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EDITORIAL.

The Autumn Term is never very eventful, but interest has been added this Term by the playing of two of the House Matches for the Rugger Cup, which normally would not have taken place until next term. There has been the usual pressure on space in the Magazine owing to the large number of entries received, and we have been forced to eliminate material which otherwise we should have liked to include.

One of the most important features has been the opening of the Pavilion Fund, and we are pleased to observe that the amount raised is slowly, but surely, mounting up.

SCHOOL NOTES.


Reference will be found in this Magazine to a scheme, sponsored by a committee of parents, for building a sports pavilion on the School Field.

Many of the Seniors have this term been doing field work on behalf of the Land Utilisation Survey of Great Britain, and on work connected with the internal water supplies in the Nene Catchment Area.

Rugby Half Colours have been awarded to K. Clark.

There was a general inspection of the School by His Majesty's Inspectors, early in December.

P. Green was awarded the Holiday Natural Science prize for an excellent collection of wild flowers.

The School sent a small subscription to the fund in aid of the County Cricket Club.

At the end of the Summer Term, Langley made a presentation of a silver cigarette box to Mr. Watkins on the occasion of his leaving to take up a post in London.

This term many boys have taken advantage of the scheme for providing milk for school children.

No award was made this year in connection with the Holiday Art Prize.

As usual a short Remembrance Service was held in the Hall on November 11th.

The sale of Poppies on Remembrance Day resulted in a contribution from the School of £2-10-4 to Earl Haig's Fund.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any omission. The Ousel, The Northamptonian, The Sheaf, The Daventrian, The Balshavian, The Towcestrian.
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Mr. J. H. Butler, B.A., of Oxford University.

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| Deighton, D. W. | Johnson, L. | Westnedge, G. W. |
| Desborough, P. W. | Jones, J. G. | |

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Mr. C. S. Watkins, B.A.

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| Bradley, D. | McCartney, A. W. | Smart, D. H. M. |
| Cheasman, H. A. | Miskin, J. | Smith, K. H. |
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| Groome, D. | Pack, R. E. | Willmott, H. |

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**R.U.F.C.—TEAM CHARACTERS.**

1st XV.

J. FINDLEY.—(Full Colour, Captain of Football). An excellent and versatile player, who plays really hard all the time and inspires his team by his example and personality.

C. SEARS.—(Full Colour, Vice-Captain and Secretary). A conscientious and capable Secretary, he shows the same qualities on the field where he gets through a lot of hard work as a forward. He has made a keen and excellent Vice-captain.

J. DUNN.—(Half Colour). As full back he has attempted to add to his qualities that of occasionally joining in the attack. This is enterprising, but requires plenty of discrimination and practice in passing if it is not to lose the team more than it gains.

F. PARTRIDGE.—(Half Colour). A very good, all round player who has made an excellent hooker, can tackle and use his hands.
J. Remmington.—(Half Colour). Owing to lack of practice he has not made much improvement. He is slow off the mark and awkward with his passes. Once he gets going he is a strong runner, but only a weak side will allow a man to bullock through without passing.

F. Campion.—(Half Colour). He does some useful scrumming and has improved a little in defence and in the use of his hands.

H. Martin.—(Half Colour). Increasing confidence and experience has emphasised his good qualities of speed, keen tackling and ability to pick up in the loose and pass. He can be relied on to do the right thing at each stage of the game and is one of the best tacklers in the School.

H. Maddams.—(Half Colour). A fast and dashing forward who also can play well on the wing. More ability to give a good pass at full speed would even further increase his value.

F. Maycock.—(Half Colour). A good wing forward, quick on the ball, useful with his hands, a clever kick and dribbler. His defence is still his weak point.

J. Weaver.—(Half Colour). Much improved. Perhaps fly-half is his best position. A good fly-half can be the brains of the attack, keeping the other side guessing as to his next move. No one trick should be overdone and everything always must be done at top-speed. His marking of his man could be improved.

K. Clark.—(Half Colour). At throwing out a pass the best scrum-half the School has yet had. He gets a beautiful length and his direction is usually good too. He is beginning to add skill at working the blind side and at the short defensive kick to touch. As his confidence grows he will find the resolution in stopping an ugly rush which is all that his game lacks.

C. J. Allen.—He still suffers from insufficient practice and confidence. Experience will improve him if he persists. A good wing should be able to run hard, hand off, swerve, cross-kick and give an inside pass.

V. Pitcher.—Still a good tackler but does not always listen to or understand the directions of his forward leader with the result that sometimes he is working against and not with the rest of the pack. All forwards, please note.

G. Butting.—Improving and if he persists should continue to do so. His aim is the same as for C. J. Allen, above.

J. Horsfield.—A much improved forward who is making a useful member of the team.
H. CATEN.—Excellent in the line-out, he shows a disinclination to get his head down and shove in the loose-scrums. Yet it is just that hard, unexciting, intelligent shoving and working for the ball from eight forwards together, that makes a good pack.

P. DRAGE.—Illness has prevented his play from consolidating the improvement which was beginning to appear.

"UNDER 15."

H. CATLIN.—(Captain). Throughout rather a disappointing season he has remained a keen and capable captain. His own play as a forward is always thorough in defence and he keeps looking for the chance to turn defence into attack by opening up the game with a well-timed pass.

R. NORMAN.—A fast thrustful centre always dangerous when he has the ball. His defensive work also is sure and steady.

C. BROWN.—A very useful forward who gets through a lot of hard work and is learning to use his height in the line-out.

C. FOSTER.—A useful place kick and forward. He should become really good when he learns to become neater and more controlled in the work he does.

G. BROWN.—A player with plenty of dash either as forward or three-quarter, but often his good work is spoilt by a lack of careful finishing.

R. BAILEY.—A light forward who can use his hands and kick but has not made all the progress he might.

F. COLES.—As fly-half has a good pair of hands and makes very fair use of the kick to touch. His play to be really good is a little lacking in thrust both in attack and defence.

J. MABBUTT.—As scrum-half perhaps he was not quite in the right place. He is keen and useful with his hands and if the exigencies of team-building had allowed might have made a useful wing.

I. MILLS.—A very hard working forward. He lacks complete control and should develop as he gains more experience, a sense of the right thing to do at each stage of the game.

R. BOWERS.—A very light wing-three-quarter, who only lacks experience and the confidence that comes with experience to be a useful player.

W. J. SHORTLAND.—A massive and yet fast player who has learnt to enjoy the hurly-burly of the game, but is still too clumsy with his hands and slow off the mark.

R. INGRAM.—A useful, hard working forward who may well develop into a good player.
T. HORSFIELD.—He has the makings of a good forward if he continues his recent improvement.

P. ROBINSON.—A well-built forward, whose game has improved. He gets through a lot of useful work.

“UNDER 14.”

L. PORT.—(Captain). He has made a keen and conscientious captain. His own play improves steadily as he gains more confidence and experience.

N. BETTS.—(Forward Leader). He has improved a good deal and now takes command with some confidence, leading by voice and example.

N. SHARPE.—A good sized forward who is improving rapidly. He is good if a little leisurely in the line-out. He has learnt to cut across to the corner in defence and his place-kicking won us the closest match of the season so far.

L. HOLT.—His defence has remained good and he has learnt to sell a dummy on the run. He must continue to practise timing his passes and drawing his man by straightening up so that his wing can get an opening.

R. OSBORN.—Excellent in defence, he throws out a good pass. He is a little slow and should vary his game with an occasional blind-side move and a run on his own.

G. CROMPTON.—He makes a sturdy centre and tackles well. He must practise more thrust in attack, varying the swift acceleration, the dummy and always keeping an eye open for a gap in the defence.

R. DANNATT.—A good forward, quick off the mark and with an eye for a chance to score. He must learn to pass.

W. FORD.—An intelligent forward, useful with his hands, who tries to work to a plan and do the right thing at the right time—a most valuable quality.

R. HOWARD.—A quick-thinking forward who is usually in the place of danger. He can use his hands.

J. SHARP.—He is adapting himself well to full-back position. His hands are neat, his kicking adequate, his sense of position not often at fault, and his defence improves with every match.

P. WHITE.—A forward who gets through excellent work in defence. I hope he will become as useful in attack.

J. BOWERS.—A small forward, keen as a terrier, always on the ball. He can tackle, use his hands and is very quick to see a chance.

A. K. GENT.—A hustling forward who gets through a lot of work. He tackles well and should practise using his hands in attack.
H. Harvey.—A fast forward who can tackle. He should be dangerous in attack too when he gains more confidence and experience.

S. W. Allen.—A keen fast three-quarter. He knows the value of a good accelerating burst, but has not had many chances yet.

R. Edwards.—A fast wing-three-quarter. He runs determinedly and should practise a swerve and hand-off to improve his attack.

R. Millward.—A slight, neat wing who can do something usually even if he is cramped for room. He has not had many chances yet.

MATCHES.


The team were unfortunate in this, their first match in having to play without the Captain. The different parts of the team were short of practice and did not function smoothly together. The dribbling of the Deacon’s team was good. Maddams scored for the School.


This was an excellent game played in good spirit. The tackling and defensive work generally was very keen. We pressed for a start but our attack was slow in getting off the mark. Just before half-time the Old Boys’ were well on top, after a typical try by Jackson from a pass by Lawrence. Towards the end of the second half Dunn scored for us and only time and a certain measure of bad luck robbed us of a further score.


A very wet morning cleared up as we arrived. Daventry were playing several boys ‘under 14’ so we had the advantage in weight and experience. Play was open considering the wet ball. Buttling scored from a lovely movement along the line. Maycock led a kick and rush and managed to score, while Remmington found gaps in the centre to score three tries: an encouraging display. Weaver played fly-half during the first half.


The team is settling down and Weaver at fly-half seems to be in the right place. Dunstable were the slightly heavier side but our forwards were quicker and more active. We got the ball back from most of the set-scums with the result that Buttling scored two good tries far out. Other tries were scored by Sears and Findley.

This was a fast, clean game. Again our forwards, although out-weighted more than held their own, especially in the line-out and loose-scums. Weaver and Clark combined well at half, and Dunn’s catching and kicking was excellent. Allen, Buttling and Partridge scored. Maycock converted. King’s replied with a clever dropped goal.


This was a good, fast game, with plenty of thrills for the spectators. To begin with we got plenty of the ball and a good run by Allen gave us the lead. Later they broke away but at half-time we led 5-3. In the second half we tried against the greater weight and speed of our opponents, who playing very fast and attractive football scored 4 tries.

"Under 15."


The sun was almost too warm for this opening match. After some dull mid-field play, a good forward rush ended in a pick-up pass to Coles, out to Norman, Norman to Holt, all at full speed. Holt sold a dummy and beat one man and passed out to Bowers going at full speed, who hurled himself at the line; as good a try as one ever hopes to see. Foster converted with an excellent kick from the touch line. After half-time when we led 5-3 Bedford had the better of the play, but the game was an encouraging beginning to the season.


This was a very scrappy game. Mills scored from a line-out; Harpur from an intercept in our twenty-five, Brown, C. B. and Norman scored by kick and rush methods, and Catlin kicked a penalty goal.


We were completely outclassed. One knew that the team as a whole was weak in defence. That weakness here was glaringly exposed against a fast side who handled delightfully.


For the return match, Oundle suggested we should play our ‘under 16’ XV. This brought in enough players to make a useful stiffening and a very close game which we were lucky to win, was the result. Shortland scored from a loose melee near their line and later a neat pass from Buttling to Dunn gave us the lead.
Conditions made handling difficult and the forwards did not get very much of the ball so that the game deteriorated to kick and rush methods in stopping which our weakness in defence again became apparent.

We won the toss and played with the wind. A good penalty kick by Sharpe gave us an early lead, but we failed to take advantage of other chances. In the second half, using the wind cleverly Deacon's developed a strong attack and scored four tries.

"UNDER 14."

A very good win for a first match. We started by pressing and the ball came out, but the threes were standing too far apart. Then Bedford broke away to score an excellent try. We pressed again and Dannatt dived over. At half-time the score was 5-3 to us. Early in the second half Bedford scored twice more and the game looked over. But we rallied well, Allen kicked ahead, Sharpe followed up to score and then kicked the all important goal which gave us victory.

A very strong cross wind made good passing difficult. We scored early on from forward rushes through Sharpe and Bowers. After that we did some passing, but the centres were holding on too long and so the wings did not get much chance. The forwards heeled better from loose scrums.

v. King's School, Peterborough. Won 12—5.
A heavy ground. We pressed and scored, passing along the line to Edwards. The first try of the term that this team had obtained as a result of a passing movement. Then Sharpe scored and kicked a penalty goal. In the second half Bowers scored from a forward rush. The threes would have scored many more tries if they had straightened up before passing.

This was not good football, but the ball was wet and our centres were not certain enough in their handling against a side that specialise in taking advantage of their opponents' mistakes. So after several narrow escapes in the first half the forwards settled down to a series of line-outs and loose mauls in the Towcester half. Eventually the chances came and two forwards Dannatt and Sharpe were able to cross the line. Sharpe also kicked a penalty goal.
GENERAL REMARKS.

School football has made a definite advance this year. Last year’s remarks reflected a sense of lack of keenness. This year the School has a 1st XV. which has a keen team spirit. For the first time, in this our 6th season, we have members of the 1st XV. sufficiently enthusiastic to spend a free Saturday watching the “Saints” at Northampton and trying to learn more about the game. This is very encouraging and augurs well for Rugby Football in the town, because the Wellingborough ‘B’ XV. composed of Old Boys from this School is now finding its feet. It has started to win matches and if a steady stream of recruits can be assured, the Town 1st XV. must in time feel the benefit. So the School football is beginning to fulfil one of its functions; that of affecting favourably the standard of Rugby Football in the town.

Another feature noticeable this season, which is perhaps not so beneficial, is that each of our three teams is almost water-tight. In other words there is not a number of boys almost as good. The 1st XV. and ‘Under 14’ especially have about 17 players each, after which there is rather a drop in quality. Both these teams are, however, good, which perhaps is a complementary fact, because too many changes do not give a team time to settle down together. The 1st XV. have 12 of last year’s players again available and are sound in the essentials, though their individual and team cleverness in attack could well be developed. Much the same applies to the ‘Under 14’ who played three matches in the Spring as the ‘Under 13½’, and with four this term, have the excellent record of seven successive wins.

The ‘Under 15’ have suffered from losses through boys leaving the School. Indeed there has had to be an exhaustive search among their age group to provide a team at all without borrowing from the ‘Under 14.’ The result has been a team which is not sound in defence. Under any strain only about three can be relied on to tackle instead of the whole fifteen.

We should like to express our gratitude to Captains of teams, to Mr. Burke and the Masters on the Staff, who by their keen and willing help and interest have enabled the Club to achieve that measure of success it has.

CRICKET NOTES.

The First Eleven ended with a record of three matches won, three lost and three drawn. The bowling generally reached a fair standard, but suffered from a lack of variety. The attacking spirit was also on occasion absent from it. The fielding was quite keen without being brilliant. In
batting the eleven had a somewhat lengthy 'tail,' but 
inexperience was chiefly to blame here. Maycock, a 
keen and efficient Captain, and Partridge bore the 
brunt of both bowling and batting. Laughton showed 
much promise now and then with the bat.

The ‘Under 14’ XI won five matches, drew one, and 
lost one. They were fortunate in the bowling in having such 
a reliable performer as Betts, who could be trusted to bowl 
over after over steadily and accurately. Coles, a very good, 
keen Captain, batted very soundly. Braybrook tailed off 
after a good beginning. Bayes was a stylish, though unfortun-
ately not a prolific run-getter. The fielding, with one or two 
exceptions reached only a moderate standard.

**1st XI. AVERAGES.**

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Bailey, 5.1—2—4—3—1.33, J. A. Weaver, 8—1—28—1—28.00 
P. L. Drage, 3—0—12—1—12.00.
'UNDER 14' XI. AVERAGES.

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Also bowled:—Sherwood, 3—0—2—1—2, Osborn, 7—2—7—1—7, Coles, 3—1—7—0—.

A rainy period towards the end of July cut down the number of matches, leaving only three to report.

July 18th, Ist XI. v. Daventry 1st XI., at home.

Apart from the third wicket, Daventry found Partridge difficult to play and wickets fell cheaply. Good batting by Maycock, well supported by Laughton, gave School an early victory.

Result—Daventry G.S., 55.
School, 56 for 2 wickets.

July 25th, 1st XI. v. Old Boys, at home.

A start, delayed by rain, was made after an early tea, on a soaked wicket. The Old Boys found run-getting difficult against the bowling of Maycock and Findley. After a sporting declaration, School tried to force the pace but further rain stopped play for good.

Result—Old Boys, 57 for 8 wickets (dec.)
School, 50 for 2 wickets.

July 25th (a.m.), 'Under 15' XI. v. Harpur Central School, at home.

The 'Under 15' XI. collapsed miserably against some good-length bowling, and Harpur C.S. knocked off the runs easily.

Result—School, 17.
Harpur C.S., 18 for 2 wickets.
W.G.S. SWIMMING CLUB REPORT, 1936.

This season the weather was not so kind to us as in recent years, and this will no doubt be felt by some Houses in the Middle Group next year, for the instruction of learners was greatly handicapped. Though a class of forty boys was sent by the Club on every suitable occasion, only six boys passed the Beginners Test before the end of term.

The Progression Tests for the Inter-House Competitions have now reached a more advanced stage, being as follows:—

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The new Life Saving Class was well attended while practising in the Gymnasium, but numbers fell off as the water was approached and finally two sections of four boys each were all that remained. Full credit is due to the six boys who gained awards, as the Examination was held in a "blizzard" and we wish good luck to the two who were not quite proficient, in their next attempt.

The Elementary Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society has been awarded to:—

J. B. MARTIN of the Dragons House.
W. FORD, of the Gryphons House.

The Intermediate Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society has been awarded to:—

J. SHARP of the Dragons House.
R. H. SPURRIER of the Gryphons House.
E. C. WILLIAMS of the Gryphons House.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The Wellingborough Grammar School Swimming Club Inter-House Competition was held at Wilby Lido, by kind permission of Mr. J. M. Thompson, on Monday, 27th July. We are also grateful to Sergt. Knight, of the Wellingborough Police Force, who again judged the Diving events. This year the Cup was won by the Dragons House by a large margin.
Mrs. Lay's Silver Medal was awarded to J. Sharp. He gained 36 points for his House.

It was a glorious day, but after weeks of rain the water was very cold, and though there were many excellent races, only one record was broken. This was the time for the Junior 2 Lengths Free Style which Causebrook smashed by 6 4/5 secs., for boys under 12 years.

The standard of Diving was much higher than in former years. Particular mention must be made of the technique of J. Jessop, whose Hand Stand Trick Dive encourages us to look forward to expert demonstrations in next year's event.

The position of the Houses before the Competition from points gained in the Progressive Tests were:

- Dragons — 90
- Gryphons — 104
- Stags — 58
- Lions — 82

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Final Place — Dragons 182 points.
Gryphons 136 points.
Stags 125 points
Lions 92 points

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

President: The Headmaster.

The Literary and Scientific Society was revived this term when a Committee was elected on October 6th, by those of the Upper School interested in the Society. It was decided by the Committee that five meetings should be held in the Autumn Term:— three on Literary subjects and two on Scientific. The first meeting took the form of a debate on "Prohibition." The supporters, F. Langley and E. C. Williams were defeated after an exciting tussle by P. L. Drage and K. N. Clark. At the next meeting, an address was given by F. A. Robinson on "The Evolution of Aviation." In the question time which followed the speech, many interesting points concerning the future of aviation were raised and discussed. At the following meeting, a lecture was given by Mr. H. C. Phillips on the subject of "Pictures, and how to think about them," in which he explained how to appreciate the finer points of Art. There are to be two more meetings this term. The speaker at the next meeting is to be the Headmaster, speaking on the "Antiquity of Man." We are confidently looking forward to further interesting meetings.
FILM SOCIETY.

A large number of members have this term attended two shows.

On October 15th, we had a thriller "Sweeney Todd," from the Ensign Film Library. It was a long film which held our interest to the end.

On November 11th we borrowed some excellent films from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company about the Mediterranean. It made some of us want to go there—we may manage it one day—who knows? These films were supported by two ever popular features, a Wild West film and a Charlie Chaplin.

There have as usual been regular film lessons in the Geography Room and on one or two occasions films have been shown during the dinner hour.

SCOUT NOTES.

We held a successful Summer Camp at the newly opened camping site (opened by the Chief Scout), at the Tower Wood Farm Estate, which is almost three miles from Bowness. During the whole camp of about ten days we only had about two fine days. The camping ground was about four hundred acres and was of virgin forest almost; the scenery was magnificent and was surveyed from vantage points upon the camping ground. The patrols were about three hundred yards apart which greatly added to the adventure of the camp. The last day but two of the camp was really glorious and the whole troop set out for a day of enjoyment. First we walked for a mile or so, then we took a bus, then we walked to the Ferry where we crossed Lake Windermere, and after lunching on the side of the lake we carried on for about an hour, after which we had a bathe in a little cove. Then after walking for about two hours we reached Ambleside, where we had arranged for a tea which we duly dispatched and then proceeded in a launch to Bowness. During the camp two pairs of our members proceeded on a first class hike, and had many interesting adventures on the way. The Winter session of the troop is now in full swing and we are busily rehearsing for a series of district variety concerts to be given in November and December.

We also participated in the district Good Turn Saturday, in which many useful good turns were performed. Mention may also be made of the Troop Banquet on the night before the Good Turn Saturday.
**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, JULY, 1936.**

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**E**—English.  
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**G**—Geography.  
**H**—History.  
**L**—Latin.  

* Indicates that candidate obtained exemption from London Matriculation.

**HOUSE NOTES.**

**DRAGONS.**

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

The Autumn Term is never so eventful as the Spring or Summer Terms. In fact, the House Notes for the Autumn Term Magazine are usually a repetition of those printed in the previous issue, and merely express hopes concerning the future. But at last, by the bringing of two of the House Rugger Matches forward a term, the House scribes have been given something interesting to write about.

Our house is now definitely in the ascendant, for after winning the Relay Cup last term, we won the Swimming Cup for the second time in succession. This performance was mainly due to Sharp, who won the "Victor Ludorum" Medal given by Mrs. Lay.
The House Rugby has also reached a high standard. Many members play for the School, seven, namely, Sears, Maddams, Weaver, Clark, K., Allen, C. J., Pitcher and Butting playing for the 1st XV. The latter fact accounts in part for the decisive victories gained over the Stags and Lions, but the others of the team must not be forgotten, for all played well. The House 2nd XV. also beat the Stags and Lions, thus making sure of the Rugger Cup.

Finally we must congratulate those who gained School Certificates or Prizes, and also K. Clark on gaining his half-colours.

GRYPHONS.

House Masters: Mr. J. G. Dunning, Dr. A. B. Adamson.

House Prefects: F. Langley, J. Findley, P. Green (Secretary), R. Troath (Boxing).

Many disasters have befallen us during the course of the past School year; nevertheless, although we still have a great deal to accomplish, we feel that, with junior assistance, we shall be able gradually to recover our former powerful position.

Six new boys have been added to our House this term, and we trust that all of them will give us their support.

We did well last term by winning the Cricket Cup from the Lions, and, after leading in the first stage of the competition, we finished second to the Dragons in the Swimming Sports. All members of the House who took part in these contests are to be congratulated.

This term, at Rugger, we won our first Inter-House match against the Lions, but lost the second against the Stags. In School XV.s we are represented by the following:—Findley, Partridge, Campion, Norman, G. Brown, Holt, N. Sharpe, Crompton, Ford, A. Gent and Millward.

The competitions for the Boxing Cup are to take place sometime during next term, and we hope that our boxers who are now in training, under the able leadership of Troath, will be successful in their attempts to re-capture the trophy from the Lions.

We congratulate all those of our House who have obtained badges for gymnastic efficiency, and also those who gained School Certificates as a result of the examination held last July.
LIONS.

House Masters: Mr. E. L. Hole, Mr. J. H. Butler.

Prefects: Remmington, Drage, P., Caten (Secretary), Crowther-Green.

This year we have had several new boys who all seem very keen on Rugger. Next Rugger season we should have a very good junior team.

We lost the Cricket Cup last year but we replaced it by the Physical Training Cup. We are sorry to have lost our match against the Gryphons this Rugger season. We all expected to win this match and during the first half we were pressing the Gryphons hard. After half-time however, the Gryphons scored by their forward rushes which our forwards were unable to stop. We hope however, to have better success in the next two matches.

We hope to retain the Boxing Cup which we won last year. We have several boys who are good boxers and should do very well. We regret to say that we did not win the Swimming Cup last year but we hope to do better in the future.

We congratulate all Lions who have won Standard Gymnastic Badges, and we hope they will go forward and win Second and also First Class Badges.

We also congratulate all Lions who won School Certificates last July and also we wish success to all who will be taking examinations next year.

Numerous members of the Lions House have represented the School in Rugger matches this term. Remmington, Drage, P. and Caten have played for the lst XV., whilst Bailey, R., Coles, Foster and Brown, C. B. have played for the 'Under 15' XV., and Ports, L. A., Betts, Mabbutt and Williamson have also played for the School.

STAGS.

House Masters: Mr. B. W. Appleby, Mr. H. C. Phillips.

House Captain: C. Bond.

Prefects: Maycock, Dunn, Horsfield, Martin, H.

Secretary: J. Dunn.

We are glad to announce that we have several members regularly representing the House in the School Rugby XV.s, Maycock, Martin, Dunn have their half-colours, and Horsfield, J. plays regularly for the 1st XV. We are also represented in the 'Under 15' XV. by Horsfield (junior), Ingram, Shortland, W. and Mills. We very much regret the fact that Laughton, Shortland, J. B. and Martin, K. are no longer with us, but we give our hearty welcome to the juniors who have swelled our ranks.
This year we have only played two Rugby matches. Our 1st XV were beaten by the Dragons after a hard game in which their superior weight won the day. Our second team were also beaten by the Dragons second team. We next played the Gryphons. Their pack was rather heavier than ours, and we must congratulate our forwards on the way they often heeled the ball, and made forward rushes.

The result of the game was a win by 15—8 for the Stags, Maycock, Horsfield, J. and Dunn scored, and Maycock converted one try and kicked a penalty goal. Our juniors drew with the Gryphons juniors, 8—8.

We are pleased to learn that Bond has got his First Class Gymn. Badge, an honour which we feel he fully deserves. We are no less pleased to congratulate all members of the House who have gained their Standard Badge, and we should like to encourage the others to try their hardest to obtain it. Our last House-meeting was to give Maycock, our House Games Captain, a good send off. We regret his leaving, but the House wishes him good luck in his future life.

PARENTS’ PAVILION FUND.

From time to time one has surprises which are as welcome as they are unexpected. The happy surprise this time was the offer of several parents to implement the suggestion of organising a fund to get a pavilion for the School playing field. It was on the occasion of the last Sports Day that Mr. Fryer, in giving away the cups and medals suggested that if each boy in the School were to collect 10/-, then £100 could be raised. With the aid of several parents who have voluntarily formed a committee of appeal, there is every hope that this is going to be realised, and through the columns of this magazine we desire to thank all those who have so far subscribed or promised a donation.

I feel that it should be made clear that a pavilion will be an asset we hardly dared to hope for just yet. Now that the School has filled up to its final size, the first task of the Governors may be to ask the County Council for a number of improvements which would take precedence of a pavilion. If we receive the pavilion it will therefore be a very fine gift.

Perhaps some of us can already visualise the structure on the field at about the point where the score table is placed. Marking the year of the Coronation it will stand as a perpetual reminder of a very happy idea and a very practical present. On behalf of the School we thank parents, old boys, and friends very much for their generous efforts and we hope that the aim will be completely realised.

F.C.L.
THE NORTH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS' AND CLUBS' CAMP, 1936.

This camp is held every year in the park of Chatsworth House, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, situated amidst the magnificent scenery of the Peak District. The boys who attend it are drawn from factories, clubs and schools, the chief aim being to create contacts between boys in different walks of life, which could not have otherwise been made. For this purpose the camp is divided into sections, there being about twelve boys in each section, sharing two tents between them.

For the first time the School sent two representatives, namely, Langley and Sears. The morning of their departure for the camp was dull and misty, but in spite of the weather, they cycled to the camp, ninety miles distant, in about nine hours, where on arrival they were allotted to different sections, Sears to Section 10, and Langley to Section 4.

They were roused at 7-0 a.m. by the sounding of a gong, if not earlier by prowling cows. Breakfast at 8 o'clock was followed by a kit inspection. Points were awarded for the kit inspection, not only for the tidiness of the kit, but also for any original ideas in connection with it.

After kit inspection, organised games, for which points were awarded, were played. These games were very varied in character, and included a ball game with only two rules, officially called "Foot and Hand Net-Ball," but commonly known as "Foot and Mouth Disease." In this, all methods were allowed to stop opponents, and the time limit of ten minutes each way was found to be ample.

After games, one had the option of bathing or physical training, and then after this, came lunch.

The afternoons were free for private pursuits, and every evening at 8 o'clock an entertainment was provided by members of the camp, followed by a cinema show, after which the day's activities were closed with prayers.

This routine was followed every day except one, the fatigue day. The two sections on fatigue each day were responsible for the cleanliness of the camp, the cleaning of the cooking utensils and peeling of potatoes.

On the last day of the camp, the Duke of Devonshire came and watched the steeplechase, which included a fourteen feet water jump. He then presented a trophy to the section obtaining the most points. The day was concluded with a huge camp fire.

The next morning, everyone was up at 5 o'clock to strike camp, and a few hours later Langley and Sears set off homeward. The weather had not been very good, but that did not restrict the enjoyment of the week spent there.

All did not end with the striking of camp. Acquaintances had been made, which were likely to be preserved.
CAREERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

There is no set standard of entry to the clerical ranks of the Local Government Service, but the majority of Local Authorities have their own conditions, and any person wishing to enter the service of a particular authority should first inquire what qualifications are required. There is keen competition for junior posts.

Most Local Authorities require junior candidates for their services to be at least fifteen years of age and many insist that they should possess a School Certificate. Even when this is not insisted upon, entrants would be well advised to possess it, as subsequent advancement is apt to depend upon specialist qualifications and candidates as a rule may not sit for these qualifications without the School Certificate. It is possible to obtain employment after obtaining School Certificates as articled pupils. Solicitor Clerks, chief financial and engineering officers sometimes take pupils, who may after a period of training qualify in that particular profession.

The usual method of entry for juniors is for the Local Authority to advertise in the local press for candidates, or to offer vacancies through the Headmasters' or Headmistresses' Employment Committee, and having obtained names to arrange for the candidates to be interviewed. The commencing salaries paid to new entrants in junior posts are comparable with those found at a similar age in other good class clerical occupations and are usually in the vicinity of £50 per annum for a boy of sixteen, rising to about £120 at the age of twenty-one.

Without specialist training it is usually possible for a youth of ability, beginning as a junior, to proceed first to a Staff Clerkship of a section, then to a Chief Clerkship of a section and eventually to a Committee Clerkship. Chief clerks of sections and committee clerks usually receive salaries from £400 upwards. In view of the prominence given to technical qualifications under Local Authorities, most new entrants find it desirable to specialise in one particular direction if they have the ambition ultimately to reach the higher posts; and it is the practice of some Authorities to make small grants to juniors who enter upon study for the various technical examinations, as an aid towards the cost of books and fees in connection therewith.

The Clerk's Department is the one that has the opportunities for co-ordinating the work of the various committees and other departments of the Authority. In this department the most favourable chances of promotion are to be obtained by those who can obtain articled clerkships and proceed to legal qualifications as a Solicitor. Those who qualify in the professional examinations may expect by the time they reach the age of twenty-three to obtain a post as
junior legal assistant with a salary of about £300 per annum. After experience in this capacity, they may rise to senior posts, e.g., Town Clerk, where the salary varies with the size of the Authority.

In the Treasurer's Department, most of the junior officers enter the Local Government Service through clerical grades, and obtain professional qualifications such as those granted by the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants. To obtain these qualifications will usually take about seven years, but these qualifications are indispensable if progress is to be made.

The department of the Medical Officer of Health offers interesting work, dealing with drainage, water supply, general sanitation, supervision of milk supply, etc. Candidates who wish to become Sanitary Inspectors can obtain information from,

The Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute,
62, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

The Chief Engineer under some Authorities has the privilege of taking one or two articled pupils. The premium varies with the standing of the Authority. After obtaining qualifications from the Institute of Civil Engineers, by the time he is twenty-three, the candidate may obtain a junior assistant's post with a salary of about £200, and later a chief engineer's post with a salary in accordance with the size of the Authority.

Local Government Services run their own pension schemes in most cases. The posts in the Local Government Services are worth striving for; they will not come to you, you have to go out for them, but they can be and are obtained by ambitious, able boys.

J.G.D.

BODY LINE.

On the opposite page is a photograph taken on the occasion of a P.T. Display by the Junior School on the day of the Parents' Cricket Match. Reference to this was made in the Summer Term Magazine.

In the tableau, A. shows a good body line with head erect; B. is flat chested with a fallen head; C. "has bowed head and bended knees."
BODY LINE TABLEAU.

BODY-LINE? which is YOUR.
We who live to-day are the heirs to a princely heritage. Behind us lie the long centuries, crowded with achievements in Art, Music and Literature, and it may be said that the whole experience of the human race is crystallised into these forms. It is the artist, the musician, the writer, and the poet, who have increased the depths of our feelings, teaching us to appreciate colour and shape, rhythm and harmony, and the magic power of words—'they strove and we are blessed.'

I first took an interest in Art at an early age; my admiration for Literature and Music came later, Music, indeed, comparatively recently. Enthusiasm for such things is, I think, caught rather than taught. In my case the love of beauty soaked in unconsciously. I can almost point to the day when I suddenly realized that there was more in poetry and literature than I had imagined, that it had a vastly deeper significance than something to learn off by heart, or summarise. I made the strange discovery that the things I thought I disliked held a great attraction for me. So it was with music. For years I have looked upon music as something quite pleasant, but really of little importance. When I wrote in an essay some time ago that Beauty was not to be found in man-made things, and was told that it existed in a Shakespeare sonnet or a Beethoven sonata, I could not really believe it. Since then I have discovered my great mistake. I have experienced a feeling (if I may draw such a comparison) like that which the young Keats must have sensed when he first looked into Chapman's Homer. I have never loved poetry as I love it now; I have never been so impressed by music as at present.

Music, though the youngest of the Fine Arts, so far as its development is concerned, perhaps exerts the most distinct and wide-spread influence on life and character. It is a vehicle of thought; and ideas may be conveyed to the mind through music, without the use of words. It is, like mathematics, a universal language. We can enjoy the works of foreign composers, where we cannot enjoy those of foreign poets and writers unless we have a good understanding of their tongue. "Music's subtle intonations, pauses, combinations, express finer shades of thought than words can express, and touch sides of our nature never reached by any other means. And the music of some great Master played on an instrument will often affect us more than the most perfect eloquence." Though I cannot as yet subscribe to this opinion, in so far as it gives music greater power than eloquence, I feel that it expresses admirably the effect of music on a mind which is sensitive to it.

I am extremely thankful that I am not "jazz-mad." To some people jazz is the very essence of life. They go about murmuring ditties about 'June' and 'soon' and 'moon.' Their existence is just one long croon, so to speak; their
heroes are dance-band leaders in evening dress, their heroines, painted female whiners. Some people call 'jazz' music. I disagree—let me quote from Plato. Here is his definition of 'music'; "It is a moral law. It gives wings to the soul, flight to the imagination. It is the essence of all that is good, just, and beautiful; of which nevertheless it is the most dazzling, passionate, and eternal form." Keeping that wonderful definition in mind, however, can anyone apply the term 'music' to jazz?—I wonder what the Muses would say!

I must admit that I enjoy listening to a cinema organ. I am aware that to make such an admission as that, in musical company, is rather like confessing a belief in alchemy in the presence of modern scientists. Yet, all the same, I greatly enjoy the recitals on this truly wonderful piece of mechanism. It may be that I admire the organ, and the marvellous effects that can be obtained on it, more than the actual music it gives.

But it is dangerous to write about music, just as it is to talk about it. "Music is not a science, but an art; in music an instant of true appreciation and perception is worth an age of learning and lore."

EUTERPE, VI Th FORM.

STREET CORNER LOUNGERS.

Street Corner Loungers, men who can always be found in every town and village; men who can lean against some well-polished lamp-post, and let the world go by; men who have the privilege of commenting freely on those who pass them in the course of the day; such men have an atmosphere of their own, they are intolerably lazy, yet gloriously happy, incorrigible rogues, yet often trusted. They are a motley crowd, good humoured and their quarrels are never bitter; men thrown together to fight against their born enemy—work.

To the outside world these men are Street Corner Loungers plain and simple. They are men who for six days of the week lean against lamp-posts and bar-counters, and on the seventh conjure up enough courage to walk to the local town hall and draw money to sustain them and their families for another six days. Thus it seems to the section of the population who have a more strenuous means of earning their bread. To most people they are just a crowd of dirty men, some filthy dirty and some moderately dirty, but none clean. These men have little desire for society; and they are as fully satisfied with their life as we are with ours. A stranger is arrogantly stared at, much to his embarrassment, and his character is summed up in a moment, for our friend the lounging excellent judge of people and can glean as much from one stare as it would take other people to learn in twenty.

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The lounger's own outlook on life is totally different from the passer-by's; he thinks he is as necessary to the world as the Prime Minister to the Government. He tells people where to find the taxi ranks (fetching taxis is not his job); where the nearest public house is; what all the winners are likely to be in the day's races, and a hundred and one other things.

So his life goes on, blissfully ignorant of his lazy ways, fully believing it is his work; he is happy where he is, for he knows he has learnt the secret of how to live without work.

D. Pope, IVa.

A VISIT TO A COAL MINE.

Early one Saturday morning, about half-past six, my father woke me up. For the start I grumbled at having to get up so early, but when my father told me we were going round a coal mine, I stopped grumbling and quickly dressed, and ran down stairs for my breakfast.

It was about eight when we started off. After a ride of about an hour and a half we began to get into the mining district. Soon we saw our destination, which was Coalville. The pit we were going round was the Whitwick Pit, and parking our car outside we were soon among the buildings.

First we made our way to the power house. It was a very interesting walk. We passed the many sidings in which trucks were being loaded to be sent to all parts of the country for various purposes. We passed through the sheds and saw men busy on the various belts and screens. This of course was to sort out coal into its various grades and sizes.

"Before we go any farther we must put on some old clothes" said our guide. This rather puzzled us at first, but we were to find out later why this was necessary.

After we had changed, we made our way to the lamp room where first of all we were searched for matches, for of course these are never allowed down a mine. Here we saw rows and rows of lamps waiting to be lit ready for the next shift. The attendant of this room lit a lamp for each of us and then locked each of the lamps, carefully keeping the key.

We were all ready to descend, so our next visit was to the cage or lift. This we entered and as we were not used to the speed at which this moved we were told to hold tight. The reason for this was very evident when the lift commenced to move, for it descended at a terrific rate, finally stopping with a jerk.

Now we were really down the mine, although a long way from the coal face. Our lamps were not necessary here for we were rather surprised to see electric lamps. There were also small railway lines running in various directions, and on these ran tubs or small wagons drawn by small ponies towards
the shaft down which we had just come. To describe every-
thing we saw would take too long, but we were really pleased
to return to the light after spending an hour in the inky darkness.

A short visit of this kind to a coal mine was very interesting
but I do not think I shall decide to be a miner when I leave
school.

A. SWINDALL, IIIa.

MY FIRST GAME OF RUGBY FOOTBALL.

On Wednesday afternoon, after a period of Botany, I
found out we were going to devote two periods to games.

The game was to be Rugby Football. From what I had
heard I felt I was not going to enjoy the game at all but be
extremely bored. I hurried to the notice board and after
staring at it for about five minutes, I discovered I was to play
on the third game in black. I hurried to my locker finding
no other than stockings and vest and other odd clothes. I
proceeded to dress in white gym. knickers, black vest and other
odd clothes and shoes. I walked up the field to my game
feeling a complete oddity. To my horror I saw we were
going to play with what looked like a dark brown egg instead
of the ordinary ball that I had been used to playing with.
Before I began to play, I knew it was going to be a most
ridiculous game. The Master in charge put me in the front
line on the outside. We had a few mumbled instructions
as to not what to do, but none as to what to do. The ball was
thrown up in the middle of the pitch and there was a sudden
mad rush in which I was involved.

Much to my surprise I was roughly and rudely pushed
out of the way full length into the mud, which I might add was
most unpleasant and annoying. My opinion of the game
at this stage was that it was far from being a gentlemanly
sport. I made up my mind I was to kick the ball up to the
other end of the field. I did not have to wait for the oppor-
tunity long, for the ball quickly came my way, I ran towards
it and took a mighty kick (as I thought) missed the ball entirely
and again to my disgust found myself in the mud once more.
To add to my discomfort this effort received a round of applause
from my colleagues. After these two fruitless efforts I decided
it would be safer to watch the other boys' antics. This proved
to be much more interesting than sprawling in the mud or
being bruised in numerous places. I noticed however, the
other boys were acting just as foolishly as myself. This
encouraged me, so I began to try again. It was too late how-
ever.

The whistle was blown and we retired back to school
finding a nice shower bath ready for us. This refreshed us
and washed away all traces of dirt from us. I left the school
quite happy and looking forward to the next game.

JOHN E. BUNKER, IIIa.
TREES.

Majesty is theirs. The whole year through, beautiful to look upon, they are living poems to stir our hearts. See them in Spring, when the chestnut spires point heavenwards, and laburnum hangs in yellow clusters. See them again in Summer with their luxuriant green foliage, and again when Autumn blazes across the hills, more richly clad than any monarch, spilling rainbows of colour. See them yet again in Winter, the noble larches and the giant pines standing naked against the cold sky, an emblem of rugged, age-old splendour. Majesty is theirs.

Have you ever seen the full moon rising behind a clump of firs on a still, midsummer night? Or have you ever seen an avenue of elms on an exposed hill-top, bravely defying a tempest, and swinging to and fro as if in a weird dance, while storm clouds hasten across the sky? Unless your heart and your soul are of steel, you will pause, and think.

It stirs me to think of all the varied wonder: the birch, stately-queen of the woods; the beautiful mountain ash; the broad-leaved chestnut and the giant pines. As for the beeches, especially in Autumn, who does not stand in awe of their strength and grace?

Without trees, how could we furnish our houses? To have no doors, or no tables, or no chairs would be unthinkable. From our cradle to our coffin we depend greatly upon trees, they are a wealth to us and from them come many necessities and luxuries. In olden days the tree was the strength of the navy. A certain admiral used to carry a handful of acorns with him, wherever he went, planting a few here and a few there, so that he could die assured that England would have enough oak for her navy.

How little we appreciate the trees; life without them would be unthinkable, and yet we go about, carving our names in the trunk, and breaking off branches, which is certainly not what nature intends. They help to shelter us from the winter winds, and they are the homes of countless birds. They give charm to every scene, and give us fruits in their season, but the best thing of all is their strength and beauty.

We may well pause to listen to the music of the wind as it rushes through the branches, a music infinitely old, long before man had learnt to worship in the woods. At such time as this, the trees seem to have a message. Majesty is theirs.

R. Leach, IVa.
THE KILL.

Early one afternoon, last November, I arose from the dinner table, and decided to take a stroll into the neighbouring fields and woodlands.

It was a proper November day, there was a little mist, and it was biting cold. As I walked, something in the neighbouring stubble attracted my attention, and it took me a few minutes to tell what it was. Something like a large hare came loping down a newly ploughed furrow. By the way it ran anyone could tell that it was a fox, and was being hunted. The distant cry of “Yoiks! Yoiks!” told me that the murderous hounds were gradually gaining. I could tell that the poor old vixen was nearly done. Her drooping brush, heaving lungs and slackening speed gave her little hope of escape. I think she must have realised this, for, when she came to a drain in the middle of a field she suddenly plunged in. No sooner had she done this than the leading hounds and horses came over the opposite hill.

They made straight for the drain, and immediately began scratching, but of course this was no good. Then I saw the Whip open his saddle bag, take a terrier out, and put it into the drain. All went well for the next minute or so but suddenly there was a loud squeal of terror and the terrier bounded from the drain with a great gash in one of its forelegs. Old Reynard had struck. I expected the Whip to call off after this but he suddenly took a piece of barbed wire which lay at his feet and twisted it into the drain.

Then he tugged hard, and the wire came out with a large portion of flesh hanging on to it. This was dreadful, but it was repeated and the fox’s tail gradually showed. The Whip suddenly grasped this and made a movement which flung the fox into the middle of the pack. There was a kind of a shuffle and the old vixen with all its insides hanging out made one last snap and fell back outnumbered. Foxes can stand against hunting but not against barbed-wire.

R. Norman, V Lower.

OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION.

We have just brought our year to a successful close, and it gives the Committee great pleasure to submit this report.

The most prominent and topical of our activities has been the running of an Old Boys’ Rugger XV. Two years ago we were very severely hampered by the lack of players, but this season has seen a remarkable change in the attitude of Old Boys to the Club.
The annual Rugger match against the School, played last month, ended in a narrow victory for the Old Boys, but this only helped to revenge the defeat at cricket in July.

On 24th October, 1936, we held our Annual Old Boys’ Supper and Social Evening, and although the attendance was disappointing, we hope to hold a more ambitious dance early in the New Year.

There has been an important adjustment in the rates of subscription to the Association this year, as we have introduced a Life Membership payment of 10/-, which can be paid in one amount, or by five consecutive yearly amounts of 2/-.

Our Rugger Team has played six matches this year and has won three of them. Although this result may appear to be fairly good, we still urgently need more playing members, and if we are to play the class of Rugby Football which is naturally associated with the School, there still needs more keenness on the part of Old Boys. We have recently adopted our own colours, claret and white, and every playing member has a grant of 2/- made to him by the Association in order to help with the cost of the shirts.

The committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members of the Association for their loyal support, and sincerely hope that they will continue their support in the future.

Although we have only recently celebrated our second birthday, we need more enthusiastic support than we are receiving at the present, and we earnestly hope that all boys who have left the School or who anticipate leaving will enrol as members, so that we may develop into an organisation worthy of the School from which we originate.

Subscriptions and donations may be paid to Mr. S. Sanders (Treasurer), or to any member of the Committee.

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