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Editorial.

Our School has now proved and justified its existence. Our first big batch of boys have taken the School Certificate examination. Thirteen boys gained a Certificate and the result has been the formation of a Sixth Form who are studying and specialising for the Higher School Certificate.

Several clubs and societies which have been formed in previous years have now become institutions in school life. The amenities however, chiefly the Chess Club and the Scientific and Literary Society, are not receiving the support that they deserve. A few keen members keep the Scientific and Literary Society running, but apart from these the society has been neglected by the remainder of the School. Attendances have been remarkably low compared with those of the first term in which the society was formed. No doubt the novelty of a new institution soon wears off, but now the society is in a position to present much better lectures and programmes than it had in the first year of its formation. This lack of support is deplorable, and suggests that there is lack of interest in the School. Therefore it is the duty of members of the School, especially the Upper School, to put a stop to this lack of keenness which is at present retarding the progress of one or two of the School's clubs and societies.

Another reminder of the fact that we are 'grown up' is the formation of an 'Old Boys' Club.' This club, which at present seems to be receiving all the support it deserves, was formed this term. Reference will be found to it further on in this issue.

It is interesting to draw attention to the fact that the School is now running three Rugger XV's, and also that the School is now full to its capacity, a sure reminder that we are not 'growing up' but 'grown up.'

The number of contributions submitted to the Editors for this issue has been great. Every form in the School with the exception of Vb. has shown great interest and submitted articles. This is very encouraging and we hope that Vb. feels thoroughly ashamed of itself. Space did not permit the inclusion of very many articles, but we hope that our contributors, especially those very keen ones from the Lower School, will not be disappointed, but will be as anxious to help next time as they were this.
SCHOOL NOTES.

We are sorry to record the death of Mr. G. Henson, former Chairman of the School Governors.

Prefects:

During the Summer Term a Hobbies' Competition was organised in the Geography Room. The prize was divided between M. Jessop, for his exhibition of birds' eggs, and P. Green for his collection of stamps.

On Thursday, October 4th, Mr. Mills of the G.P.O. Telephone Department lectured to the Lower School. The lecture was in connection with "National Telephone Week." With telephones of various patterns he illustrated progress during the last few years. He instructed us in the use of the new automatic telephone, and gave us a description of how an automatic exchange worked.

During the term the Geography Room has been used on several occasions, at 4 p.m. for the display of G.P.O. Films. We hope the proposed official regulations about the use of 16 m.m. safety film will not deprive us of the use of our Ensign Sixteen.

Armistice Day this year fell on a Sunday, but poppies were sold on the previous Friday afternoon, and the amount of money obtained in this way was £1-7-4.

We enjoyed an extra holiday on November 29th in honour of the Royal Wedding.

The Head Master would be glad to have a few more trees presented to the School. If parents who would like to present them would write to the Head Master he would be pleased.

It is proposed to take another party to France next Easter, and we give early notice of this, so that you might try to find ways and means of accompanying the party.

During the term a few boys have visited several of the churches of the district. We were particularly struck by the different methods adopted in repairs. In some cases comfort was the key-note of the restoration, in others the restorers had an eye to the style of the building. We were interested in the Doddington Chained Bible and the Hour Glass, and we admired the screen and brasses of Great Harrowden.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:---
The following boys entered the School in the Autumn Term, 1934:

**Dragons.**
- Allen, S. W.
- Day, J. W.
- Day, P. R.
- Fillingham, K.
- Harvey, H.
- Hughes, H. R.
- Pitcher, V. F.
- Pope, D. E. J.
- Robinson, R. W.
- Sharp, J. H.
- Warwick, R.
- Woodhams, J. A.

**Gryphons.**
- Austin, J. S.
- Berrill, I. W.
- Burman, P. J.
- Crompton, G. A.
- Ford, W. D.
- Hudson, E.
- Peck, I. A.
- Ward, K. J.

**Lions.**
- George, W.
- Howard, R. R.
- Johnson, J. H.
- Knight, E. H. E.
- Laughton, H. C.
- Osborn, R. F.
- Pashler, A. J.
- Sutton, J. H.
- Taylor, R. H.
- Warren, J. D.

**Stags.**
- Cutmore, S. J.
- Dannatt, R. D.
- Dunkley, J.
- Dunmore, R. J.
- Fielder, J. D.
- Jones, F. N.
- Leach, R.
- Loak, A. D.
- Newman, D. H.
- Sanford, P. F.
- Wallington, K. F.
- Watkinson, J. L.

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**R.U.F.C.—Team Characters.**

**J. Jackson.—(Full-Colour, Captain of Football).** He has taken an interest in the 1st XV., and sets a good example on the field as a keen, hard-working forward.

**S. Sanders.—(Full-Colour, Vice-Captain).** A strong, thrustful centre, whose handling and passing could be improved upon.
A. Drage.—(Full-Colour). He continues to improve. He has a good eye for an opening, is quick off the mark and handles well.

F. Walden.—(Half-Colour, ‘Under 15’ XV. Captain). He has made a good Captain both on and off the field. As a scrum-half he must learn to throw the ball our quicker. He is too inclined to make use only of the good heel. A good scrum half must be able to get the ball away even when under pressure.

S. Gambrell.—(Half-Colour). A much improved three-quarter. He is quick and thrustful in attack and his defence which used to be shaky, is now one of the assets of the team. His chief weakness is his passing which is often too hard and directed at the man’s chest instead of just in front of him. An improving place-kicker.

T. Collins.—(Half-Colour). His line-out play is as good as ever and he has improved his tackling and falling on the ball. He runs now with much more determination.

J. Findley.—(Half-Colour). Perhaps the most reliable forward in the ‘Under 15’ and the hardest worker. He certainly does the most tackling and falling on the ball.

J. Dunn.—(Half-Colour). A very sound tackler who can field the ball. His sense of position has improved. He should practise his kicking until he can get more length.

A. Pickford.—He can use his weight in the scrum but is still slow on the ball.

C. Sears.—He has improved a good deal and is beginning to use his size and weight. He has learnt to fall on the ball.

R. Olney.—He has made some improvement, but does not yet display enough dash nor make sufficient use of his weight.

M. Laughton.—Vastly improved especially in defence. He kicks well for a boy of his weight and has a good pair of hands.

F. Gent.—He has improved a good deal. He goes hard when he gets started. It is a pity he cannot see well enough to be safe with his hands. He must learn to make full use of his height in handing-off.
F. Campion.—A well-built forward who should make a useful scrum-mage. He does a lot of good work unspectacularly as a good forward should.

F. Elks.—He has come on a good deal this year. He hooks with fair success and can tackle on occasion.

W. Billing.—Improved but still hardly makes sufficient use of his weight. He does some good hooking for the ball in loose scrums.

F. Partridge.—He is till the versatile player who can play with some success in any position. It is hardly his fault this season that he has not been able to concentrate on the finer points of any one position.

H. Maddams.—A very fast, well-built forward who should be very useful as he gets more confidence and knowledge of the game.

A. Warner.—He uses his height in the line-out and is a good dribbler. He must learn to shove and hook for the ball in the scrums.

D. Sawford.—He has filled the position of fly-half with very fair success. His handling could be improved and occasionally he waits too long before getting his pass in.

J. Weaver.—He is as quick and thrustful as ever and his defence has improved, but he will never be first-class until he can learn to give a good, well-timed pass.

R. Loomes.—His perseverance at mid-day practice has earned its reward. He has improved out of all knowledge. His handling is good and he gives and takes his passes on the run. In defence too, he is much more reliable than ever seemed possible.

R. Hodgkins.—He has made vast strides in the last few matches. He is rapidly gaining more confidence and knowledge of what to do. He takes his passes well and his giving of a pass is much better than it was.

K. Martin.—A good hard-working forward who has played lately on the wing with very fair success. He must learn to give a good pass and to use both hands in taking one.
R. Bates.—Much improved this term. At times he throws out a very good pass under difficulties, a most valuable quality. He must try and learn how to check a rush with the minimum of danger to himself.

J. Shortland.—Quite a useful forward who should learn to make even more use of his weight and height.

D. Nichols.—A light but keen forward who makes a neat and clever hooker for the ‘Under 14’ team.

F. Satterthwaite.—He should develop into a useful player. He tackles well. He might use his hands more in the line-out and loose.

F. Maycock.—He has not this year made quite the progress one had hoped for. He should concentrate on mastering all the arts of forward play: scrummaging for the ball, tackling, falling on the ball. His line-out play is still his strong point.

K. Waterfield.—A bustling forward who has improved a good deal. He might use his weight more in the loose scrums, but his falling on the ball and general play is much better than it was.

R. Norman.—A quick-breaking, energetic forward in the loose. He uses his feet well and might learn, with advantage, when to use his hands.

H. Catlin.—A good scrummaging type of forward who should concentrate on learning to push and hook for the ball in loose scrums while not neglecting to use his hands and tackle in the open.

G. Elderton.—He should make a good, fast forward. He is not afraid to pick up in the loose.

S. Morris.—As a full back he is a fairly safe fielder and kick; if he could teach himself to tackle he would be very useful. Perhaps a series of games at forward might help him to go for the man.

MATCHES.

Under 15 v. King's School, Peterborough.

Home, won 47-5

We quickly established a definite superiority against rather weak opposition. The forwards handled well and brought off some quite pretty passing. Indeed, eight of the tries were scored by forwards. Their scrummaging, though, was poor; the scrums broke up too quickly.

Under 15 v. Deacon's School, Peterborough.

Home, won 23-nil.

After a somewhat shaky start, we got going with two good tries. Some of the heeling was really good so that Walden was able to throw a good pass to Sawford. Hanwell and Gambrell took their passes well, going at top speed. In the line-out Maycock and Collins timed their jumps excellently. Findley kicked our only goal.

Under 14 v. King's School, Peterborough.

Away, won 22-5

As a team we lacked experience. The forwards ran well on their own, but could not pass on the ball. In the scrums our weight enabled us to get the ball. The centres did not combine and there was only one good-looking try along the line.

'A' XV. v. Wellingborough Town A.

Home, lost 17-11

A very fast game. The School started well and getting under the Town scrum pushed them up. Mr. Watkins scored in the first few minutes. At half-time the score was 8-6 to the School. In the second half superior weight began to tell against the School, and we got less of the ball, though Drage scored a good try.

Under 15 v. An Old Boys' XV.

Home, lost 9-18

For the first time in the School's history, both teams in a match had learnt their football at the School. The standard of play was quite creditable, though the Old Boys' lacked practice and scored their tries more as a result of kicking ahead and following up than from good passing. Reid's goal-kicking for them was good.

Under 15 v. Oundle School.

Home, won 6-3

Oundle got a penalty goal in the first few minutes. We replied with a good try along the line from Collins to Hanwell. Thereafter it was scrums and movement after movement breaking down through erratic passing. In the last few minutes Collins scored from a good inside pass from Hanwell.
1st XV. v. Daventry Grammar School. Home, won 18—11
We proved to be superior outside the scrum and scored two good tries which were converted by Collins and Sawford. After that we did not get much of the ball from the scrums. In the second half Stock was injured and Daventry, choosing this moment to make a fierce rally, scored three tries by kick and rush methods.

We made this match an opportunity to try out some younger players; the result was rather disappointing. The team never got going as a team; there was too many weak links, owing perhaps to lack of practice. Loomes, however, played a good game.

Under 14 v. Daventry Grammar School Away, lost 6—10
This was a very close game. Daventry had a big centre who scored in the first few minutes and again in the last. For the remainder of the game we pressed, but our back division was still unsatisfactory; there was not much passing and what little there was, was spoilt by bad handling.

Under 15 v. Dunstable Grammar School Away, won 14—nil
It was satisfactory to win, but the casualty list was a very high price to pay and affected the School football for the rest of the term. The first half made a good game, but after that for some reason, play deteriorated badly.

A very close game. We scored first, a lovely try along the line to Martin, K., who ran well for the corner. Later Waterfield passed to Dunn on the blind side. Then Bedford pressed and scored twice and we replied with a good forward rush in which several forwards handled before Norman scored. The back division for this match was an improvement on any so far.

Oundle had made tremendous strides in the interval. They played with real dash. Our team weakened by casualties was only a shadow of its real self and being thoroughly beaten forward could not give the backs much of a chance.

Up against a much heavier and better trained pack of forwards, the teams played up pretty well. The back division was quite in the picture, but forward we were hard put to it to get the ball. Dunn tackled splendidly and Loomes took the ball well on the run. Hodgkins improves at fly-half.

1st XV v. Towcester Grammar School. Home, lost 40-5

A team badly weakened by casualties and by the demands of the ‘under 14’ was apparently out weighted and out-classed.

Under 14 v. Town & County School, Northampton. Home, won 9-6

We recovered nobly after a very shaky start, and a try scored against us. Towards the end of the second half we were definitely on top and had our handling been more careful must have scored more. Weaver cut through well for one try. In the second half, Northampton’s spoiling tactics effectually prevented our getting the ball away cleanly.

Under 15 v. Blackfriar’s School. Away, won 24-3

Blackfriar’s young and light team started with great dash and for the first twenty minutes we were hard put to it keeping them out. At half-time the score was 3-3. In the second half our weight began to tell and the three-quarters, getting a good deal of the ball and taking there passes on the run, were always dangerous. Loomes made a very satisfactory substitute for Sawford.


A disappointing game. Early injuries took all the sparkle out of two players in key positions. The result was our three-quarters never looked dangerous and the heeling of the forwards was wasted. Bedford had one of the best ‘under 15’ teams they have had; but we could and should have made a very much closer game of it. We lacked the confidence and sparkle without which any team is but so many individual figures running about more or less aimlessly in vague pursuit of an elusive ball.
GENERAL REMARKS.

The 1st XV. is so only in name. Of last year’s ‘under 16’ XV. it only contains three, the remainder having left. So the team has had to be made up from senior boys who have developed late and from the ‘under 15’ team. These facts have not encouraged the getting of a strong fixture list, but while boys continue to leave early, we must be content with a weak 1st XV., and hope that boys as they leave will join the Wellingborough Town Rugby Club’s 3rd XV. This team is to be composed as far as possible of boys from this School under Mr. C. S. Watkins as Captain and Secretary. At the moment of writing the entrance fee is 1/6 and a charge of 1/- is made for each match played in. All Old Boys who are keen and can get an occasional Saturday for Rugger, should get in touch with Mr. Watkins at the School.

The ‘Under 15’ XV. is probably the best team of this season. They have beaten Oundle and Dunstable, both for the first time. On their day they look a good team. The forwards are quite a good average size and fairly skilful in the line-out and in the loose. The three-quarters often take their passes running at top speed; but as a team they seem to lack the confidence and pride in their ability that they ought to have; they lack the dour, stiff-neckedness which refuses to admit defeat and keeps on fighting back with victory in view until the final whistle. By so much do they fall short of being a good team.

The ‘Under 14’ XV. have possibilities. They have beaten Bedford Modern for the first time. The forwards are rather bigger than our average, but behind the scrum we have had to make a good many experiments. We are still short of a centre who can pass and make an opening and of wings who have some size and can run. So far we have managed with small wings or converted forwards.

Throughout the School generally the three-quarter and fly-half play has reached a satisfactory standard. The scrum halves are not really quick enough. They have not realised that their pass-out should be in one movement and that split seconds make all the difference. The forwards too are not usually as well-trained as are those of our better opponents. We have good individual forwards, but we have never yet had a pack that works as one man, always going hard, always on the ball and always working with one mind and in one solid, well-knit mass to gain possession of the ball. That is what one expects of a good pack. When all is said, however, we have made progress and our junior teams are holding their own against the big schools.
CRICKET NOTES.

The end of the term provided some interesting cricket. It was pleasing to see on two occasions the great weakness of our representative School cricketers, namely an inability on the part of the batsmen to play steadily against a persistent and accurate attack, was overcome. Sanders, against the Town XI. and Elderton and Weaver against the Kettering 'under 14' XI. shewed how this can be done by sheer determination and cool-headedness.

Matches played: --

A scratch 'under 15' XI. proved too weak in batting for Blackfriar's 2nd XI. Gambrell batted well but could find no support.
Result -- School 56.
Blackfriar's 57 for 3 wickets.

July 26th, 1st XI. v. Wellingborough Town 3rd XI.
The School XI. was strengthened by three Masters. Collins opened the bowling well and the Town XI. never settled down. We lost Gambrell and Sutcliffe early on, but Sanders helped Mr. Nicholas to knock off the runs required. School eventually scored 104 for 4 wickets.
Result -- Town XI. 60.
School 61 for 2 wickets.

'Under 14' Matches: --

July 7th, v. Daventry 'under 14' XI. at Daventry.
We seemed unsettled all through the match and put up a disappointing show. Self control was entirely absent from the batting.
Result -- Daventry 72.
School 31.

July 11th, v. Northampton Town & County 'Under 14' XI.
at Wellingborough.
Quite a good match. Loomes bowled well and was well backed-up in the field. Pinney opened very steadily for the School and Brown H. G. hit merrily.
Result -- Northampton 91.
School -- 60.
July 14th v. Bedford Modern 'Under 14' at Bedford.

An interesting match with much fluctuation of fortune. Bedford declared at 90 for 9 after a bad start. Our bowlers tried hard. Pinney batted very well, but School threw three wickets away by bad backing-up.

Result--Bedford Modern 90 for 9 wickets.
School 49 for 6 wickets.

The 'Under 14' XI was chosen usually from the following players:--Maycock (Captain), Loomes (Vice-Captain), Waterfield, Weaver, Dunn, Pinney, Elderton, Brown, H. G., Briggs, Nichols and Bates, while Maddams, Morris, Clark, K., Abbott, H. W., Day, Coles and Braybrook played on occasion. Pearson was a very able scorer. Elderton headed the batting averages with 13.6; Maddams was second with 10.5; Loomes third 9.8; Weaver fourth, 9.6; Waterfield fifth 7.6; and Maycock sixth 5.8. Dunn took 6 wickets for 30 runs, Maycock 22 for 184, Loomes 25 for 220, Pinney 8 for 82 and Brown, H. G., 11 for 123. Waterfield kept wicket very efficiently throughout.

Half-Colours:--Maycock, Loomes, Waterfield and Elderton.

The First Eleven was usually chosen from:--Sanders (Captain), Drage (Vice-Captain), Furr, Sutcliffe, Partridge, F., Collins, Gambrell, Findley, Maycock, Sawford, Gowen and Lansberry. The following also played on occasion:--Loomes, Walden, Brown, R. H., Bean, Maddams, Billing. Furr headed the batting averages with 11.8, with Maycock second 11.3, and Sanders third 7.7. Drage took 20 wickets for 111 runs, Partridge 21 for 155, Sutcliffe 21 for 161, and Collins 10 for 107. Furr developed into a very good wicket-keeper.

Colours were awarded to Sanders and Furr.

Generally speaking the Junior Eleven was patchy, though it improved as time went on, and reached quite a fair standard in the field. The First Eleven fielding and bowling was of a very creditable standard. The batting however, lacked that patience which is very often necessary at the critical moment.
SCOUTS.

The School Scout Troop has been in existence for four years. During the last School year, the troop has made rapid progress. The troop is made up at the moment of two patrols, the Eagles and the Otters, many of whose members are now second class scouts. New recruits have joined us this term. Now is the time to join. The troop camped on the border of Wales during the Summer holidays, and hopes to enjoy many camps during the coming terms.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The society ended last session on a very high note when it visited the works of Messrs. Bassett-Lowke. The standard has been maintained this term.

The first meeting took the form of a lantern lecture, the slides being lent by Bassett-Lowke, and consisted chiefly of photographs of models made by the firm.

A fortnight later Dr. Adamson delivered a lecture on the subject of 'Electro-Chemistry.' The lecture was illustrated by a demonstration of nickel and copper plating.

The third meeting welcomed Mr. Weyman, the new manager of Sywell Aerodrome. He spoke first about 'First lessons in Flying.' He then mentioned Blind-Flying and Air-Ministry Licences. Possibilities of flying as a career were also discussed. Mr. Weyman concluded by inviting the society to visit the Aerodrome in the near future. Arrangements for such a visit are being made.

WOODWORK.

During the year Woodwork has been taken much more seriously by several boys, and prizes for good practical and theoretical work will be awarded.

It is hoped to have an exhibition in the near future of the work done in the Manual Training Room.

BOXING.

In preparation for next term's House Competitions, Mr. Goddard is running a class, twice a week, for the junior boys.
They are gaining skill and experience that should be of great service next term.

It is hoped that next term when House practices begin, there will be a keener attendance than last year.

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THE ART PRIZE.

The award of this prize was hardly justified, because of the small number of entries. The quality of the work, too, was not what might have been expected, and showed little originality. A livelier interest is hoped for in the next competition.

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SWIMMING.

During the season, members of the Club, which numbered fifty-two, went to Wilby Lido for instruction. Seventy-five per cent. of the members could swim by the end of the season. The keenness shown by the juniors was most encouraging, but we should like to have a greatly increased membership next year. The opportunity to learn to swim is one that should be appreciated and not neglected.

Certificates were awarded by the School to those who could swim one length by the end of the season. These certificates were gained by the following:—

**Dragons.**

| Allen, C. | Bond |
| Ball     | Callis |
| Bennett  | Chettle, H. |
| Clark, K. | Cunnington |
| Coles, S. | Ferry |
| Elderton | Furr |
| Hodgkins | Gowen |
| Horsey   | Horsfield |
| Johnson  | Ingram |
| Keep     | Jessop, M. |
| Kilsby   | Lansberry |
| Loomes   | Laughton |
| Nichols  | Mills |
| Olney    | Pack, J. E. |
| Sutton   | Shelford |
| Weaver   | Shortland, J. B. |
|          | Shortland, W. J. |
|          | Sutcliffe |
|          | Whittaker |

**Stags.**

| Cockerill |
| Collins  |
| Eales    |
| Elks     |
| Findley  |
| Gardiner |
| Houghton |
| Howford  |
| Prigmore |
| Robinson, F. |
| Sanders  |
| Spurrier |
| Satterthwaite |
| Troath, R. |

**Gryphons.**

| Abbott, R. |
| Bailey, R. C. |
| Bowers, D. |
| Braybrook |
| Caten |
| Harris |
| Jackson |
| Marchant |
| Osborn, P. J. |
| Partridge, J. |
| Pickford |
| Remington |
| Robinson, W. |
| Towell |

**Lions.**

| Sheldrake |
| Waterfield |
| Williams |

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SWIMMING SPORTS.

The Sports were held in the morning on the last day of the Summer Term. The day was ideal and there were many spectators. We had been given the use of the Wilby Lido, and we had Mr. Illingworth, President of the Wellingborough Swimming Association, with us as judge of the diving events. All the races were keenly contested and the award of the Cup was not decided until the last event. The Cup was won for the second time by the Gryphons.

All boys who gained a Certificate, obtained six points for their House.

Those swimming a breadth gained two points.

EVENTS.

Junior Two Lengths.
1, Catlin (D); 2, Clark, K. (D); 3, Laughton (S); 4, Mills (S). Time 1 min. 26 2 5 secs.

Middle Two Lengths.
1, Waterfield (G); 2, Jessop, M. (S); 3, Robinson, W. (L); 4, Loomes (D). Time 1 min. 3 2 5 secs.

Senior Two Lengths.
1, Sutcliffe (S); 2, Gardiner (G); 3, Pickford (L); 4, Collins (G). Time 1 min. 3 secs.

Open Plunge.
1, Waterfield (G); 2, Elks (G). Distance 41 ft. 2 ins.

Junior Two Lengths Breast Stroke.
1, Clark, K. (D); 2, Hodgkins (D); 3, Ingram (S); 4, Braybrook (L). Time 1 min. 47 2 5 secs.

Middle Four Lengths Free Style.
1, Waterfield (G); 2, Bond (S); 3, Loomes (D). Time 2 mins. 47 secs.

Senior Four Lengths Free Style.
1, Gardiner (G); 2, Sutcliffe (S); 3, Collins (G); 4, Pickford (L). Time 2 mins. 25 1 5 secs.

Open High Dive, 12 feet.
1, Gardiner (G); 2, Kilsby (D).
Running Spring Board Dive.
1, Kilsby (D); 2, Sutcliffe (S).

House Relay Race, 3 Lengths.
1, Lions; 2, Stags; 3, Gryphons. Time 1 min. 47 1/5 secs.

Medals awarded to boys who gained most points for their House.
1, Waterfield (G); 2, Gardiner (G).

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PHYSICAL TRAINING, 1934.

The standard of proficiency in the Gymnastic Lessons is improving and Badges have been won by a number of boys.
The 2nd Class Efficiency Badge is more advanced and demands more strength and physical control than the Standard. Also the Badge is not awarded as soon as the Tests have been passed, but after a period of Probation during which time Efficiency, Proficiency and Bodyline are maintained. Thus an example of physical excellence is set at all times.

The following are on Probation:
VA. Bond, C. Stags.
VA. Remmington Lions.

The Standard Efficiency Badge has been awarded to the following boys whose behaviour and example is good and who passed the Tests:

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The Open Air P. T. under Section Leaders has proved successful. The Boys who were chosen to pioneer the task of organizing and leading the House Sections were trained by Mr. Goddard in the Gymnasium. Their keen spirit, pluck and determination set an example for all to follow, and though the progression of "exercise tables" has been slow, through lack of individual effort in the teams, a better state of physique and improved Posture throughout the School is being established that will lead to the development of character, production of alternation of mind and the creation of bodily fitness in harmonious proportions.

The objects of the Grouped Formation are to give more scope for the development of leadership and character, and to tone up the muscles and organs of the body with the greatest freedom of movement, fresh air and sunshine that nature can give us. The joy of experiencing a high state of health can never be realized perfectly without the fostering "Esprit-de-corps" that team work encourages.

The Leaders and Vice-Leaders are:

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MUSCIAL SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT,

HELD ON JULY 12TH, 1934, AT 8 P.M.

Here's a health unto His Majesty ... ... } The Choir
Robin Adair ... ... ... ... ... Poole
Early one Morning ... ... ... ... Mr. Hole

Air from "Judas Maccabaeus" (Handel)
Come, ever smiling liberty ... ... ... Poole

Air from "Judas Maccabaeus" (Handel)
'Tis liberty ... ... ... ... Mr. Hole

Duet from "Judas Maccabaeus" (Handel)
Come, ever smiling liberty ... Poole and Mr. Hole

Sweet Kate (Robert Jones) unaccompanied
Green Fire (E. J. Moeran) ... ... ... } The Choir

Spanish Dance No. 3 (Moszkowski) Mr. Appleby & Mr. Hole

INTERVAL.

In praise of Neptune (John Ireland) ... ... ... } The Choir
The Vagabond (T. F. Dunhill) ... ... ... Mr. Hole
Boot, saddle, to horse—and away (George Dyson)

To Music (Schubert) ... ... ... ... } Poole
Fisher-ways (Schubert) ... ... ... ... Mr. Hole

She never told her love (Haydn) ... ... ... } Mr. Hole
The self-banished (John Blow) ... ... ... Mr. Hole
Well-judging Phyllis (William Boyce) ... ... }

Great Tom ... ... ... ... ... } The Choir
All through the night ... ... ... ... ... Mr. Hole

It was originally intended that the above Concert should be given in the quadrangle, but the weather shewed signs of breaking and we moved indoors at the last minute. The collection, in aid of a radio-gramophone for the School, realised £2-16-8.
The Choir, on this occasion consisted of Stevenson (IVb), Bates, Billings, Holmes, Loomes, Pearson, Robinson, F.A. (IIIa), Marchant, Kilsby (IIIb), Bailey, Bayes, Betts, Coles, Course, Parker, Poole (IIa), Allen, R., Martin, J. B. (IIj), and for the first and last numbers only was augmented by Braybrook, Chisholm, Fenner, Keep, Mabbott (IIa), and Bowers and Duncan (IIb).

We should like to welcome a very musical set of new boys. Form IIIa especially, having overcome the initial terrors of musical dictation (terrors more apparent than real) is making excellent progress. This is very encouraging and with several very musical boys in IIIa and IIIb, we have now much good material in the Junior School. We have therefore become emboldened to urge that parents should do their part, in seeing that their sons are learning to play some musical instrument or other. In this connection we were interested to observe that the Wellingborough Orchestral Society would gladly welcome more string players. Till we have a body of string players in the School, our long-desired School Orchestra is impossible. These are two added reasons for having your boy taught some instrument, but the chief reason is the joy that he will gain from it when he has mastered it. Please remember, too, that we should like some flutists and clarinetists to join Foster who is at present our one wood-wind representative.

CAREERS.

The career articles that have been published in the School Magazine have stressed the value of co-operation between School and parents in finding openings in business for boys leaving school. Many parents have taken advantage of this and we are more than glad to see many 'Old Boys' in congenial occupations, with good prospects. The articles published in the Magazine can only cover a few of the many careers open to boys; they are meant to stimulate ambition, and if parents will consider their boys' ambitions and seek means to overcome difficulties, the boys' futures will be much
happier. Of boys leaving the School recently one is in the Royal Navy as a signal apprentice, another is an aircraft apprentice, two are in accountants' offices with intentions of qualifying as Accountants. Another has taken a premium apprentice's position in a firm of electrical sign manufacturers. These are a few examples of what our boys are doing.

We do notice, and can prove to you, if you will enquire, that those boys who have completed a secondary school course up to School Certificate Standard, are better placed, and with better prospects than those who have inadvisely left half way through the course. The tendency on the part of a few parents to remove boys from School as soon as they reach fourteen years of age is largely the outcome of fear that their boys may not be able to obtain employment when sixteen years old.

This is quite an unfounded fear. In this district unemployment among youths from fifteen to eighteen is almost non-existent. The unemployment figures do, however, increase round about the age of twenty and we think that this is due to parents, anxious to get their children to work, allowing them to take "blind alley" occupations. The question of prospects should be given more consideration and parents who rush their half educated boys to work will have themselves to thank if they find their children unemployed in a few years time.

If you send your boy to us to be educated, we plan a course for him, which in ordinary circumstances he will cover by the time he is sixteen. By then he should have gained his School Certificate, and with this qualification practically every profession is open to him. If you are unfair to him, and to us, and remove him before he has attained that standard, his opportunities and his prospects are reduced.

The Head Master is in direct touch with the local Chamber of Trade, and with progressive employers of the neighbourhood. He can give advice on the boy's suitability for certain occupations and can put you in touch with the best authorities. Whether your boy aims at industry or commerce or a University career, the School is there to offer advice and help. The final responsibility is the parents' and this article is written to encourage parents to use us in discharging that responsibility.

J.G.D.
The following boys gained the School Certificate:

Bean, E. h. f. m. G.
Boswell, E. h. r. F. o. m.
Bradshaw, H. r. F. o. M. ch.
Crowther-Green, h. r. F. M. G.
Ferry, e. h. r. F. o. M. ch.
Gowen, e. h. F. o. M. G.
Langley, E. H. r. F. o. M. Ch.
Lansberry, E. h. F. o. M. am. ch.
Sears, E. H. r. F. o. M. (dist.) AM. Ch.
Sheppard, e. H. r. F. M. Ch. g.
Stock, E. H. R. F. o. m.

Letters indicate subjects in which candidates passed. A capital letter indicates a credit mark in that subject.

E—English.
H—History.
F—French.
M—Maths.
AM—Advanced Maths.
G—Geography.
Ch—Chemistry.
L—Latin.
R—Religious Knowledge.
O—Oral French.

HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters: Mr. C. W. F. Laurie, Mr. I. J. Nicholas.


Last term, although not carrying off any trophies, the Dragons certainly did make their presence felt. We did quite well in the Swimming Sports, thanks to the splendid performances of Clark, K., Hodgkins, Catlin and Kilsby, who obtained points in the events. Thanks are also due to those who helped the House by gaining qualifying points.
The Dragons have been well represented in the School Rugger Fifteens; for Olney, Stock, Sears, Maddams, Ball, Loomes, Nichols, Weaver, Billing, Clark, K., Kilsby, Butting, Hodgkins and Catlin have all played for the School at some time or another.

But besides Athletic performances, Scholastic attainments play a great part in School routine. Therefore we congratulate Martin, J. B., Allen, R., Weaver, Upton, Moore and Sears, who obtained prizes, and Bean, Stock, Sears and Sheppard who gained School Certificates.

A Social has been proposed, and we are looking forward to a successful term, both Social and Athletic.

GRYPHONS.

House Masters: MR. J. G. DUNNING, DR. A. B. ADAMSON.

House Prefects:
S. SANDERS, F. LANGLEY, S. CLEAVER, F. WALDEN.

At the beginning of this term more members were added to our lists. We hope that they will help to maintain the prestige of the House at games and at school work.

We were sorry to lose Gardiner at the end of last term. He was an ardent worker for the house. We wish him success in his work.

At the end of last term we retained the Swimming Cup, Gardiner and Waterfield putting up fine performances for the House. There were very few Juniors from the House able to swim, and we had to scratch from some of the races owing to this. We hope that the Juniors will learn to swim so that this will not occur again.

The House has been well represented at Rugby this term, Sanders, Walden, Collins, Campion, Gent, Findley, Cleaver, Langley, Satterthwaite, Waterfield, Sharp, Partridge and Norman having played for School XV's. If the Juniors work hard at training we should retain the Rugby Cup next term.

We want all Juniors who possibly can to turn up to the Junior Boxing Class, arranged by Mr. Goddard, and we would remind Seniors of the House boxing practices next term.

We congratulate Langley in obtaining his School Certificate. We also congratulate the following winners of School Prizes, J. D. Troath, P. Green and F. Langley.

We look forward to the House Social on Wednesday, December 12th, and hope that there will be a good attendance.
LIONS.

House Masters: Mr. E. L. Hole, Mr. J. M. Goddard.

Prefects: Jackson, Pickford, Drage.

Acting Prefects: Hanwell, Boswell.

The Lions, like other Houses, have little to show for this term, as far as sport is concerned. Drage, Hanwell and Jackson have played regularly in School Rugger Matches. We did badly in the swimming contests for the Cup, but this was not through lack of keenness. However our scholarly efforts were a little better. We congratulate four boys, A. Drage, P. Crowther-Green, J. Bradshaw and H. Boswell on gaining their School Certificates, and Remmington who also gained a VA. prize. We are proud to have three out of the four School Prefects, Jackson, Pickford and Drage in our House. In P.T., twenty-one boys from the House have gained their Standard Badges and Remmington is on probation for his Second Class Badge. Now we should like to see more Juniors in the Evening Boxing Classes, ready for the boxing contests next term. Already everyone is looking forward to next term, indeed Junior Rugger practices are being held every lunch time. We shall put up a really good show for the Rugger Cup if the keenness still continues. The Annual Social will take place on Thursday, December 6th. Everyone hopes it will be as great a success as its three predecessors.

STAGS.

House Masters: Mr. B. W. Appleby, Mr. C. S. Watkins.

House Prefects: Sawford, Bond, Gambrell, Pack, J. E.

First we offer congratulations to Sawford on being appointed House Captain, and to Ferry, Lansberry, Pack and Goven who gained the School Certificate in July.

Last term we were runners-up for the Swimming Cup, eventually won by the Gryphons. Statistics of our performance will be found elsewhere in the Magazine, and, apart from mentioning that Sutcliffe (now, alas, no longer with us) was outstanding, we leave the details to speak for themselves.
This year we have a very young House, but with a bit of practice we shall win back the Rugger Cup. We are regularly represented in the School's XV's, by Sawford, Gambrell, Warner, Laughton, Maycock, Bates, Martin, K., Dunn and Shortland, J. B.

We are pleased to welcome among the new boys one very promising young boxer, and hope this year to gain the Boxing Cup which we so narrowly lost last year. We are also pleased to note that quite a number of the House are in possession of the Badges awarded by Mr. Goddard for efficiency in the gymnasium.

The House Social closes this term, and mention of it, and its date, December 14th, shall close these notes. It is an event that needs no comment.

THE FIRES OF AUTUMN.

Autumn is now far advanced. Most of the trees are bare, save for a few dried-up leaves which seem unwilling to lose their hold on the mother tree, to be tossed about by the cold winds and beaten down to the ground by the heavy rains. The days are becoming rapidly shorter and colder and in the hearths of our homes the cheery fires of Autumn are burning.

To draw up to the blazing fire and to feel its glowing warmth tingle through your veins, seeming to fill you with a sense of well-being, is an experience which has yet to be bettered. There is some strange property of warmth which a home-fire possesses that the sun does not. Perhaps it is because the fire seems so homely and friendly and close while we know the sun to be millions of miles away from us. Whatever it is, it is the same thing which distinguishes natural from artificial heat in our homes. Think for a moment of electric and gas fires. They give out just as much heat as the ordinary fire, yet there is something which prevents their giving the same homely, comforting, penetrating warmth.
Autumn is the season of fires. Fires are lit in the home as soon as the first chill north wind bends over the tall, bare trees before it and howls mournfully down the chimneys. Autumn, however, brings other kinds of fires. November the Fifth! Joy of all children, and, although some will not admit it, of our parents and grown-up friends. Father is not content to stand and watch the firework display. No, he must hold a squib or light a rocket. Mother, too, feels she cannot let a Guy Fawkes' Night pass without letting off at least one Golden Fountain. While we stoop in the process of lighting a firework we can feel the heat of the bonfire on our backs and we turn to catch one more glimpse of the 'guy' before he is completely consumed by the flames.

Six days later find us all, particularly our mothers and fathers, in a much more serious vein. Autumn brings with it Armistice Day and as we sit by our fires in a comfortable chair we recall the horrors of war. We think of soldiers, crouching in the trenches, half-frozen and frost-bitten, suffering in the hope of regaining peace. In our hearts burns the fire of hatred towards war and we pray silently that peace will prevail.

Many other fires are brought by Autumn. Huge fires in the fields at the sides of the road consisting of boughs and twigs, which have been clipped from the hedges, may be seen. As one rides into town, one sees the small fire of the night-watchman with its red-hot coal peeping through the holes in the brazier and the night-watchman himself sitting forward over the fire warming his huge brown hands, occasionally poking the coal and drawing at his old clay pipe. Such are the various fires of Autumn.

P. A. T. Green, IVa.

AUTUMN.

It is September, and already the trees tell us of the coming of Autumn. Even Spring with its foliage of pale green and its blossoms of pink and white, is not more delightful to the eye than the rich tints of Autumn.

Certainly Autumn has a beauty all of its own. The hedgerows are never more attractive than when they are thickly splashed with hips and haws, and then again pretty as the
bluebells were in early Spring, the miles of tangled fern are none the less beautiful now. The birds which sang so sweetly to us, are steadily but surely migrating. A few cold nights and mornings will hasten them, but a day or two of warm sun, and the birds all linger as though they are loth to go.

The flowers are by no means over. The bramble is in full bloom, and the meadow-saffron covers the pasture lands with a lovely carpet. The Michaelmas Daisy and the Marigold are still pluckily blooming, unafraid of the oncoming winter.

By no means the last interesting feature of the season are the fruits. There are the berries, all sizes and shapes; they are red, brown, crimson and black, these last are most popular among children and birds alike. The late plums not only attract us, but also insects, who, although they look sleepy, still have a very nasty sting left.

So Autumn comes and Autumn goes, leaving us with the cold, snowy Winter.

R. J. LOOMES, IIB.

THE BROWN OWL.

The small brown owl is a very common bird in England, but not really an English bird at all. About the year 1888, there were none, or perhaps one should say very few of these little birds to be seen in this country, a stray one here or there perhaps.

It is very interesting to know how the brown owl came to live in Northamptonshire. Lord Lilford lived about nine miles from Oundle, at Lilford Hall. This is surrounded by a large estate thickly wooded. It is easy to imagine that Lord Lilford was a bird lover; but at the Parish Church where he worshipped, there were a great many bats in the belfry. They had an unpleasant habit of flying around the people’s heads during Divine Service. So Lord Lilford determined to get rid of these bats and sent to Holland for some small brown owls; but, alas! they did not destroy the bats and sparrows as everyone had hoped.

Instead they killed the beautiful singing birds; the brown owl sleeps and snores loudly in the day, and hunts by night. It is about the size of a thrush, flies high and makes a noise through the quiet hours of the night—somewhat like a shrill scream.

K. F. E. WALLINGTON, IIB.

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THE FUTURE OF PRIVATE FLYING.

When they are visualising the future of private flying I think that the majority of people make the mistake of crediting the average person with too much mental and physical skill. A person whose outlook on life is somewhat adventurous and whose mental and physical reactions are quick in an emergency is the most suitable for flying; that is why people are mistaken when they say that anyone could be an air pilot. This brings us to the main difficulty in the development of private flying. For example, motorists, as a class of people who have some experience of controlling a vehicle at speed, would probably not consider learning to fly, on the grounds that flying is dangerous. But it is no more dangerous than motoring. Those who did not think flying dangerous, would probably say that they were not suited for it, or that one has to think too quickly and of too many things when in the air.

If the average person thinks that he would like to fly, there is another snag to combat, namely the cost. Of course we may be able to afford to take a course in flying instruction; but what is the good of being able to fly an aeroplane without having an aeroplane to fly in?

The first step therefore, is the production of a new type of light aircraft which will sell cheaply and will not cost much to run. The chief characteristic of the aircraft must be, that it will fly safely at speeds not exceeding those at which the average motorist is called upon to exercise his mental and physical powers. This means an aircraft which will remain in the air and not lose flying speed at approximately thirty to forty miles an hour. Of course if an aircraft stalls or loses flying speed, it spins into the ground, only an expert pilot being able to right it.

Secondly the landing speed should be lowered; the aeroplane of to-day not being able to land at under fifty miles an hour. Thirdly all aircraft should be fitted with wheel brakes, and lastly the pilot should have an unobstructed view all around. The lack of view from the present day aeroplane would cause far too much mental strain on the average person: most people like to see all around, although in the air there is not much fear of anyone bumping into the luggage grid! Freedom from mental strain would make many converts, although of course it would take time to make the public see the fact that they were being offered an aeroplane whose main characteristics were different and far removed from the looping, rolling and general stunt flying types with which everyone is familiar, thanks to flying meetings, the objects of which seem to be to give the public as many thrills as possible. Of
course we know that people don't want to pay to see ordinary straight flying, but a great many people after watching an aeroplane stunting, say, "I am sure that I shall never be able to fly." This of course does not help in the development of flying.

With an aeroplane fitted with wheel brakes, and with a low landing speed, one could land in much smaller fields and therefore much closer to wherever one wanted to go. With the present day aeroplane one has to land at the aerodrome and get to the destination in a taxi. If there is not an aerodrome, one cannot go by air; therefore more aerodromes are needed and they must be placed closer to towns.

Another thing that most people require is comfort and of course this is lacking in present day light aeroplanes.

I am afraid that the development of private flying will not make much headway until the present generation of school boys grows up. I say this because a number of boys of to-day are more interested in aviation than anything else. To them an aeroplane is as ordinary as a car.

So what we want to help in the development of flying is cheaper, safer and more easily controlled aeroplanes. Also these aeroplanes must pack into an ordinary garage when not in use.

G. Ford, Va.

THE LAST WEEK OF HOLIDAY.

Unlike most boys, I expect, I have plenty to do in the holidays. I have a two-acre field in which I can do as I like and a platform-house affair up a tree in which I spend much time.

I therefore look to the end of the holidays with feelings akin to dread. It means that no longer shall I be able to laze in bed, and do as I like all day, but that I shall be called up at an early hour on dark, cold mornings by the strident din of that alarm-clock in order to catch a bus.

After about two weeks of holiday have passed, the idea of this life seems very distant, but as the weeks come and go, it draws threateningly nearer until at last there is only one week left. By this time, one's senses are used to the shock of soon having to go back to school, and one almost is looking forward to the day when all strain will be over.
This last week is a week of feverish haste. Rugger and Gymn. things are tried on, found to be too small, and jotted down on a list. Boots are found to be very small, and are also put on the list. A day or two later, you are taken to Dixon and Parker's to buy the necessary kit. To your consternation, you find that you are unable to get several things. This demands a later visit, and puts you behind.

The last night is a chaos. You are bustling around in anxious search for unmarked kit, and both your parents are getting annoyed, asking why you couldn't have done all this before. The last thing is the Health Certificate. A thorough search of endless drawers fails to produce it, and, anxiety-stricken, you search through a jumble of old reports again and again. As a last resource, you obtain the help of your mother. She goes straight to a report (which you swear was not there when you looked) and takes out the missing Certificate.

In the morning, you get up much too early because you are so over-anxious, and, to occupy about an hour of spare time, you check your kit, and make sure that you have your Certificate (although you know perfectly well that everything is in order). At last you get to School, and, when comfortably installed, you give a sigh of relief, for the dread of getting back is over.

F. Robinson, IVA.

GLIDING ON THE HESSELBERG.

The Gliding School of the Hesselberg is situated amidst beautiful scenery in Middle Franconia, Bavaria, about 70 K. from Nuremberg. The School is admirably suited for gliding, as flights can be made in all winds. On the mountain itself are three hangars containing the School's eight machines, whilst at the foot of the mountain is a hangar and aerodrome for motor-planes.

I paid my first visit to the School on August 10th, 1934, when I was shown over the buildings by Herr Wagner, the Resident Instructor. Herr Wagner explained that the School belonged to the Deutscher Luftsport, and was financed and controlled by the Nazi Government. Most of the pupils were Nazis, drafted from ground organisations to be taught flying at the Government's expense for military purposes.
My second visit to the Hessclberg took place nearly a week later, and on this occasion I was fortunate in seeing some of the record flights of the Hessclberg Deutscher Luftsport competitions. About seventy machines and pilots from all parts of Germany attended, some from as far away as East Prussia.

At about three o’clock in the afternoon, after minor flying the high performance sail-planes were wheeled out on to ‘A Plateau.’ Wagner, the flying instructor was the first to leave. The launching crew were ready at their posts on the elastic rope—a few shouted commands, the tail of the high performance Rhonadler was released. Noiselessly the machine rose into the air; Wagner quickly found a thermal air current, and the machine, gaining altitude circled the mountain and was soon lost in the haze surrounding the country-side.

At intervals, other Rhonadlers were launched. Haffmann headed for Nuremberg in his gleaming white ‘Nuremberg Zeitung.’ Kleber in the ‘Hauptmann Goring’ followed in five minutes and lastly Kurt Schmidt flying the ‘Milan-Munchen’ took off in an attempt to beat the world’s distance gliding record.

I was in the ‘Hesselberghans’ when the first news of the gliders came through. Haffmann was at Roth, a distance of 45 K. Later a ‘phone message came through, Kleber had landed at Regensburg on the Danube—115 K. ! Another hour and the excited pupils were informed that Wagner had unfortunately been forced down at Schwarzenfelt, still further—130 K. It was not until the next day that I heard that Schmidt had landed at Tabor, near Prague, a distance of 340 K., nearly a world’s record!

It was with regret that I said ‘Auf Weidersehen’ to my friends on the Hessclberg. However, I left them celebrating, for these long distance flights had made a name for their new and hitherto unknown flying school of the Hessclberg.

P. M. Stock, VI.
THE OSIRIS PLAYERS.

On Tuesday, November 27th, a party of players, the Osiris Players gave a performance of Shakespeare's "Tempest" in the School Hall. Doors were opened at 2.30 p.m., and the play began at 3.0 p.m., before the greatest possible audience, including a large party from the Girls' High School, and a number of the boys' parents. The fine lighting effects were a credit to our electricians. The company was composed of women, and all gave a good performance, especially Prospero, who acted extremely well. Taking into consideration the duplication of roles, and a lack of proper scenery, the play as a whole maintained a high standard of production.

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

The School has turned out now over fifty Old Boys. A large number of these showed great interest in an old Boys' Club. Mr. Lay kindly arranged a meeting in the Library, on 15th October, when all interested were invited to come. We are glad to record that quite a fair number attended and some ten others sent their apologies for being unable to attend.

Various proposals were made, and later were circulated to every one of the Old Boys. A meeting was arranged for Saturday, 20th October, at which officers were to be elected and the proposals to be voted upon.

This inaugural meeting on 20th October was held in the Library, at 7 p.m. Mr. Clayton was in the chair. Various resolutions were formally passed, a list of which may be had from the Secretary, and officers elected. The officers were as follows:

President: Mr. F. C. Lay
Chairman: Mr. Clayton.
Treasurer and Vice-Chairman:
H. Warboys, 52, Pratt Road, Rushden.
Members of Committee:

A short Committee Meeting was held after the full Meeting and the subscription was fixed for the first year at 2/-.

This amount covers postage and printing. The subscription is
payable to the Treasurer or to any of the Committee. A full list of members may be had from the Secretary at any time at a cost of ½d. to cover postage.

Suggestions were made about an Old Boys' Tie. This was submitted to the Head Master for his approval.

Mr. Clayton read a letter from the Secretary of the Town R.F.C., to say that a Special Committee Meeting it had been decided to admit Old Boys as members of the R.F.C. for the Season 1934-35, on payment of 1/6 subscription and 1/- per match in which members play. Mr. Watkins was elected Captain and Secretary of this Rugby Team which is to be called Wellingborough 3rd XV. Old Boys can only become members of this team on payment of their Old Boys' subscription and then the 1/6 subscription, which is payable to Mr. Watkins. We hope to get a few matches in the New Year. Also we hope to take over the Wellingborough "A" fixture against the School.

In the Summer we hope to run a Cricket Team and to get at least one fixture with the School.

Old Boys' may obtain copies of the School Magazine from Mr. Dunning at the price of 9d. per copy or 1/6 per year, postage free.

We are still in need of more Old Boys in our Association. Remember that you are not really a member until you have paid your subscription, (and as early as possible, please) for they are now due for the year 1934-35.
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