1st XI, 1947.


R. Leslie.

D. R. Roberts.
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EDITORIAL.

Yet another school year has commenced and this year the hoard of juniors has been ushered into a newly created 1st Form. Parents and Prefects were, at first, rather confused by the apparent immobility of the remainder of the school, but Prefects, at least, soon recovered and now hold the reins with confidence.

The school, this term, has experienced several changes. For instance the Biology laboratory, promised for so long, has at last materialised; last year’s scout room has suffered in the transition from scouts to the VIth form; a VIth General form has been formed and accommodates those unfortunate beings who have not yet reached the maturity of the normal VIth form, or who are still searching for remunerative employment.

The unusually fine weather experienced during the summer, although a pleasant addition to the vagaries of English weather, has had unfortunate repercussions on school rugby. An absence of grass and a concrete-like surface has severely limited the activities of the 1st XV. and caused senior games to degenerate to a mild form of rugby touch.

The addition of a separate water heater for the changing rooms will most certainly prove welcome and all those who have, in the past, suffered, not always silently, the agonies of cold water, and thanks are due to those responsible for the installation.

Finally we wish all members of the school, parents and friends, as happy a Christmas as austerity conditions will permit.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Head Prefect: J. HODGKINS.

Prefects:

We congratulate Mr. H. H. Wintersgill and Mr. A. Leftwich on their recent marriages and wish them all future happiness.

We congratulate B. J. Charter on obtaining a Standard Medal for high jump (14–16) in the School’s Inter-County Championships by jumping 5 ft. 1½ ins.

We welcome Mr. W. Henderson, B.A. (Durham), as an additional member of the Science Staff. We trust his association with the School will be congenial and memorable.
We have taken leave with regret of Mr. H. F. Christopherson at the end of the Summer Term. Our thanks are due to him for his assistance and we hope he will have pleasant memories of his brief stay.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Butler on the birth of a second son.

The School collection for the Church of England Children’s Society amounted to £6-6-0.

A School Xmas Card has again been produced. We have to thank C. W. Craddock for an excellent front page illustration of the School facade.

From the respective Harvest Camps the usual phenomenal statistics were produced.

At Wallingford 26 boys earned approximately £100 by clearing 40 acres of weeds and lifting 70 tons of hay.

At Evesham 41 boys earned £228 by picking over 50 tons of plums and apples, in addition.

Interesting film shows on “Barnardo Homes” and general topics have been exhibited to the School this term.

On 19th September the Senior School had the pleasure and distinction of receiving a visit from the Revd. P. B. Clayton who gave a lively and interesting talk on the early days of the Toc H movement.

Toc H is well represented in Wellingborough, and the Headmaster will be glad to give further information to boys leaving school about its activities and social service.

In the meantime it is felt that Old Boys who are living away from home, in universities, in industry or in overseas service, may be interested; and A. K. Gent, a member of the Old Boys’ Committee, who is Secretary of Wellingborough Toc H, will be glad to answer any enquiries.

In order to encourage the reading of good literature, Dr. Jackson, after wide consultation, has produced lists of books suitable to each Form throughout the School. At the same time the Parents’ Committee has made a grant of £30 to the Junior Library for the provision of such books. Each boy has received his list and a circular letter explaining the scheme has been sent to Parents. Thanks are also due to Miss Wallis, the Wellingborough Librarian, for issuing a list of suitable books available in the Public Library.

The books chosen are lively and interesting and every boy is expected to read a minimum of eight books annually from his list. On the first day of the Summer Term an examination will be held to test this reading and prizes will be given in each form. The School Certificate Forms are excluded from the scheme, and the VI. will take a General Paper.

In order similarly to encourage correct speech Junior, Middle and Senior prizes will also be offered for reading aloud.

The Poppy Day collection by the School amounted to £3.18.0d.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries (with apologies for any omissions); The Ousel, Petriburgian, Wellingburgian, Cytringanian, Northampton Grammar School Magazine.
COUNTY AWARDS.

E. Cross ... County Exhibition.
R. L. Jellis ... County Exhibition.
R. F. Mayes ... County Major Scholarship.
D. A. G. Turner ... County Major Scholarship.
R. Wallis ... County Major Scholarship.
R. K. Wilson ... County Exhibition.

LEAVERS.

J. Emms, Jan., 1944. Scott Bader.
K. W. Gennis, Sept., 1943. Scott Bader.
P. Hobbs, Jan., 1943. Express Transport, Ltd.
B. Stevens, Sept., 1942. Leather Dressing.


B. C. Drage, Wynan. A. A. Robinson.


ENTRANTS.

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HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.


R. Wallis : Prin., Chemistry,* Botany with Distinction, Zoology.*

G. N. Wells : Prin., Physics, Biology, Subsid., Chemistry, Economics.*


* — Good.
SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

Small letters indicate “passes”; Capital letters indicate “credits.”

J. H. Anderson  E s R K g M BIO PH ART
G. P. Beardsley  E S H R K f m bio ch PH
R. H. Bland  E s H r k G m bio ART
K. M. Bradshaw  e s H R K M BIO CH PH
M. A. Brawn  e s r k G M BIO CH PH
T. C. Cartwright  E H r k BIO CH
R. A. Cashmore  E S H r k F(o) M BIO CH PH
J. C. Clayton  E s H M BIO CH PH
D. J. Collins  E s G M CH PH
A. J. Coombe  E s h M CH PH art
I. M. Crawford  E s h r k g M art
K. S. Rady  E s R K g ART
A. H. Edge  e s h R K g M BIO ART
E. Ellingham  E S H L F(o) M CH PH ART
D. W. Garlick  E s H r k g M bio ART
M. A. Goodband  e H f M ch ph art
R. F. Grattan  E S H l F(o) M CH PH ART
D. N. Haynes  E H g M art
S. V. Hefford  E s G f M CH PH ART
F. H. Hodson  E M bio CH PH
P. H. Hunt  s R K g M BIO CH PH
C. Jeffries  E H r k M BIO CH ph
A. K. Johnson  E g M bio ART
J. R. Knifton  e s g M bio ch ph
A. W. Larman  E s M BIO CH PH
K. A. Lawrence  E G F M PH ART
R. Lawrence  E s g f M ad.m. CH PH
J. E. Lee  e H r k g M ART
R. Levy  E S G I F M AD.M. CH PH
A. Lovell  E R K G M bio ART
D. W. Luck  E s H f M ch ph ART
M. J. C. Martin  E S H R K M BIO CH PH
B. H. Mitchell  E s g I F M ad.m. CH PH
G. C. Neville  e S H R K M bio ph ART
R. C. Palmer  E g f M bio CH PH
J. R. Partridge  E F M CH ph art
D. A. W. Pearce  E s r k G M bio ph ART
D. A. Peren  E S r k g M bio ph art
R. K. Rabbitt  E F(o) m bio ch
T. F. Rice  e h r k G M bio
D. E. Richardson  e g M ch PH ART
R. F. Russell  e s H R K M BIO CH PH
R. R. Sharmar  E s R K g M BIO CH PH
R. Titley  E s H R K g m
C. H. J. Tully  E S H L F M CH PH
B. W. Underwood  E s G F(o) M BIO CH PH
S. T. Wells  E h f M BIO CH PH
P. Wilson  E I F(o) M CH PH müs
S. G. Winterbone  e S h r k m bio
P. Wix  E h R K m BIO CH ph
SIXTH FORM NOTES.

This term we have been taken by surprise once more and almost overwhelmed by a motley contingent of youths, a certain section of whom rejoice under the appellation of Sixth General. No one knows the exact advantages of this addition, but the Sixth General does not seem to have been capable of accommodating all those originally intended, or at any rate suited, to avail themselves of it. The surplus, which must have overflowed into the Lower Sixth, is we trust the seat of the degenerating influences at present existing there. However we hope with unfounded optimism that “from this descent, celestial virtues rising will appear.”

An attempt to accommodate this ever increasing Sixth is the opening up of room C, which the scientists commandeered as their headquarters and equipped with furniture of fitting elegance. In spite of their efforts to keep possession of it, the prefects with their usual animosity effected a swift transference of property by means of a hacksaw.

Here in keeping with the spirit of the alchemists of old, the scientists brew potent liquors over a primus stove, and a few intrepid artists, who have recently gained admittance, were rescued just in time from asphyxiation caused by the permeating complex aroma of burnt cocoa, ammonium sulphide and lost kit. We can only suggest that scientists’ nasal organs have suffered the same fate as the human appendix, and are (as in the case of one unfortunate gentleman) occasionally afflicted by similar complaints.

In default of the showers which have lately been renovated, those desiring a wash experimented with the water mains in the sick room. Our spirits were further damped by the sudden appearance of an intruder who, in trying to enforce the third commandment, fortunately never realised just what he had missed—and how narrowly.

Latin has of late become an exceedingly popular subject among us and even scientists have been seen studying Vergil with suppressed excitement. We are also gratified to note that several sick boys have appeared miraculously cured by a small dose of Cicero, but we are not sure whether their hurried departure indicated a psychological cure or a preference for some lesser evil.

Recently politics have given way to discussion on spiritualism. This cause has found a few staunch adherents in our midst, whose motto, we believe, is “Per Ardua ad Astral.”

During the course of this term we bade a sad farewell to several of our comrades, some now grace universities with their presence, others the army. We are sure however that the education they have received here, has inured the former to further mental anguish, and that even if the latter are forced to march on their stomachs, this part of their anatomy will suffer no ill results, after being fortified for a number of years by school dinners to withstand anything.

The author, having thus openly stated his opinions, fears that henceforth he will be relegated to his “dark approbrious den of shame, the prison of HIS tyranny who reigns” nearby.
RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Captain : J. Hodgkins.  Vice-Captain : J. A. Willmott.

Hon. Secretary : P. T. Eden.

With this year's 1st XV. probably the strongest in the history of the School, it is all the more disappointing that the weather has prevented so many games from being played. The few games that have been have shown that we have a well-balanced side with both forwards and backs doing their parts well. The forwards have given the backs plenty of chances by getting the ball back from scrum, lineout and loose, and the backs by strong running have scored most of the tries. In only one game has there been need for much defensive work, but then the tackling was very good and saved the game.

RESULTS.

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The following have also played: J. Fuller, R. Lawrence, F. H. Hodson, P. B. Smith.

UNDER 15 XV.

The hard condition of the ground has permitted us to play only three of our matches and each of these has been lost. We lost narrowly to Bedford Modern and to Northampton. Both of these matches could have been won but for a lack of determination and the will to win at the critical moment. If we can learn to put our best foot forward when things are going against us, we have the necessary talent to make a good side. At Peterborough we were well and truly beaten by a very good King's School side.

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Owing to the hard state of the ground, several matches have been postponed. The team has shown marked improvement in each match played. In their first match, against Northampton, the team suffered through lack of confidence and were well beaten. This defect was remedied against Daventry, when a hard game was just lost. Against Bedford, the team played its best game, there was far less difference between the teams than the score indicated. In a clean game with Kettering our first victory was obtained. Under fine leadership the forwards are beginning to play well together, but must learn to heel more cleanly and quickly. The threequarters have shown that, given the ball, they can score tries, their main fault is a tendency to delay passes.

RESULTS.

Thurs. Nov. 13 Under 14 v. Bedford School Away Lost 16—3
Sat. Nov. 15 Under 14 v. Kettering G.S. Home Won 5—3


HOUSE MATCHES.

First Round. Thursday, November 6th.
Seniors Dragons 28 Stags 8 Lions 6 Gryphons 5
Juniors Stags 5 Dragons 3 Lions 16 Gryphons 0

Second Round. Tuesday, November 11th.
Seniors Dragons 48 Gryphons 6 Stags 33 Lions 3
Juniors Dragons 17 Gryphons 3 Lions 5 Stags 0

Thanks are due to all those who have helped in any way with the running of the School Rugger.

CRICKET.

Captain: J. Minney. Vice-Captain: J. Hodgkins.
Hon. Secretary: D. Bradshaw.

1st XI. Full colours were awarded to: G. Coles, K. Lawrence, G. Surridge and J. Hodgkins.
Half Colours were awarded to: P. Wills and D. Roberts.

2nd XI. Colours were awarded to: J. Hearn, R. Leslie, P. Hunt and T. Oakley.

Under 15 XI. Colours were awarded to: D. Roberts, W. Lee (Captain), T. S. Groome, J. Simmons and E. Tilley.

Under 14 XI. Colours were awarded to: N. A. Tompkins (Captain), I. Wills, R. Holmes, D. Walden, J. Whiffing, J. Gilbert, B. Warren and R. Catling.
This year the 1st XI. were well beaten by a much improved Masters’ XI. The first four batsmen on the Masters’ side made a sound start, producing 52 runs. The remaining wickets fell quickly though, due to excellent bowling by J. Minney, who took 8 wickets for 11 runs. Mr. Davies and Mr. Wrenn opened the bowling for the Masters and continued through the whole of the School innings, with great success. Mr. Davies took 7 wickets for 27 and Mr. Wrenn 3 for 31. J. Minney alone stood out against this strong attack.

We were strengthened in our match against Wilby C.C. by including Mr. Davies and Mr. Wrenn in our side. Batting first we produced 95 runs, due to a fine partnership by R. Leslie and D. Roberts. Wilby retaliated strongly with 73 runs, 37 of which were scored by L. C. Buckby.

This year our match with Finedon Dolben C.C. was played at Finedon. The Dolben batted first and declared at 124 runs for 6 wickets. Our score, 112, was mainly due to fine innings by J. Hearn and G. Surridge.

In our match with King’s School, Peterborough, J. Hodgkins made the highest individual score of the season, falling only one short of his half century. Of our total of 116, J. Hyde also contributed 26 runs. King’s School made 45 runs for 6 wickets before stumps were drawn.

**Under 15 XI.**


W.G.S. 58 (Darnell 17).
Harpur Central 102 (Lee 4 for 28).

July 24th. v. Harpur Central Under 15. Lost

W.G.S. 45 (Partridge 13 not out).
Harpur Central 57 for 6 (Lee 3 for 22).

**Under 14 XI.**


W.G.S. 95.
N.G.S. 27 for 7 (Catling 4 for 10).

July 19th. v. Leicester City Boys’ School. Drawn.


W.G.S. 95 (I. Wills 35, Whiffing 13).
N.G.S. 72.
CRICKET AVERAGES, SEASON 1947.

1ST XI.

Runs for 1,157. Runs against 1,093.

**BATTING.**

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**CATCHES.**

Minney 8; Hyde 7; Hodgkins 5; Coles 5; Surridge 5; Wallis 3; Leslie 1; Law 1; Lawrence 1; Hearn 1.

2ND XI.


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### UNDER 15 XI.

Played 5. Won 1. Drawn 0. Lost 5.

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### SWIMMING SPORTS, JULY, 1947.

Many more boys scored points for their Houses in the distance swimming this year, and there was a definite improvement in the standard of swimming in the racing events. Some of the Middles and Juniors showed promise, notably I. Smith, Craddock, De Banke and A. Partridge. The Senior Diving was again first class with Burton and Surridge showing 1st place only a few points ahead of Roberts.

The Stags House came out easy winners and put up a very fine show on Sports Day.
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HOUSE NOTES.

DRAGONS.

House Masters:
Mr. G. E. Sharp, Mr. C. A. Pine, Mr. C. J. H. Ward.

Head of House: J. P. Hyde.

House Prefects: J. A. Willmott, P. T. Eden, K. A. Lawrence, R. Smith, R. Leslie, C. McCall.

The House extends a hearty welcome to all new members. We hope that they will not only maintain, but improve the high standard of performance in previous years.

The Dragons start the new year in possession of well over half the School Trophies and are in a good position to retain the Saxby Rugby Cup. In the first two rounds the seniors beat the Stags and Gryphons 28—8 and 48—6 respectively and the juniors beat the Gryphons 17—3, but succumbed to the Stags 5—3. We are proud of the fact that we have nine seniors in the 1st XV.

From the results of many previous Swimming Competitions, however, it is clear that the Dragon has not yet become amphibious.

J. P. Hyde, having recovered from his injury, again leads the House in most of its sporting activities. B. J. Charter is to be congratulated on his high jumping at Kingston-on-Hull.

We congratulate P. T. Eden and K. A. Lawrence on being appointed School Prefects, and the latter again on the award of his House Colours.

At the recent House Meeting R. Smith was elected Secretary and C. McCall and K. A. Lawrence were nominated to fill the House Prefect vacancies.

Congratulations are extended to all Dragons who gained the Oxford H.S.C. and S.C. and we wish the best of luck to all future candidates.

The fact that we have held the Ferguson Trophy for many years is a good indication of the scholastic abilities of the House.

Finally, to all old Dragons wherever they may be, we wish the best of fortune in their passage through life.

GRYPHONS.

Housemasters:
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. S. G. Cook, Mr. H. N. Atherton.

Head of House: D. S. Law.

House Prefects: P. B. Smith, D. Burton, R. L. Goodbody (Secretary).

Since the last edition of the House Notes the only competition to be fought to a close has been the Swimming, which we hoped to win, but unluckily took second place, losing to the Stags’ Swimming team for the second year in succession. Our position was mainly
due to the excellent diving of D. Burton, well backed up by the swimming of R. K. S. Baker, P. B. Smith, S. Partridge and D. F. Walden, while our success in winning the relay cup was largely due to the efforts of R. T. Waterfield.

We have only played two rounds of the House Rugby matches so far, unfortunately we have lost to both Lions and Dragons, due to the good playing of individual players even though our own team put up a brave fight. D. S. Law, J. H. J. Beckwith, D. J. Lawrence, P. B. Smith, D. N. Haynes, G. T. Beardsley, D. C. Westley and R. T. Waterfield play for the School teams.

On the academic side we congratulate R. K. S. Baker and H. C. Parker on their successes in H.S.C. and we wish them luck in their future careers. Congratulations are also due to all those Gryphons who gained School Certificates in July and we sympathise with all those taking it in the near future.

We have unfortunately lost our capable Choir leader, R. E. Titley. and members of the House are asked to give the new one all possible assistance which has not been forthcoming in recent years.

In conclusion, we wish all Gryphons, past, present and future, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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LIONS.

Housemasters:

Mr. H. H. Wintersgill, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. R. V. S. Ward.

Head of House: G. C. Neville.


Secretary: R. F. Mayes.

Although placed fourth in the Swimming Competition, held late in the Summer Term, the House has given a creditable performance in most activities.

Interest this term has been centred upon the Rugby Competition, and this we began splendidly by gaining full points against the Gryphons. In the senior game the opposing teams were very evenly matched, and the Gryphons, spurred on, no doubt, by more vociferous support from the touchline, pressed hard throughout the second half. But this effort did not succeed, and we won by the narrow margin of one point. The outstanding player on our side was G. C. Neville, the Captain. Our record was tarnished a little in the second round, when the senior team lost 33—3 to the Stags. However, the Juniors were again successful, and we look forward hopefully to the last round.
Perhaps the most important news from last term is that concerning the School and Higher School Certificate Examinations. In both, Lions did so well that our chances of gaining the Ferguson Trophy should be materially increased. Successful Higher School Certificate candidates were: D. C. A. Bradshaw, J. N. Minney, R. F. Mayes, D. J. Hales, D. A. G. Turner, R. Wallis, G. N. Wells and R. K. Wilson—surely a record for this or any other House. Lions carried off four of the five County Awards made on the results of this examination: R. F. Mayes, D. A. G. Turner and R. Wallis each gained a County Major Scholarship, and R. K. Wilson a County Exhibition.


Finally, we sympathise with all Lions still in the toils of various examinations, and wish "A merry Christmas" to all past and present House-members, especially to those due to leave this term.

*STAGS.*

*Housemasters:*

Dr. A. Jackson, Mr. H. C. Phillips, Mr. J. W. Davies.

*Head of House:* J. Hodgkins.


We welcome all newcomers to the House and look to them to uphold the honour of the Stags. We have been eminently successful in the past, although at present we hold only two school trophies: the cups for Swimming and Music.

The autumn term has been singularly uneventful as regards inter-house activities; the first two rounds of the Rugby Football House Matches, however, have left us in quite a favourable position, although our seniors were defeated by a very strong Dragons' team. The mainstay of our side is undoubtedly the First XV. captain, J. Hodgkins, without whom we would be lost. It should not be assumed from this however, that the rest of the team is not enthusiastic and hard-working.

For the past year there has been a great deal of talk concerning House Clubs for such things as table-tennis, cycling, and photography, but, although various boys have been placed in charge of these, nothing further has transpired.

We must congratulate the large number of candidates who gained School and Higher School Certificates this year, and we wish success to those taking examinations in December.
Two new house-prefects, D. B. Clarke and P. Wills have been elected, and N. Wildman has been awarded House Colours for work in Rugby Football and Athletics.

In conclusion, we wish the best of luck to those leaving us this term, and extend hearty Christmas greetings to all Stags and ex-Stags, wherever they may be.

PARENTS’ COMMITTEE.

The Parents’ Committee held their annual meeting on 25th September when the following parents were welcomed to the Committee:—Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Pope and Mrs. Norris. It was with regret that the Committee received the resignation of Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Williams. The dates of forthcoming social events were fixed as follows:—Whist Drive, 30th October; Whist Drive 5th February, 1948; Whist Drive, 18th March; Jumble Sale 1st May; and Parents’ Day and Prize Giving 17th June.

£20—£30 was voted for the purchase of Junior Library books for the encouragement of reading among the Junior Forms, £10 was voted towards the cost of a Guide book to the Industries of Wellingborough and District which the Geography Sixth are hoping to publish in the near future.

As a result of the Whist Drive held on 30th October, £18.0.6 was added to the account, making a total of £257.19.8 in the School Amenities Fund.

CAMERA CLUB.

We have had three meetings of the club this term.

At the first meeting Mr. Sharp gave a demonstration of tank development. A member’s film was developed and as most of us had never seen the process, it proved very interesting.

K. W. Rogers gave at the second meeting, a very good demonstration of the making of contact prints. He also showed us the difference between grades of printing paper by printing the same negative on to four different grades of paper.

In our third meeting Mr. Sharp showed us how enlarging can be done and we also discussed the prospects of making an enlarger for the club. Our next meeting will be devoted to discussing any ideas put forward by members.

The club now owns a developing tank and some printing dishes for use by members. Now in fact some of us are quite expert in developing and printing. The club would however like more members and even if you know nothing of the subject more experienced members will be glad to help and advise, so come to the next meeting.
This year the School Dramatic Society will be presenting "Badger's Green" a comedy in three acts by R. C. Sherriff. A full account of the play will be given in the next issue of the magazine.

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Producer: Doctor A. Jackson.
Stage Manager: Mr. T. G. Cook.

House secretaries are reminded of the house plays next term. There will be a meeting of the producers after "Badger's Green" has been presented.

__IA LECTURE SOCIETY.__

The following people have given lectures, the best being that of Cottingham:—

P. H. R. Norman, Trains; W. D. Cox, Swimming; D. W. D. Barber, Stamps; J. Buckby, Pigeons; R. Cottingham, Bees; J. Rich, Herring Fishing; T. A. Field, Animals; J. W. Cook, Gardening; P. F. Waller, Guy Fawkes; B. A. Brawn, Football; J. T. Boyce, Elephants; L. Mayes, Butterflies and Moths; B. Houghton, Birds; B. Wilson, Birds and their habits; C. Parker, Cricket.

G. H. Patenall, Secretary.
LIBRARY NOTES.

At the end of the summer term the library was closed and a group of Fifth formers transformed the arrangement of its books. So much so, indeed, that more than one regular habitue was heard demanding the whereabouts of his favourite literature. At present the non fiction stock is classified on the Dewey system and is so arranged on the shelves. We hope soon to provide more shelf labels as guides to the location of books.

This term we have had to deal with many additional books and the library staff have put in a great deal of work. We have again had a loan collection of books from the County Library.

The Library Committee has met twice and has considered new books, periodicals and other matters. The secretary is M. J. King.

For the 3rd, 4th and 5th forms the library is open after school on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays for the borrowing of books. On these days it has been noted that books from the County collection are much more in demand than our own books. We would urge users to look round the shelves or to ask the librarians about books; they are always willing to help.

Recent additions of books have been chiefly fiction, some books on Mathematics and some books on Literature and classics from Mr. Wintersgill.

Acknowledgments, etc.

We are very grateful to Mr. Wintersgill for a gift of books, to the County Librarian and her staff for their most valuable help and especially to M. J. King, G. J. Beardsley, J. H. Goodband, M. A. Brawn, J. T. Cartwright, R. A. Spencer, M. J. C. Martin, for their work at the end of the summer term. This involved the classifying of the whole book stock, nearly 3,000 volumes, the numbering of each and the consequent re-arrangement on the shelves.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Officials:

Vice-President : Mr. R. V. S. Ward.  Secretary : B. F. Toms.

The Society has been formed very recently at the instigation of the sixth form artists to supply the missing half of the now long defunct Literary, Scientific and Debating Society.

The constitution of the Society has now been determined, and meetings are to be held fortnightly.

At present, very little information on the subject of this new venture is available, but we look forward with interest to our first lecture which is to be given by C. Craddock, on Psychic Research and Phenomena.
MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB.

President: MR. H. C. PHILLIPS.  Chairman: G. P. SURRIDGE.
Secretary: J. FULLER.

Recently little flying has taken place, but during the August holidays and the first part of the term, several members constructed models which made flights of well over two minutes.

As the weather has held up outdoor flying, we have restarted indoor flying. Already there have been a few crashes, one plane even tried to fly through the wall bars in the Hall, much to the regret of its owner.

Any boys, from the 1st forms upwards, who are interested in model flying are invited to join the club.

PUPPET CLUB.

Since the last magazine was published the club has increased in numbers. We are at the moment producing the pantomime "Aladdin" which we hope to present at Christmas or early in the New Year.

The puppets have improved both in looks and ease of movement, but we still need more practice in their manipulation and in speaking the necessary parts.

Some hard work by J. S. Spring and P. S. Howlett, was put into the painting of the scenery, which looks very effective, helped by the lighting, which has also improved considerably.

We still have to find a means of transport for the stage and props with which we are hoping to give various shows in the near future.

RAILWAY CLUB NOTES.

During the latter part of the Summer Term an excursion was made to Desborough where members saw the model railway belonging to Mr. Ginn. This railway is in the owner's garden and members were allowed to play with the engines and rolling stock much to their enjoyment. They were further entertained indoors by a film of the railway taken by the owner. Some scenes were taken from the train whilst in motion.

At the beginning of this term a party visited Market Harborough where there are three lines—the main London to Leicester line, the Rugby to Peterborough line and a third to Northampton. We were interested to see that the Peterborough line goes under the main line before coming up to the station.
The enrolment of new members was the main business of our second meeting. About one third of the first form have already joined, but enthusiasm is not up to last year's.

Future business will include lectures to help increase the knowledge of new members. We hope also to attend the exhibition of Engineering Models at Kettering, despite our usual closed winter season for excursions. There we look forward to seeing a model railway in operation.

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**SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.**

*Officials:*

*President:* The Headmaster.  
*Secretary:* D. S. Law.

*Chairman:* S. A. Scott.  
*Vice-Chairman:* K. H. Westley.

*Committee:* S. A. Scott, K. H. Westley, Mr. Holmes, D. S. Law, G. P. Surridge, R. Lawrence.

This term, under the Chairmanship of S. A. Scott, the Society has held meetings on alternate Wednesdays.

Up to the time of writing, papers have been read to us by K. H. Westley, S. A. Scott and D. S. Law. All of their lectures show that the speakers have put in a large amount of work in preparing their papers and have a good knowledge of their subject.

The attendance of sixth formers to the meetings of the Society has been good, but the fifth forms have shown little interest so far.

In conclusion we wish G. J. Howard, our former Chairman, every success in his studies at University College, Nottingham.

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**SCOUTS.**

The School Troop had a very good camp at Wallingford near Oxford, and excellent weather made the fortnight very pleasant—N. F. Pearson taught some of us to fish, several learnt to row (a boat, not the noise made late at night)—no one needed to be taught to cat. Whilst at camp, we made good use of the time, firelighting tests were passed, cooking tests, trees and birds tests, and we were delighted to hear T. F. Rice has become a First Class Scout. He is now A.S.M. to 2nd Rushden.

S. T. Wells is the Troop Leader this year and we are nearly up to full strength. We've had some outdoor work—and shan't soon forget J. H. Anderson and C. Stone setting us a track which needed flood lighting at the end.

Friday evening is a noisy time—inclined to be rough at times, but it's first class fun.
STAMP CLUB.

During this term we have formed a stamp club under the leadership of Mr. Jay. We have had only three meetings so far, and are pleased to see about twenty boys every other Wednesday night waiting to go into the meeting. We have a competition at each meeting with a prize of stamps for the winner. We have a display of stamps each time we meet and have had “a stamp zoo” and a display of “commemoratives.” At the last meeting we had an auction sale of stamps which was received enthusiastically. We should like to add that new members from 3rd forms upwards will be made very welcome if they are interested.

W.G.S. TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

President: Mr. R. V. S. Ward.

Hon. Sec.: G. P. Surridge.

Hon. Treas.: P. B. Smith.

Committee: D. S. Law, S. A. Scott, P. B. Smith, G. P. Surridge.

We have started the new season with even more members than usual. We are however more fortunate in being able to use the table on 5 nights a week as compared with 3 or 4 a week last year.

We have just finished a tournament between the Vth and VIth forms, which the VIth won in the 25th game (19—6). We hope to run a knock-out competition and to play against the masters later on in the year.

This year two of our members entered for the singles and doubles of the County Youth Championship, but unfortunately these were cancelled at the last minute due to insufficient entries.

VISIT TO WELLINGBOROUGH TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

On the 14th November the VIth Science visited the above exchange where they were conducted round the exchange by the engineer in charge. He first showed us the termination of the underground cable and the distribution and protective devices against lightning and power. Then he went on to explain the splitting up of the exchange into groups, levels and contacts. He explained the automatic routing of calls via the linefinders, 1st, 2nd and final selectors, and the meters for the charging of calls.

The system of alarms was also explained, various kinds of faults causing lamps to glow and bells to ring indicating the position of the racks, etc., where the faults exist. Finally we saw the master clock by which all the clocks in the exchange were synchronised.
A VISIT TO ROSE-ACRE NURSERIES.

On November 14th, a party consisting of IIIA and several of the VIth form visited Rose-acre Nurseries. In charge of the party were the Headmaster, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Nicholas.

Mr. Mayes first showed the party how to graft apple trees. This, he explained, is generally done in the spring. After fixing a graft to a crab apple "stock" he showed us some trees which had been done a year before. Mr. Mayes then showed us how budding is done, a summer operation. After this we moved down to the black currant bed. The method of producing new currant bushes is to cut off one year's growth at the girdle-scar from a parent bush, and then to dip the end in a box of Hormone. This is a preparation for quickening the growth of the roots. Mr. Mayes then stuck it into the ground. This was all that was necessary to make the shoot grow. He then pulled out two bushes which had been grown as just mentioned. These he later gave away.

The party then started back and D. F. Emerton presented Mr. Mayes with a packet of cigarettes and thanked him for a very enjoyable visit.

VISIT TO WELLINGBOROUGH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The Wellingborough Industrial Exhibition was sponsored primarily to give scholars near leaving age, their parents, and their teachers, an opportunity to see what positions the local industries offered. Nevertheless, it was decided that the whole School should attend. The date appointed was October 31st, and four parties set out at different times to go to the Co-operative Society's factory, thus following in the steps of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, who had visited the Exhibition on the previous Friday.

There were several Masters and a Prefect with each party, and in order to avoid having large crowds around each exhibit, each Master and Prefect took charge of a form and went in a different direction.

On entering the factory, we first went to the stands where boot and shoe making, the major industry of the county, was in progress. Here we investigated a number of complicated-looking machines, the processes of which were carefully explained to us by the people who were operating them.

Eventually, after spending half an hour there, we moved on, and looked at the laundry stand and the interesting mica processes of Copeland and Jenkins, remaining for a time at the stand where synthetic resins and emulsions were exhibited.
Continuing further, a few boys summoned up courage to glance blushingly at these unmentionables—corsets! But we proceeded and, after passing the Glove and Building stalls, arrived at the Food stall, where we stayed for a while, and would certainly have stayed longer had they offered us any of the delicacies there.

At the Nursing stand there were models of those life-giving instruments, the Iron Lung and the Oxygen Tent, but time was pressing and we reluctantly withdrew, to come to a stall where combs and fancy ornaments created an extremely attractive display. Our interest was rewarded, for everyone was given a plastic comb.

Pressing on we reached the Brewery stand, and were invited to sample Praed’s minerals. The response was naturally, “I don’t mind if I do.”

Refreshed by the drink, we turned our attention to the extensive engineering stand, and also were interested in coach-building, plastics, tanning and clothing before we went into a room where a film was shown to illustrate the uses of clay.

Finally, having passed a really instructive and enjoyable ninety minutes in the Exhibition, we returned to School, surprised at the wide range of local industries.

WALLINGFORD, 1947.

One hot day in July a train steamed into Oxford station, bearing a party of young Northamptonshire farmers—the latter, needless to say, had left their collective ticket behind. The railway authorities, however, were benevolent, and the Oxford War Agricultural Executive Committee were even beneficent, for within (approximately) ten or eleven hours of their arrival in that city, two massive lorries were despatched to take them the rest of their journey.

Even at first sight the camp-site left little to be desired, and it was not long before the whole party had changed into a welcome (albeit scanty) attire and settled down to the easy and idle life of the open air.

All the dirty work of the camp had already been done by certain Displaced Persons, who seemed to spend half their time in digging pits and the other half (presumably) in filling them in.

For the first few days the lack of work caused considerable annoyance, and when at last a weeding job was found, the shouts of joy may well be imagined. By the time those three blessed weeks had passed, a strong affection had grown up between charlock and charlock-puller, and the camp wholeheartedly sympathised with its colleagues at Evesham, who had to content with picking fruit.

The weather was clement throughout the whole stay, and permitted indulgence in many sports and pastimes, including football, tennis, cricket, swimming and even fishing. The local cinema
was well patronised and some more gallant members of the company were seen surreptitiously (we might add suspiciously) applying hair-oils and other beauty preparations before presenting themselves to the Wallingford populace. We will not dwell upon the painful subject of one more sport—a nocturnal one.

After the first fortnight the peace and rustic simplicity of the camp was rudely shattered by the arrival of some of the younger scouts, who for some strange reason insisted on doing their own cooking. This was totally unnecessary—the food was excellent, and it is understood that Mr. Pine will shortly publish a treatise entitled, "Off the Beeton Track—300 semolina receipes." Not all the Masters were so successful, however.

Mention should be made of the valuable assistance rendered by two old boys of the School, who carried out the duties of a "regimental Chisti" with skill, goodwill and a small water-cart.

The high-spot of our sojourn in Oxfordshire (or Berkshire—we never quite knew which) was undoubtedly the camp concert, in which every boy played a significant part. A wealth of dramatic and musical talent was revealed and the whole programme made a fitting end to a very enjoyable camp.

Many, many years later, each participant in this gigantic "Save-the-Nation" campaign was handed a few paltry pence as reward for his unceasing toil on the land.

It was worth it.

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**EVESHAM.**

This year's camp at Evesham consisted of about forty boys under the gentle care of Mr. Nicholas.

The working party was under the supervision of Mr. Christopherson and Mr. Wintersgill was assisted by Mrs. Christopherson and B. O. Elmore in the cooking of the meals. Miss Gregory, who was a mistress at the School during the war helped during the last week of camp.

When the main body of the boys arrived they found the tents pitched and were immediately issued with blankets and a palliasse. The boys soon settled down to what proved to be a not very eventful camp.

The forethought in the minds of most boys was the food and mention must be made of the super-sized sandwiches and the mysterious looking soups.

Each morning the boys found themselves awakened by the voice of A. J. Carter shouting "Wakey, wakey" and undoing the flaps of the tent.

Only a few days were lost because of rain and this was made up for by a few boys, who, for love of work (or money) worked some evenings.
The beverage of the camp seemed to be tea which was almost continually brewing and this was only rivalled by the bottles of cider which were obtained from the town. Some boys even tried to make cider themselves. The main pastimes in the evening were baseball, football and other more gentle amusements.

The Headmaster paid a visit to the camp as did some of the boys’ parents.

During the week-ends visits were paid to Broadway and the Malvern Hills.

After three weeks, camp was struck and the boys returned to the comforts of home, cheered by the fact that several special trains had been allotted to carry fruit from the Evesham valley.

VISIT TO H.M. SHIPS, PORTSMOUTH.

Towards the end of the summer holidays a party of 33 boys from the upper forms, accompanied by Mr. Jay, paid a three-day visit to the Naval Establishment of Portsmouth.

On Tuesday, September 2nd, a special bus conveyed the party from the School, and the sea-side was reached at tea-time. A launch from H.M.S. Vernon took us to the cruiser “Royalist” and battleship “Ramilies,” moored together in mid-harbour and now used as training ships. That evening able seamen initiated us in the art of “slinging a hammock” and in the the time remaining to us before “Pipe Down” we roamed at will over the decks of our new homes.

Wednesday was a strenous day of sightseeing. By 10 a.m. we had been conducted over H.M.S. “Victory,” Nelson’s historic flagship. Items of particular interest were the capstans for raising the anchors, the surgeon’s tiny operating room, and the pikes used for repelling boarders. Those of us who bumped their heads on the low rafters of the deck overhead were able to sympathise with Captain Hardy who, we learnt, was 6 ft, 4½ ins. tall. (At Trafalgar, we presume, he “stooped to conquer.”) The rest of the morning offered a vivid contrast, for in three groups we were shown over H.M.S. “Illustrious.” For most of us it was the first time we had been aboard a modern aircraft-carrier, and after traversing a maze of passages honeycombed with cabins, messdecks and workshops we gazed in awe at the spacious flight deck and roomy hangars.

During the afternoon we toured the Motor Torpedo Boat base, and inspected the powerful engines which form the core of these craft. We looked over a captured German E-Boat and saw the new British jet-driven M.T.B. proceeding to sea for trials. Then to the submarine base, where we spent sufficient time aboard the “Tantalus” to appreciate the cramped quarters and crowded mechanisms of these underwater vessels.
In the early evening we touched the high-spots of the tour. Tea was served by uniformed W.R.N.S. in the spacious Ward Room of H.M.S. “Excellent.” This was followed by a walk around Whale Island, the Naval Gunnery School, where we saw—and operated!—everything from a 4.5 to replicas of 15 inch turrets. In the Dome Trainer everyone had firing practice behind real gunsights at hostile aircraft which approached on a screen with all the fearsome noises of battle from the accompanying sound track. By ingenious mechanism which synchronised with the sound film the number of rounds fired by each person, and his score of hits and misses, were recorded. Mr. Jay was heard to mutter after learning of his score that he had better remain a schoolmaster—he was clearly no good as a gunner!

On the Thursday morning we lashed up and stowed our hammocks for the last time, and with Roche at the wheel of our boat we chugged across the harbour to Vernon Pier where the coach awaited us. At Oxford after a good meal we spent over an hour in warm sunshine seeing the sights of that historic town before resuming our journey and at 4 o’clock (eight bells!) we tied up at the Grammar School and disembarked.

The excursion was arranged in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour and National Service, to whom we were grateful for the opportunity of seeing the Navy at close quarters. We appreciated too the help and courtesy of those officers and ratings who made our visit so enjoyable.
OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION NOTES.

DECEMBER, 1947.

Editorial Committee:
F. J. Crawley (Sec.), B. M. Smart, J. Hodgkins, J. H. H. Sutton, L. Day, W. Richardson, P. Crawley.

EDITORIAL.

At the last General Meeting of the Association, the framework of the organisation was established, and very rightly so. The Old Boys’ Association has been running for over ten years and some guiding principle is necessary in order that new committees and officers may have direction when assuming office. Many more “rules and regs.” could have been established but in a world of forms and instructions only the barest outline of procedure has been fixed by the General Meeting.

The major decision was that the Association should be governed by a General Committee of twenty members, elected annually. This Committee should also include as “ex-officio” members (that is, members of the Association who are not elected to the Committee but are members by virtue of the office they hold), the Rugger and Cricket Captains, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Second Master at the School (Mr. I. J. Nicholas) and the Head Prefect (J. Hodgkins) were also elected “ex-officio” members as it was felt that this step would make a useful link between the Association and those still at School. This General Committee then elects its own sub-committees. The meeting laid down that such committees must be established for Sports, Entertainments, the Rushden area and for Editorial duties, and gave the General Committee power to create such additional sub-committees as it considers necessary.

The sub-committees consist of the following:


Rushden: R. Ingram, J. Hodgkins, R. Bates.

Editorial: J. Crawley (Sec.), W. Richardson, B. Smart, J. Hodgkins, L. Day, H. Sutton, P. Crawley.
The Chairman of the General Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer (Messrs. Bean, Holmes and Port) are “ex-officio” members of all sub-committees. The names of the General Committee members will be found elsewhere in these Notes.

At present the Rushden Committee is incomplete, but it will be extended as soon as possible. The Sports Committee will function between the General Committee and the Rugger and Cricket teams and ensure the greatest possible co-operation between the two bodies. The new Entertainments Committee is already at work and the efforts of the Editorial Sub-Committee are in front of you now.

The work has been divided up and it is hoped that as the years pass other rules will be formulated to improve the working of the Association, but in the creation of any regulation it must always be remembered that the Association exists only for the benefit of its members. Let us hope that by our own efforts we can have a happy and successful Association and avoid the “cliquism” and partisan feeling which so often obscures the benefits of similar bodies. We shall only succeed by our own endeavours and the active participation of as many members as possible is the surest way to a smooth running Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of your Association was held in the School Hall, on Thursday evening, 2nd October, 1947, when about fifty members were present.

The President, Mr. H. Wrenn, made a short address in which he paid tribute to the work done by the Association’s Officers in 1946-1947 and he thanked especially Mr. I. J. Nicholas for his assistance.

The Secretary reported on the Association’s general activities and stated that membership had risen from sixty-six to one hundred and fifty-six during the year.

A satisfactory statement of accounts was given by the Treasurer, there being a balance for the financial year ending 31st August, 1947, of £150/11/1, and the Association’s funds then stood at £454/7/7, the Memorial Fund being £136/9/4.

The Entertainments Secretary reported on the year’s Dances and it was decided to write letters of appreciation to the several ladies who had helped with the catering arrangements.

Reports from the Rugger and Cricket Secretaries followed; these are dealt with elsewhere in these Notes.

It was decided at this Meeting to form a large General Committee of twenty members and the names of those elected will be found at the end of this report. It was also decided that future
Old Boys’ Supplements should be published separately from the School Magazine although extracts would be included therein. It was further decided to publish an Old Boys’ Calendar in which it is hoped to include some of the more important School activities.

The possibility of holding Old Boys’ functions in the Rushden area was discussed and a small Rushden Sub-Committee was suggested to explore this possibility.

The Officers elected were as follows:—

*Secretary:* K. J. Holmes.
*Assistant Secretary:* F. J. Crawley.
*Treasurer:* F. J. Port.

*General Committee:*

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**THE SCHOOL AS IT IS NOW.**

It is perhaps early yet to consider a history of the School—for though numerous Old Boys have begun auspiciously what may well be distinguished careers, it remains for posterity to assess them at their comparative value.

Nevertheless it may not be out of place to note some of the trivia of the School’s life and to offer some comparisons for those who have had little contact for several years.

Outwardly the School as a building has changed little—its railings and gates are gone to stem sterner invaders then the marauding children who annually strip the fruit trees. Air Raid Shelters at the top of the kitchen garden remain an ugly unused reminder of war—while amongst them stands a prefabricated hut of great utility but equal ugliness to house two forms in indifferent comfort.

Inwardly changes slowly take place to accommodate the vastly increased population. Room 14, that convenient grand-stand has become a handsome, if small, biology lab.; almost adequate showers are now available and every enclosed space is become a classroom with the exception only of the sports cubby-hole and the Prefects room. Woodwork has, perforce, had to be abandoned and the room used as a music and form room.

All these last changes are due to the doubling of the School’s numbers in the war years. A now regular entry of ninety boys with Scholarships will maintain the figures henceforward, but building appears to lag fifteen years or so on this increase. As a consequence
of the increase the sixth form now numbers around sixty, with a considerably extended range of subjects. The staff, too, has changed and increased greatly, reaching twenty-two by the end of this term. Below the sixth form various changes have been made to the curriculum, mostly to broaden it, though it still remains the academic, rather than practical, course as befits a Grammar School.

Reflection on the more leisurely spacious pre-war days becomes nostalgic in the extreme when the present conditions in the dining-hall are viewed. Then, we sat ten to a table with elbow space and food to warrant it. Now we sit twelve, and to several more tables, and two settings are needed to dispose of all who are to be fed. Not now the idle pleasanties of lunch-time conversation—the race against time precludes concentration on more than the immediate object. Gone too are the second helpings of treacle duff and the bowls of beans, rationing makes a mockery of school boys appetites.

Despite difficulties, however, the School as a living community goes from strength to strength. Despite rationing, School records are yearly improved and now bear comparison with most. Academically good results are naturally more numerous, but a sound tradition has now been set and we hope to find even higher standards built. There remains every reason why Old Boys should be proud of their efforts and satisfied that their successes are a continuing inspiration to the rising generation.

(Contributed).

OLD BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

This season has not, unfortunately, been as satisfactory and as successful as we had at first hoped.

Our position in the Town League was seventh which was rather disappointing. This, however, was not entirely the fault of the team. (For attention : Parks' Superintendent).

In the Knock-out Competition we held our own very well and eventually won the "Hill" Cup by defeating the Royals in a close fought final.

Several friendly matches were also played, these all proved to be really enjoyable games and it is hoped in future to obtain more of these fixtures.

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WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS’ R.F.C.

Our activities this season have been curtailed by the dry ground and three of our fixtures have had to be scratched. Playing conditions have not been good and there have been some unfortunate injuries; but the team has not yet put up a really satisfying performance. More “go,” more hard tackling, more threequarter movements are all needed.

RESULTS TO DATE.

Sept. 20 Corby ‘A’ ... ... Away Lost 15—13
,, 25 Olney ... ... Home Drawn 6—6
,, 27 Old Northamptonians ... Home Lost 28—0
Oct. 4 Queen’s Works, Bedford ... Home Scratched
,, 11 Northampton G.S. ... Away Lost 23—6
,, 18 Northampton Unity ... Home Scratched
,, 25 Oundle 3rd XV. ... ... Away Scratched
Nov. 8 Bedford Athletic ‘A’ ... Home Drawn 3—3

The Annual Meeting was held on 25th September. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer made their reports and Officers were elected for the 1947-1948 season.

Captain : N. P. Betts.
Vice-Captain : S. R. Elks.
Hon. Secretary : T. G. Cook.
Hon. Treasurer : A. Bird.

We have still not got a surplus of players and Old Boys who are interested in playing are urged to get in touch with any of the Officers or the School. If you cannot get a game, or if you feel you are too old to play you can always come and give us some vocal support at our home games—a little encouragement from the touch line does us a lot of good.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Once again the monthly dances, held in the School Hall have been the main social activity of the Association. They have been reasonably successful both from the financial and social point of view but we would like to see more Old Boys present.
We are running a New Year’s Eve Ball this year, arrangements for which are well in hand and it promises to be a very good “do.” Other dances are fixed for 13th December and 7th February, 13th March and 17th April, 1948, so book all these dates now. Tickets can be obtained from A. W. Gent and Sons Ltd., Park Road, Wellingborough; T. B. Page and Sons Ltd., Wellingborough; Frostwick Press, Market Street, Wellingborough; Mr. R. Bates, 103, Hayway, Rushden and Mr. K. J. Holmes (Association Secretary).

It is hoped to have the Annual Dinner next April and the third of that month is the date that has been provisionally fixed. Details will be made known to all later on.

We are hoping to increase the scope of our social events and members interested in any of the undermentioned activities are asked to contact the appropriate person, direct or through any committee member.

Badminton ... A. Bird, “Riverside,” Mill Rd., Wellingborough.
Chess ... H. K. Bean, 3, Hatton St., Wellingborough.
Table Tennis W. Richardson, “Thorpelands,” Earls Barton.
Glee Club or Male Voice Choir K. Holmes, 6, Upper Havelock Street, Wellingborough.
Hockey ... K. Holmes.
Music ... F. Port, 4, Third Avenue, Wellingborough.
Soccer ... P. Jessop, 131, Gold St., Wellingborough.

MISCELLANY.

The Subscription Rates for Old Boys are:

2/6 for the first year after leaving School and 5/- annually thereafter, or Life Membership can be obtained on payment of Two Guineas. Annual Subscriptions are due on September 1st. The Treasurer is Mr. F. J. Port, 4, Third Avenue, Wellingborough.

Arrangements are being made for any Old Boy who wishes, to obtain copies of the School Magazine after he has left the School.

Old Boys wishing to participate in Cricket or Rugger are invited to contact the respective Secretaries:—R. H. Tyers, 82, Melton Road North, Wellingborough and T. G. Cook, The Grammar School, Wellingborough.

The Committee appeal to all Old Boys to join the Association and to take an active part in its work. It offers you both Sports and Social activities—and an Annual Dinner (rationing permitting).

Thanks are due once again to the Headmaster, Staff and Governors of the School for their assistance and for the use of the School premises during the year.
NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

J. A. MABBUTT is proceeding to an assistant lectureship at Cape Town from Cambridge.

H. K. BEAN has passed Part I. Final Examination of Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants.

It was with sincere regret that we heard of the accidental death of A. J. McCARTNEY.