day-boys.

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D. B. Wilkins is Head of House.

The monitors are R. P. G. Richards, D. D. Cammell, F. A. Warholm, D. Dewar, and S. C. H. Douglas-Mann.

S. C. H. Douglas-Mann is Captain of Water.

J. A. G. Harrop is Captain of the Colts' Football Team.

M. G. Hornsby is Captain of the Under XIV Football Team.

D. Dewar is Head of House Squash.

F. A. Warholm is Head of House Shooting.
J. C. Overstall is Head of House Corps.
J. A. K. Garrett is Head of House League football.

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Congratulations to all House Watermen on winning the Halahan Cup.

Congratulations to : J. S. R. Benson on his Thirds and Pink and Whites for Tennis.

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

and to : A. G. Cheyne on his Colts for Cricket.

and to : R. D. Creed, M. D. Fairbairn, C. L. Fisher, J. F. Hewitt, M. E. T. Holmes, J. A. Macfarlane, H. H. L. Phillips, and G. J. Puxon for their Seniors for Water.

and to : F. M. F. Cox, R. G. M. Spry on their Seniors for Cricket.

and to : N. M. W. Anderson, N. R. P. Heaton and D. K. Weigall, on their Juniors for Water.

and to : D. B. Inglis, F. B. Lowe, P. C. S. Medawar on their Juniors for Cricket.

and to : E. C. Blauvelt on his Juniors for Fencing.

HOUSE DIARY

During the composition of this article a certain well loved horologist in this house remarked to us indignantly that the Westminster chiming clock was not a Westminster Chiming Clock at all but an Eight-Bell Chiming Clock with an unnamed chime. The nautical flavour of this title pleased us and while lamenting the loss of its more suitable name we feel it in the public interest, not to mention the need to placate the certain horologist, to publish its real title.

Only this and the varying size of milk bottles in Hall provide topics for discussion, and the latter is in truth a question solely of artistic values and unworthy of space in *The Grantite*; it is too early in the term to find much worth reporting, and having unburdened ourselves of all we can we must begin the search for significant news for next term's diary.

THE SCHOOL REGATTA, 1955

It was a great act of foresight on the part of Mr. Hamerton at the Play supper when he said that Grant's ought to win the Halahan this year or next. In this prediction he was taking into account the

superiority on paper of Rigauds, yet even then he was prepared to say that Grant's were capable of winning. The fact that we were capable of winning is completely due to Mr. Hubert Ward.

Our gratitude to him must be that he did not come just this last year when Grant's was one of the leading Water Houses, but that he came three years ago when we were the least significant House in Water. He started to build then a nucleus of House watermen whose improvement year by year enabled him to form a winning Senior IV and, with those Waterman who entered a year later, a winning Junior-Senior IV. The greatest regret that House Watermen must feel about the regatta next summer is that he will not be there to coach us for a repeat performance of this year's success.

This year's regatta was a more interesting one for spectators than it has been for several years. Usually one House has such a predominance of points by the Finals day that the Halahan has been decided by the results of the races on the previous evening. This year the Finals day began with a fair margin of points in our favour but this was quickly reduced by the events in which Rigaud's had either two finalists in one event or else were known to have the faster crew. By the final of the Senior IV's the situation was such, that whoever won the race, won the Halahan as well.

The race was full of interest, especially when Rigaud's were three-quarters of a length up at the School Boathouse and holding their lead. When the crews approached the Fulham football ground Rigaud's still had a lead but only of half a length and by the time we were approaching the End of the Fence their spurts had ceased to move their boat faster. Thus when we did our one big effort in a spurt between the End of the Fence and the Mile Post it enabled us to take the lead and win by half a length.

The Senior IV crew was: J. A. Macfarlane (bow), J. F. Hewitt, S. C. H. Douglas-Mann, C. L. Fisher (stroke), D. Dewar (cox).

The Junior-Senior IV were never asked to row a hard race against anybody and thus won without being able to show how fast they really were. Though the standard of Junior-Senior IVs was low, the standard of the Grant's IV was equal to that of the winners in previous years.

The Junior-Senior IV crew was: R. D. Creed (bow), M. D. Fairbairn, H. H. L. Phillips, G. J. Puxon (stroke), D. Dewar (cox).

The performance of the Junior IV in reaching the Final is particularly praiseworthy for the spirit and determination which they had while rowing. Though they were beaten by a stronger and more experienced Busby's crew they have every reason to feel satisfied with the result.

The Junior IV crew was: N. D. K. Evans (bow), P. B. Westoby, N. M. W. Anderson, N. R. P. Heaton (stroke), D. H. Weigall (cox).

Both the Junior-Senior IV and Junior IV "B" crews suffered through lack of weight yet they made up for this deficiency by their courage while racing. The Junior-Senior "B" IV had it had more practice might have beaten the Queen's Scholars as well as Rigaud's. The Junior IV "B" drew the Junior "A" and thus had little chance of success.

The Junior-Senior IV "B" was : A. H. Lee (bow), J. C. Overstall, A. P. Woolfitt, C. P. Wakely (stroke), J. G. Lowenstein (cox).

The Junior IV "B" was : T. C. Harris (bow), N. M. Broadbridge, J. P. Pollitzer, C. Macfarlane (stroke), R. V. Aston (cox).

The most notable achievement in sculling was that of H. H. L. Phillips and M. E. T. Holmes who won the Double Sculls. They beat a member of last year's record-breaking double and another pink, in the second heat to meet in the Final another Grant's pair, S. C. H. Douglas-Mann and C. L. Fisher. Phillips and Holmes beat Douglas-Mann and Fisher after a race in the most appalling water conditions by six feet.

The Senior Sculls were won by G. Francis, of Rigaud's, who is one of the best scullers the School has had since the war. C. L. Fisher reached the semi-final where he was beaten by Francis.

The Junior-Senior Sculls were won by R. C. MacCormac, of Busby's, from H. H. L. Phillips, of Grant's. Phillips sculled a first class race but not his best, for he showed in the Final of the Junior sculls in the Inter-Schools regatta that he could possibly beat MacCormac as he was leading him in this race by one and a half lengths when MacCormac broke his slide. M. E. T. Holmes, J. A. Macfarlane and J. C. Overstall all sculled well but they were in turn beaten by MacCormac.

The Junior Sculls proved most disappointing though P. B. Westoby, J. F. Hewitt and M. D. Fairbairn each got through one round.

The final position of the Houses in the Halahan was : Grants, 1st, 65 pts. ; Rigaud's, 2nd, 40 pts. ; Busby's, 3rd, 31 pts.

Looking ahead to next year's regatta I hope that we can retain the Halahan despite the challenge that will be made from Busby's and Rigaud's. Our strength will again lie in Senior and Junior-Senior events as none of our Senior IV nor our Junior-Senior IV have left this year. The great weakness lies in the fact that we will no longer have Mr. Hubert Ward as our coach.

CRICKET

This year the Seniors competition was altered with each house playing each other twice and the matches were spread over the whole season. This gave a more competitive flavour to the cricket.

Once again, unfortunately, Grant's entered the series with little or no chance of getting near the top. With a team consisting largely

of Juniors with a few none-too-brilliant seniors scattered amongst them it was no use hoping for miracles. The team was captained by M. C. M. Frances. We ended the season having won one, drawn one and lost seven. Spry and Wilkins made most of the runs with some useful innings by Cox, Cheyne and Lowe. One very good 52 by Cox helped us to hold Ashburnham to a draw. Frances and Spry supplied the bowling with some spirited support from Wilkins, not to mention some creditable performances from Noakes and Medawar. Cheyne did a good job behind the stumps.

I think it is true to say that the cricket was enjoyed and with a promising lot of juniors there is hope for the future.

The shield was eventually won by Rigaud's after a close contest with Busby's.

TENNIS

Eight Grantites played tennis as a full-time station last term, which is not so few as it sounds since there are only enough courts for thirty-six players altogether.

In the Barnes Cup Grant's were represented, among others, by Clarke, Benson, Godfrey and Garrett. Benson was unfortunate in meeting the holder, Gordon, of Wren's, early on, and Clarke, went out to Richter, also of Wren's, in the semi-final. In the all-Wren's final, Gordon beat Richter in two sets.

The only serious challenge to Wren's in the House Doubles competition should have come from Clarke and Benson. But unfortunately they had to scratch owing to an injury sustained to Clarke's ankle in his match against Richter. Our second pair, Garrett and Godfrey, did well to beat the College pair, May and Martin, but lost to Turner and Packer, of Wren's, in the next round. So the doubles was another all-Wren's final. In the Junior Singles, Munro-Faure and Lucas did not perhaps do as well as was hoped. Munro-Faure had an unlucky draw, just losing to the eventual winner in the first round. Munro-Faure and Lucas paired up to reach the semi-final of the Junior House Doubles.

Clarke and Benson played for the 1st VI throughout the season, in the first and second pairs respectively; Garrett and Godfrey were regular members of the 2nd VI, while Munro-Faure played for the Colts.

THE MUSIC COMPETITIONS

As might have been expected, we failed to obtain nearly as many points as in the two previous competitions, the reason perhaps being that we had no one to compete in the senior events. In the junior events, Redgrave came third in the Piano solos, and the partnerships of Fairbairn and Lee, and Redgrave and Creed came second and third respectively in the piano duet. Lowe did very well to get second place in the Unbroken voices; the madrigal, "Lady,

those eyes," was sung by Creed, Fairbairn and Redgrave with panache, though not always with strict attention to the notes, and was placed second. In the main event, that of the Erskine cup, our choir, though singing musically and well together, never found utter confidence in themselves, and consequently had not the necessary volume to fill school. One thing stood out plainly at the end of the competition: The fact that Grant's labours under the onus of a sparsity of instrumentalists. The benefits of taking up an instrument are innumerable, and the "bother" that it may entail now, is amply repaid by the pleasure it gives later on.

THE ARMY SECTION AT CAMP, 1955

This year's camp for the Army Section was held at Windmill Hill on Salisbury Plain. Whereas last year flies were the chief nuisance, this year dust was our problem. The only effective method of keeping it down was by strewing cut grass on the tent floors.

Other things that spring to mind were the mouldy sandwiches supplied to us for the return journey; these did not find their way to the Army's traditional stomach. The slow moving 3-tonner used to bring back our kit to School proved much slower than our journey by British Railways. On a more personal note there was the remarkable spectacle of a cadet prodding with a rifle the sleeping form of Mr. Stancliffe wrapped in a Lance-Corporal's greatcoat.

One of the purposes of camp is to carry out exercises. On one of these two Boer commandos tore through barbed wire to capture one of the members of a bullion party. Unfortunately he would not yield when captured, so it was necessary for an Umpire to order him to cease his struggles and to surrender. This particular exercise ended with a bush being set alight by a cartridge from a Verey pistol. Everyone dashed to beat it out and soon had smoke-blackened faces and torn denims. Our luck was in that day, for when marching back we were met by a 10-ton truck containing C.Q.S.M. Monbiot, L/Cpl. Carter, and most important of all an urn of hot tea. After drinking this we were lifted back to Camp, singing all the way. Later that day some cadets enjoyed a bumpy ride in a Bren gun carrier, and decided that this was better than marching.

Before going to camp we were shown how to fold blankets in Army fashion. In this we got plenty of speedy practice as it was an essential between washing and breakfast. Reveille was at 6.30 and the British Army is the only one that shaves before breakfast!! The tents were inspected each morning by the Contingent Orderly Officer, and at the end of the Camp prizes for the best tents were awarded. One tent containing three Grantites was given the second prize—half-a-crown each.

On the first night operation, after withdrawal to a wood, we slept on a cape covered only by a greatcoat. Before this we ate bully-beef sandwiches and drank tea. After making our attack and meeting the enemy, friend and foe gathered together under the friendly light shed by the headlamps of Lieutenant Brock's car. Then followed more tea at 4.30 a.m. for the sixty of us.

The following morning we were all tired, but we were awakened as usual at 6.30 a.m. (There is no rest for the cadet in camp). This was followed by a demonstration of a patrol engaged on the special mission of capturing an enemy soldier for questioning. The commentator made it seem exactly like the Grand National. "They're coming to the last fence. They're over it. Twenty yards to go. Will they do it?"

Even Cadets get some free time and passes. On these occasions visits were made to Salisbury Cathedral, Stonehenge and Longleat. On other such evenings parties went to the cinema at Perham Down and to the Swimming Baths.

On Sunday morning the Contingent marched to Collingbourne Ducis Church to attend a service conducted by Mr. Stancliffe, who spoke on the dignity of manual labour. We were pleased to see the House Master with us that day. The day ended with the Contingent finding the Lines Guard. It was an interesting experience to prowl round the Camp armed with staves between the hours of 6 and 8 and again between 2 and 4. All it proved necessary to do was to inspect passes and to extinguish a torch left on by a sleeping officer.

The following day we watched a demonstration of Infantry supported by tanks capturing a position held by the foe. Later that day we went to the range to fire off our Classification test. Major Rawes arrived that evening and remained for the rest of the Camp.

On Tuesday morning we marched $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles and took part in Operation "Bathing Beauty." The "Beauty" proved to be Major Rawes, who was discovered in a burnt-out tank defended by riflemen. In the afternoon the Royal Engineers showed some of their tasks. Unfortunately we could not see much of this demonstration as a cloud of chalk dust created by a 20lb. gun-cotton explosion obscured the view.

The last morning of Camp found us rising at 5 a.m. in order to pack and break camp. At 10 we were en route for Waterloo; home, food, a bath and some rest.

Though some grumbling was heard, the experience was valuable. It is not everyone who has slept on the hard ground in a tent with five companions all differing in outlook. We should all be thankful for this opportunity of a useful preliminary to National Service, and we are grateful to the Commanding Officer and his Staff for their hard work and careful planning.

MODERN LINGUISTS VISIT AUSTRIA

A gay Tyrolean band, dressed in full national costume, greeted the train when it came to a stop at Gmunden station. The receivers of this musical welcome were a party of Westminster boys who rather wearily after a two-day journey, climbed down from the train, carrying heavy suitcases.

On the very first day there was a carnival on the lake with a procession of flower-bedecked and originally-designed floats and that evening the organizers of the course gave their welcoming speeches, many of whom were professors from the University of Vienna, and after this came a long sleep, enjoyed by all.

For the first week there was a keenness to go to the lessons in the morning but gradually the numbers diminished, as people found more interest wandering around the very charming town of Gmunden and talking with the extremely friendly Austrians. The lake Traunsee, surrounded by mountains, afforded wonderful opportunities for sailing, and swimming for the more hearty. A number of expeditions to climb these mountains were completed safely—if somewhat hazardously.

Time went by very quickly and for many the trip to Salzburg stands out. Luckily it was a fine day and most people saw the production of "Jedermann" performed in the open-air theatre. But Salzburg was not the only trip, for some managed by various means to get to Vienna and during their visit were nearly charged by a group of Russian soldiers.

A very popular excursion was one which climbed to the top of the Feuerkogel, which is in winter a popular ski-ing centre, and from where all the year round one can enjoy a magnificent view.

It is doubtful whether any Weinstube or Biergarten was not at some time visited. However, it was noticeable that the night life of Gmunden was given a considerable boost by the new arrivals.

The Westminster party was by no means the only one present, for also under Dr. Sanger's efficient supervision was a party from Harrogate College. Many other parties were also there including ones from Belgium and Sweden, all attending the same course.

The return journey was eventful in more ways than one. Dr. Sanger was indisposed and the party was taken over by a tourist agent with the aristocratic name of Lew 'Odge. If this wasn't enough, owing to a missed connection the party arrived 12 hours late at Victoria. The trip nevertheless was most enjoyable.

OLD GRANTITE NEWS

Once again comparatively little news of Old Grantites has been forthcoming, but it is hoped that more will be available after the Annual General Meeting of the Old Grantite Club, probably in December.

We have heard with regret of the sudden death last December of R. A. Nathan (1918-23).

Of recent leavers the following are thought, or known, to be going up to a University this year, either before or after National Service :

Hon. M. W. M. DAVIDSON (1948-1953) : Pembroke, Cambridge.

C. J. H. DAVIES (1947-1952) : Trinity, Cambridge.

C. J. CROFT (1949-1954) : Christ Church, Oxford.

I. J. FULTON (1947-1953) : Balliol, Oxford.

C. H. PRINCE (1950-1955) : Caius, Cambridge.

J. S. WOODFORD (1950-1954) : Christ Church, Oxford.

D. M. LLOYD-JONES (1948-1953) : Magdalen, Oxford.

A. H. WILLIAMS (1938-1943) and L. A. WILSON (1936-1941) have both recently entered their infant sons for Grant's.

H. WARD (1945-1950) has taken an appointment at Geelong Grammar School, Australia.

J. F. WORDSWORTH (1946-1951) got a First in English at Oxford.

T. J. DAVIES (1948-1952) won the Welsh Amateur Golf Championship.

G. I. CHICK (1949-1954) has started National Service in N. Wales.

R. T. J. A. CLARK (1950-1955) has been offered a Cadetship in the Engineering Branch of the Royal Navy.

A. C. B. HUNTER (1950-1955) started his National Service with the Guards at Caterham.

J. U. SALVI (1950-1955) is also doing National Service in the Army.

J. H. MCKENDRICK (1954) has returned to Scotch College, Melbourne, but has not lost touch with his friends here.

J. W. L. CROFT (1947-1952) has started at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

H. H. L. ROGERS (1948-1953) has been commissioned in the Royal Engineers.