GRANDMA SCHOOL
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1948.
EDITORIAL.

In writing the Editorial it is with trepidation that I put pen to paper, for this is the task of a Literary man rather than a Scientist. In any case it is seldom that the Editor gives satisfaction to many.

It would appear that the object of the Editorial is to draw attention to what is to follow and to set the seal and status of the journal. Without more ado therefore, I commend to your notice the efforts of all contributors to convey news likely to interest those present at School and the wider sphere of readers outside the School. The chief value of a journal of this kind is to keep an interest in the School after one has left, and it is the hope of the Editor that the contributions will succeed in their objective.

The School year has started again, and a further increase in our numbers has caused the building of two more prefabricated classrooms. I am pleased to record that a number of trees have been planted around the field—and it is hoped that they will do something to relieve its plainness. Trees are lovely things.

It is with much pleasure that I once again submit the journal to its readers.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prefects:

We welcome Mrs. Fisk from Arizona, U.S.A., who has come this year to take charge of School music. We hope she will find us always in good voice.

We welcome too Mr. R. H. Temple, B.A., of Queen's College, Cambridge, who teaches modern languages.

We took leave, with regret, of Mr. Atherton last term. He has taken up a post as Assistant to the Chief Education Officer, Barnsley. Our congratulations are due to Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn on the birth of a daughter during the summer holidays.

We offer our good wishes for very happy futures to Dr. and Mrs. A. Jackson and to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Cook.
There has been continued activity on the new prefabricated classrooms, and we look forward to their opening to give us more breathing space.

The School Hall was re-decorated at Easter and is really handsome again. During the summer the Common Room was released from years of grime and can surely now be called a model institution.

A start has been made towards replanting the verges of the School field with trees. The trees chosen are indigenous, quick-growing types, so we may hope for greater seclusion in the not so distant future.

We congratulate J. P. Hyde on being selected for regular games with the Saints and for the East Midlands team.

Mr. C. J. Ward was chosen, through his connection with the A.A.A., as an official timekeeper at the XIVth. Olympiad at the Wembley Stadium last summer.

The School was represented in the Northants Y.F.C. Rural Crafts Competition held at Thorpe this term.

Vaughan of 4c was fifth in the ploughing event and I. Bull of 3c was sixth in the hedge trimming.

We should like to offer the advertising space on the fly-leaves of this Magazine to any business or industrial friends of the School. Our circulation is now nearly 500 copies twice yearly and covers all towns and villages around Wellingborough. Their use of this space would assist in meeting our heavy publication costs and may materially assist them too. Further particulars are available from the Editor.

We have to congratulate B. J. Charter on winning a Standard Medal for Senior High Jump in the Schools’ Inter-County Athletic Championships at Bath on Saturday, July 17th.

As we go to press we learn of great credit brought to the School by B. F. Toms. We have to congratulate him on being recommended for an Open Scholarship in French and Russian at Christ Church, Oxford. This is a notable achievement.

It is with regret we record the death on August 24th, 1948, of Mr. Ernest Barker of Earls Barton. Mr. Barker was a Governor of many years standing and a sincere friend of the School.

ENTRANTS.

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J. A. Cumberpatch
J. Emerton
P. Emerton
D. V. Harris
M. J. Howes
P. Hutton

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P. Ainge
A. R. Bayes
J. H. Billing
G. G. Boxhall
R. H. Burbett
P. A. Byles
B. S. Carter
R. R. Charles
B. Coker
G. Cummings
T. A. Curtis

IA.
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A. R. Boddington
C. Brereton
P. Campion
J. C. Canty
T. I. Clapham
B. H. Corn
R. J. Ellson
A. G. Fokerd
B. W. Gautrey
P. F. Hanger
J. Holloway
LEAVERS.

A. K. Luck, Sept., 1943. Sanders, Rushden.
I. Petcher, Sept., 1943. Father's Business.
R. C. Moule, Sept., 1944. Dental Mechanic.


R. J. Ward M. H. Perkins J. S. Spring
G. H. Abbott E. G. Brown M. Granger
B. M. Jones D. J. Lawrence
M. McClennon T. D. Partridge

OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

D. S. Law: Principal: Pure Mathematics, Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry (Inter. B.Sc.)

J. A. Lord: Principal: Pure Mathematics, Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry (Inter. B.Sc.)

S. A. Scott: Principal: Pure Mathematics, Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry (Inter. B.Sc.)

R. Smith: Principal: Pure Mathematics, Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry (Inter. B.Sc.)

G. P. Surridge: Principal: Pure Mathematics, Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry (Inter. B.Sc.)

P. E. Tompkins: Principal: Pure Mathematics, Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry (Inter. B.Sc.)

K. H. Westley: Principal: Pure Mathematics, Applied Math., Physics, Chemistry (Inter. B.Sc.)


F. T. Eden: Prin.: Latin (Dist.), French (Dist.), Greek, English. Subsid.: Russian (Inter. B.A.)


B. F. Toms: Prin.: Latin (Dist.), French (Dist.), Russian, English. Subsid.: German (Inter. B.A.)

AWARDS.

B. F. Toms: State Scholarship tenable at Christ Church, Oxford.
P. T. Eden: County Major Scholarship.
G. P. Surridge: County Major Scholarship.
D. S. Law: County Exhibition.
J. A. Lord: County Exhibition.
S. A. Scott: County Exhibition.
R. Smith: County Exhibition.
P. E. Tompkins: County Exhibition.
K. H. Westley: County Exhibition.
G. Linnell: County Exhibition.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1948.

A capital letter indicates a "credit," a small letter a "pass."

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SIXTH FORM NOTES.

When one is commissioned to write such an article as this, it is perhaps advisable to dissociate oneself first of all from any aspersions that may be cast upon one’s fellows. Yet it would be dishonourable to conceal oneself behind a veil of anonymity, merely to insult the Lower Sixth, even if it were possible to insult them.

The third year Sixth has long since ceased to wonder at any Lower Sixth: this year a superficial investigation would suggest the appearance of the missing link, yet when we recall the ‘Cogito ergo sum’ of Descartes, grave doubts are cast on the very existence of these specimens. We can only hope that they will experience a gradual evolution under the influence of the old masters.

Some scientists indeed have been deeply affected by the classics. One high light is still wont to follow Caesar in his campaigns; after many unsuccessful attempts, his forces having been recovered sufficiently, he is about to bear forth his standards once more, to attain his long-wished-for aim. Great consternation was aroused when another, influenced by the customs of the Ancient Britons, proceeded to lose his grip in the front corridor.

Our most distinguished classical expert, when not causing palpitation in a neighbouring establishment, spends his time drawing sustenance from either a milk bottle or a strawberry jam pot.

Obliged by convention to investigate the conditions prevailing in room C, the author witnessed a demonstration of 101 unorthodox uses of primus stoves and electric fires. The latest report from an intrepid observer who, lured on by the sound of drums, arrived in time to see an extraordinary example of tribal warfare, has confirmed our strong suspicion that the inhabitants still live in a state of semi-barbarity.

Last term many tears were shed as we said farewell to some of our honoured and respected fellows, two of whom we entrusted to the loving care of the army, and we sighed as we returned to be subjected to a new legal system. Even more distress was occasioned by the fact that one member, who was expected to leave, failed to do so. He has, however, recently been employed in a literary capacity, previously filled by one who now imbibes green tea and despatches red tape in equally large quantities.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Hon. Secretary: P. T. Eden.

We began this season with a large number of players who had had experience in the 1st XV. last year and we were hoping for another good season. Unfortunately, through injuries and other reasons we have at times been a long way below full strength and our results have suffered. In the first few matches the form shown
was disappointing, but there has been a marked improvement recently and the team’s finest achievement was the defeat of Northampton G.S. away from home. Our backs run well and always look dangerous when they get going, but in most of the games our forwards have been outweighted and have been unable to give the backs many chances. Their work in the set scrums and lineouts is adequate, but in the loose scrums they are weak.


We must congratulate our Captain, J. P. Hyde, on playing for the East Midlands in all their County Championship matches this season.

Full Colours have been awarded to : D. S. Law, T. Cartwright and R. Leslie, and Half Colours to : G. Coles, G. J. Howes, R. Lawrence, R. Levy, P. B. Smith, G. P. Surridge.

The 2nd XV. has played two matches and lost both by a very narrow margin. Considering their lack of experience, they have played well and show much promise for their larger fixture list next term.


The Under 15 team, although capable of playing very good Rugger, only produce their best form in spasms, with the result that their record to date is poor. After a brilliant first half against King’s School, Peterborough, they eventually lost a lead of 13 points and were beaten 18—13. Their only victory was gained in a thrilling match against Bedford School. After being 5 points in arrears our Under 15 scored two tries and won 12—11. When the team realizes that an all-out effort is essential until the final whistle, they will improve their record.


The Under 14 team is beginning to work more together and keenness is shown by many members in turning out for practice. There are still many faults : tackling is too often round the neck, there is too much loose kicking among the forwards and too little backing-up by the team as a whole. There has been some good individual play, but the players should use some of their keenness to remedy the faults mentioned and to try to work together as a team.

Also played : R. P. Pearce, K. W. Maple, J. R. Crisp, B. Abrahams, J. A. Homan.

RESULTS.

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Thanks are due to all those Masters and Boys who have in various ways helped with the running of the School Rugby.

CRICKET NOTES.

1st XI.

The summer edition of the Magazine showed that the 1st XI were having a most successful season and their five remaining matches served only to emphasise this. Of these one was lost by a narrow margin, one resulted in a draw and the other three produced wins for the School. In all these games the team showed a splendid spirit, good length bowling and steady batting being always backed up by excellent fielding.

Undoubtedly their best display was in the Annual Match against the Masters. Steady bowling by Wills, ably supported by Roberts and Lawrence, accounted for the Masters’ mediocre score of 70. An exhilarating 20 by Mr. Pine was the one bright spot of the Masters’ innings.
The School soon lost Lawrence with the score at 0, but then Law and Wills took complete charge and by sound, if at times fortunate, strokes easily topped the Masters' score. Law especially was in good form and is to be congratulated on an excellent display. It was a fitting end to a highly successful season.

The School look forward to next season with confidence for while some of the stalwarts will have left, a nucleus of this season's players will be remaining. Around this nucleus another good side should be formed for many promising young players are to be found in the lower half of the School.

**Cricket Club.**

*Captain : J. Hodgkins.*

*Vice-Captain : D. S. Law.*

*Hon. Secretary : G. Coles.*

The 1st XI. was chosen from: J. Hodgkins, D. S. Law, J. P. Hyde, P. Wills, K. Lawrence, G. Coles, R. Leslie, D. Roberts, G. P. Surridge, J. Simmons, W. Lee, G. J. Howes, P. B. Smith, P. Hunt.

1st XI. Full Colours were awarded to: R. Leslie, D. Roberts and P. Wills.

Half Colours were awarded to: J. Simmons and W. Lee.

**Under 14 Cricket.**

After defeat in their first match the Under 14 XI. enjoyed a very successful season, although they were lucky to force a draw in the last match against Blackfriars School.

The team showed its fighting spirit in its victory over a team representing the Elementary Schools of the district. The Schools were 45 for 1 but thanks to excellent bowling by Whiffing (6 for 5) backed up by smart wicket-keeping by Walden they were all out for 59, losing by 7 runs.

I. Wills (Capt.) and Whiffing (Vice-Capt.) were the mainstays of the team both in batting and bowling, each recording excellent performances in several matches.

I. Wills, Whiffing and Walden were old Colours. Colours were awarded to: Fountain, De Banke, Turner, Crisp and Earl.


Also played: Berwick, Dudley, J. Smart, Evans, Cox, Brawn.

**1st XI.**

Matches too late for inclusion in Summer Term Magazine.

July 1st. v. Kimbolton G.S. 1st XI. Home. Lost Kimbolton 78 (Lawrence 4 for 22, Wills 3 for 12). W.G.S. 54 (Leslie 17).

W.T.T.C.C. 113 for 7 dec. (Roberts 4 for 28).
W.G.S. 56 for 3 (Law 13, Wills 18*).

W.G.S. 71 for 6 (Lawrence 24, Wills 20).
Old Boys' 24 (Lawrence 5 for 11, Roberts 4 for 2).

Masters 70 (Wills 6 for 19).
W.G.S. 71 for 1 (Law 37*, Wills 25*).

* Denotes Not Out.

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**UNDER 15 XI.**

  W.G.S. 49.
  Bedford Modern 53 for 6 (Holmes 3 for 12).

  W.G.S. 76 for 9 dec. (Gilbert 18).
  N.G.S. 64 for 4.

**UNDER 14 XI.**

July 3rd. v. Wellingborough Elementary Schools’ XI. Home. Won.
  W.G.S. 66 (Whiffing 22).
  Elementary Schools 59 (Whiffing 6 for 5).

  W.G.S. 96 for 5 dec. (Whiffing 33).
  N.G.S. 45 (Whiffing 6 for 4).

  W.G.S. 34 for 7 (Whiffing 5 for 19).
  Blackfriars School — (Wills 5 for 19, Whiffing 2 for 20).

**HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION.**

The Competition this year was very close owing partly to the introduction of a new pointing system by which the Juniors, instead of taking 2 points for a win, now take 4.

This scheme assisted the Stags to win the Cup after a very exciting climax to the Competition. They won their Senior Match against Gryphons just on time. Their Juniors, too, did their share as they won their matches under the captaincy of I. Wills, the Under 14 Captain. Dragons put up a game fight to finish second.

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**SWIMMING SPORTS, 1948.**

Although no new records were set up there were many good performances. Boyd in the Junior Breast Stroke gave a good exhibition, and Newnham’s easy style in the Senior Free Style and his polished performance in the Open Diving were worthy of note.

The Inter-Form Relays proved very popular judging by the noise, and the open bath to all, after the Sports, even more so. Many of the Staff, in as many varieties of ways, were seen to enter the water, and as there were no absentees in the afternoon, one assumes they were allowed to get out.

The Dragons, with a slight lead in the distance points, gradually increased it throughout the Sports and were easy winners.
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HOUSE NOTES.

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DRAGONS.

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

Head of House: J. P. Hyde.

House Prefects: P. T. Eden (Sec.), R. Leslie, C. McCall, R. Lawrence, J. L. Simmons.

In the interval between the writing of the last House Notes and the current edition, only two House Cups have been contested. Although we usually hold no pretensions to the Swimming Cup, this year a very competent team, under the most able Captaincy of R. T. Newnham, successfully gained it from the Stags. Our bid for the Cricket Cup was not so successful: although the Senior team won every match, a weak Junior team allowed the Stags to win the Cup by a very narrow margin.

The result of the first round for the Saxby Rugby Cup has maintained the House's high reputation in this sphere; here again, however, a lack of Junior talent was noticeable.

We congratulate R. Leslie on being appointed School Prefect, and R. Lawrence and J. L. Simmons on being elected House Prefects.

J. P. Hyde, Captain of Rugby Football, whose brilliant achievements are too numerous and well-known to be recorded here, well deserves the hearty congratulations he has received from all.

In the intellectual sphere also the House is pre-eminent: P. T. Eden and B. F. Toms gained the two best Higher School Certificates, as a result of which the former was awarded a County Major Scholarship, and the latter a State Scholarship, tenable at Christ Church, Oxford. While thus individually in the lead, it was with deep regret that we saw the Ferguson Trophy, held by the Dragons for a considerable number of years, pass into other hands.

Finally, it remains to wish all Dragons, past and present, a Merry Christmas, and to put our trust in the New Year and the continued prosperity of the House.

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GRYPHONS.

House Masters:
Mr. J. G. Dunning, Mr. T. G. Cook, Mr. L. J. Jay.

Head of House: D. S. Law.


D. S. Law, the Head of the House, was appointed Head Prefect of the School at the end of last term; incidentally he is the first Gryphon to be given this honour for four years, and we are unanimous in voicing our congratulations.
J. Darnell is also to be congratulated in obtaining his House Colours and being made House Prefect.

Owing to P. B. Smith's excellent work as Swimming Captain and competitor we carried off two first and two second places; Partridge, Rudd, Roche, Lee and Sharpe backing him up. We were second to the Dragons in the Relay. In the final position we were third. We might have done better if other members of the House had made a greater effort in the long distance swimming.

The first round of the House Rugby Matches was a failure for the Gryphons, as both Seniors and Juniors lost their games. However, the teams narrowly failed to check their opponents.

There are three actors from the Gryphons in the School Play, Crawley, Maycock and Ovens, so we may hope for better prospects in the House Plays next year.

We congratulate all those who were successful in the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate examinations recently, our best wishes are extended to those sitting in the near future.

To those embarking on the industrial sea for the first time we wish them well and God speed.

In conclusion, the opportunity is taken to wish all Gryphons a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

LIONS.

House Masters:
Mr. R. V. S. Ward, Mr. J. H. Butler, Mr. W. Henderson.


House Prefects: G. Linnell (Secretary), P. Wilson, K. M. Bradshaw.

The end of last term brought no further honours to the House; in the Cricket and Swimming Competitions we were placed 3rd, but this year we look forward with hope of better things.

At the beginning of term a House Meeting was held, at which appointments were made to the various House Offices vacant. Linnell was appointed House Secretary, G. C. Neville, Coles and Whiffing became Rugger Captain, Vice-Captain and Junior Captain respectively. Munday and Howes were chosen as Athletics Captains, G. C. Neville and Coles as Cross-Country Captains, P. Wilson was put in charge of Music and Coleman, N. A. Tompkins and G. C. Neville of Drama. K. M. Bradshaw was appointed a House Prefect.

This term has been so far rather uneventful. Only the first round of the Rugby Competition is yet decided. Our Seniors, who last year were rather weak, were strengthened by the addition of some promising former Juniors, notably De Banke. Coles and Neville were also outstanding in a good win over the Gryphons by 8—3. The Junior team lived up to its high reputation of last season and defeated the Gryphons' Juniors by 9—5. This is an excellent beginning to the term, and one which gives us every hope for the future.
Only congratulations and sympathies now remain. First these go to our Higher School Certificate and School Certificate winners. These were not quite as numerous as last year's—the Lion is reputedly an animal of brawn rather than of brain, but we hope to disprove this disparagement again in the future.

Examinations, like the poor, are always with us, and our heartfelt sympathies are extended to all members of the House who are soon to face the ordeal.

We welcome Mr. W. Henderson, who succeeds Mr. H. H. Wintersgill as a Housemaster, and hope that his lion-taming will not prove arduous.

Finally we wish to all Lions, wherever they may be, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

STAGS.

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

House Captain: G. P. Surridge.


So far the House has continued its run of successes and still retains a favourable position in the School.

At the end of last term, after the Summer Term Magazine had been published, we gained the Cricket Cup, owing mainly to a revision of the points system. Nevertheless we lost the Swimming Cup, which we have held for several years, to a superior Dragons' team.

Since the commencement of this term only the first round of the Rugby Cup has been played. In this we lost the Senior game to the Dragons after a very close tussle, but won the Junior game. However, we hope to do well in this Competition. At the House Meeting, which was held at the beginning of the term, among other appointments, Wills was made Senior Cricket Captain and House Vice-Captain; Wildman was appointed P.T. Captain; Coles was made Junior Rugby Captain and Knifton was elected Cross-Country Captain.

Just before the end of last term we had to say goodbye to J. Hodgkins our House and School Captain. We wish him every success at Oxford.

We congratulate all Stags, who were successful in their Higher and School Certificate Examinations, and we wish the best of luck to all those Stags who are taking examinations soon or are leaving the School.

Finally, we extend Hearty Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Stags, past and present.
CHESS CLUB.

This term after the customary summer interval the Chess Club has been revived under the guidance of Mr. Leftwich. The meetings are held every Wednesday in Room 14. The Knock-out Competition has been started but so far only one round has been played.

It has been decided to take, early next year, two copies of the new magazine ‘Junior Chess’ for the benefit of the members.

Any prospective chess champions are invited to join the Club next term.

D. Bucky (Hon. Sec.)

SCHOOL DRAMATICS.

The School Dramatic Society is this year presenting Charles Hawtrey’s farcical comedy “A Private Secretary.” Some of the actors who did so well in last year’s production are not available this year but, fortunately, some new talent has been found. The new boys are already doing well in rehearsal, and, if the promise they show now is kept up during the actual performances, the result should be extremely satisfactory.

THE CAST:

Mr. Marsland, M.F.H. ... ... ... ... B. Cross
Harry Marsland (his nephew) ... ... ... ... S. W. Brown
Mr. Cattermole ... ... ... ... ... ... ... M. A. Crawley
Douglas Cattermole (his nephew) ... ... ... ... G. C. Neville
Robert Spalding ... ... ... ... ... ... ... C. J. Maycock
Mr. Sidney Gibson (Tailor of Bond Street) ... ... ... ... R. Leslie
John (a servant) ... ... ... ... ... ... J. A. Ovens
Knox (a butler) ... ... ... ... ... ... I. Smith
Edith Marsland (daughter of Mr. Marsland) ... ... ... ... M. A. Goodband
Eva Webster (her friend and companion) ... ... ... ... G. H. Neville
Mrs. Stead (Douglas’ landlady) ... ... ... ... J. B. Cooper
Miss Ashford ... ... ... ... ... ... ... J. Coleman

Producer Mr. J. W. Davies.
Stage Manager C. Stone.
Assistants ... ... F. V. Faulkner, J. P. Manning, C. P. Digby, R. Clarke, K. W. Summers.
Electricians ... ... S. F. Wells, S. A. Scott, H. G. Fitch.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The Library has been well used by the Sixth form this term but other forms, from the Third forms upwards, could use it more frequently. The books in the Library are not just large text books
Recent additions include:

W. S. Churchill ... The Second World War. Vol. I.
R. G. Collingwood ... Roman Britain.
M. Woodward ... Adventures in Woodcraft.
D. Compton ... Playing for England.
Numerous works of fiction by various authors.

PARENTS’ COMMITTEE.

The Parents’ Committee met for their Annual Meeting on October 5th, when it was arranged to hold Whist Drives on November 18th, 1948, February 3rd and March 24th, 1949.

The Amenities Fund was reported to be £280-19-2 in hand. Several new parents joined the Committee and were welcomed by Mrs. Wrenn. The Committee has purchased some crockery, so will be able in future to avoid hiring charges.

The Whist Drive on November 18th was very well supported and realised £17-5-0. We thank all those who helped to make it a success.

MUSIC NOTES.

A violin recital was given on the afternoon of November 5th by Miss Janet Maddison of Kettering. She prefaced her items with short informal remarks which added to the interest and enjoyment of the recitals.

She played two complete Sonatas, one by Le-Clair and Op. 24 by Beethoven. She also played four solo items.

A Carol Programme will be given at the end of the term, by the Choir chosen from Forms I.—III. Most of the carols will be sung in unison—but the Senior Choir will sing a group of five carols in four parts. G. Linnell will accompany this group. Haigh will sing two solos—Handel’s “He shall feed His flock” and an American Negro Carol.

It is hoped that more part-work will be heard next term.
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Outdoor meetings have been suspended during the winter months, but a visit was made to the Wellingborough Zoo in September.

At the fortnightly meetings we have had lectures by G. J. Muncey on “Snakes,” J. A. Norris on “Hawks,” C. C. Cunnington on “St. Bernard Dogs” and J. G. Thompson on “Zoo Animals.” The latter was illustrated by a series of excellent lantern slides made by the speaker from his own photographs.

New members will be welcomed and should give their names to the Secretary, M. F. Wakelin. There is a subscription of 1d. per meeting which goes towards the purchase of magazines and books for circulation among the members.

Outdoor excursions will be resumed in the spring. A.W.L.

PUPPET CLUB.

During the latter part of the term we arrived at the decision to improve on the Variety Show which we presented on Speech Day. We are giving our first performance at Chapman’s factory on December 18th, and another at Victoria School on the 20th.

We are sorry to have said goodbye to the older members who left last term. We welcome the new members who are enthusiastic and are making good progress. They are at the moment producing the play “St. George and the Dragon,” which they hope to perform with the Variety Show at Christmas.

C.C.C.

RAILWAY CLUB NOTES.

Our final outing of the summer term was to Blisworth where the grouping of expresses and slow trains in the time-table was noted, the intervals between train passing being whiled away with “pop” and rounders.

This term, under the guidance of Mr. Cheale, we have started in earnest the task of building a model railway, our efforts so far being concentrated on track construction. Great enthusiasm has been shown by some members, and there is promise of interesting developments in this direction.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Viney, of the Lecture and Research Section of the British Railways (Southern Region), who gave us a very interesting lecture on the engineering achievements of the British Railways, illustrated by numerous lantern slides. This was thrown open to all the lower forms as well as members of the Club.

G.E.R.
SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Officials:

President: The Headmaster.  Chairman: S. A. Scott.
Vice-Chairman: J. C. Clayton.  Secretary: R. Levy.
Committee: S. A. Scott, J. C. Clayton, R. Levy, Mr. Holmes,

The Society has continued to hold meetings this term on alternate Wednesdays.

P. H. Hunt and D. M. Fidler were privileged by having fairly good attendances at their lectures, but those given by J. C. Clayton and R. Levy were heard only by a few members of the Upper Sixth.

On November 24th our most successful meeting was held, when P. Wix gave a lecture on "Bees." This was a special occasion, as some girls from the higher forms of the Wellingborough High School were invited, and, as expected, the Library was crowded. Everyone present enjoyed an excellent lecture given by a very able speaker. Parts of a hive, which he passed round for inspection, added considerable interest to his lecture.

It is hoped that the remaining lecturers will be given an opportunity to disperse their knowledge among larger audiences, especially as we have a big Sixth Science this year. Fifth formers are reminded that our meetings rarely last more than half-an-hour, and are amusing almost as often as they are interesting.

6TH WELLINGBOROUGH SCOUT TROOP.

A very successful year was rounded off by a very good camp. M. Wells, in charge of a party having to change three times en route, did well to deliver a full quota of grease-spots at Oxford. The heat continued until evening, and then it began to rain—and it rained and rained until August 10th when we came home. Despite this, we had a good time—learnt to fish (under Pearson’s guidance)—learnt to dig (for worms)—and some even went into the river to swim, as a change from dry land swimming. Firelighting and cooking tests were real tests this time.

This term we are fairly active. Scott has gained his First-Class and has represented us at a Senior Scout Conference at Grendon Hall. M. Wells has gained his Swimming Badge; Mr. Jay has been instructing for the Ambulance Badge for Senior Scouts. Lower down the scale there have been the usual activities for tests towards second and first-class badges.

M. Horne and D. Stratton have been made Patrol Leaders.
When the troop arrived at Wallingford they brought wet weather with them. As a result of this they are now wet weather campers, and several members learned the hard way.

Second-class cooking occupied much of their time before breakfast. The fire was lit with wood 'baked in a moderate oven till nicely dry.'

At the beginning of the term the Seniors discovered that Girl Guides are excellent 'tent-ruiners'.

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**STAMP CLUB.**

We have started the Stamp Club again this term, and, to avoid clashing with other school activities, have altered the day of our fortnightly meetings from Wednesday to Tuesday.

At each meeting we have a short competition, the winner of which is rewarded with a prize of stamps, after which a number of catalogues and magazines are made available for the use of members. We are holding another competition, similar to the one arranged during last Christmas holiday, involving any arrangement of not more than twelve stamps from the member's collection. There are prizes in senior and junior sections of stamps to the value of half-a-crown.

Finally we would extend a hearty invitation to any philatelist from the Third forms and upwards to join in our activities.

K.M.B. AND J.R.K.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries with apologies for any inadvertent omissions:—

The Wellingburian, Ousel, Towcestrian and Magazines from Bedford Modern, Daventry Grammar, Wellingborough High School.
EDITORIAL.

It is often both encouraging and chastening to review the growth of an organisation. This is true if we take stock, as it were, of the Old Boys’ Association. The Association has passed successfully through its infancy, survived a difficult adolescence during the war years, and is now on the threshold of manhood. Its life of service to the past, present and future members of Wellingborough Grammar School has begun on sound lines; may the Association now continue along those lines with ever greater success.

If we take stock in detail there is much to encourage us. Our teams, both Rugger and Cricket, have done very well, though in both cases there are too few supporters, either active or passive. Our social activities have increased—we had a very successful dinner, and we have held numerous dances. The profit margin has decreased during the last year, mainly because of increased costs, but we do not measure our success solely on a profit basis. The General Committee and the various Sub-Committees are very active in their efforts to pursue these activities successfully. Moreover any Committee Member will be very pleased, at any time, to receive and put forward any suggestions which members may care to make for the improvement of the Association.

With what then have we to reproach ourselves? It is that the Association is not universal. There are over a thousand Old Boys, but our membership is only 223, and there are only 136 life members. At the Annual General Meeting there were only just over fifty members present. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting should surely be a compelling duty on all who are members of the Society. You will get out of the Association just as much as you put in; we would urge every Old Boy—by which we mean anyone who has been to Wellingborough Grammar School—to take an intense personal interest in the Association. It is only in this way that the Association can achieve its real purpose, which is the service of its members both collectively and individually.

There is every reason for congratulation, and for confidence in the future. We would like, on behalf of the Association, to take this opportunity of wishing every Old Boy, wherever he may be, the Merriest of Christmases and every success in the future.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

About 50 members were present at the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, September 30th, at The School, under the chairmanship of Mr. Wrenn.
The Secretary reported on the activities of the Association, all of which had proved successful. It was encouraging to learn that membership had again increased from 156 to 221, of which 136 were life members.

The Treasurer presented his statement of accounts, showing a balance for the financial year ending August 31st, 1948, of £21-17-7, and that the Association Fund stood at £453-1-0.

In a short speech Mr. H. Bean announced his intention of resigning his position as Chairman, and added that, although some activities had not been a complete success during the past 12 months, the Committee had continued to work with great zeal.

The main item on the Agenda was the Association Rules. These were presented to the meeting, and after much discussion they were finally approved.

It was agreed that the Association should continue to present to the School the General Reading Prizes. The Headmaster was asked if the School required any other form of prize, but he thought they were most suitable at present, and expressed his thanks on behalf of the School. The meeting decided that the proceeds of at least one function annually should be devoted to charity.

To commence the 1948-49 season the Old Grammarians Rugby Football Club found itself "financially embarrassed" and the Association was asked for a loan of £30. This was granted, and the Rugger Club assured the meeting that every endeavour would be made to repay this debt.

Officers elected were:

Secretary : D. W. Redhead.  
Assistant Secretary : F. J. Crawley.  
Treasurer : F. J. Port.  
Auditors : B. M. Smart, F. C. Coles.

General Committee:


WELLINGBOROUGH OLD GRAMMARIANS R.F.C.

We are pleased to report a great improvement in the performance of the Rugby XV. so far this season.


It is interesting to know that in the three games we have lost, there has only been a difference of five points between the total of our opponents points and of our own.
The team has blended together very well and it is a great joy for the back division to have a lively pack of forwards in front of them. The main weakness, however, is the slowness with which they get the ball away from loose scrummages. The backs have shown much improvement, more punch in their attack, and their defence is good. The position of full back has been admirably filled by A. Bird whose kicking and fielding is good, and whose tackling has reached quite a high standard.

In all, we have the spirit of winning and we look forward with equal optimism to the remainder of the season.

Officials:

Captain: S. R. Elks.  
Vice-Captain: J. B. Shortland.

General Sec.: R. V. S. Ward.  
Hon. Treas.: F. C. Coles.

The following Old Boys have represented the Old Grammarians R.F.C.:

- Houghton Sturgess L. Day Farrow
- J. Davies S. Elks P. Groome G. Shipman
- D. Houghton A. Hall P. Wyldes G. Brown
- F. Coles D. Smith L. Brown B. Smart
- Drage R. V. S. Ward Fair D. Robinson
- Martin J. Shortland Haynes A. Bird
- R. Bridgeford T. Cooke Lovell

OLD BOYS’ CRICKET CLUB NOTES.

Captain: K. J. Holmes.  
Vice-Captain: R. Chapman.

Secretary: D. W. Redhead.

After a very satisfactory season, our final position in the Town League was third, one point behind the United. We started exceptionally well, but a lapse half way through the season cost us a few valuable points. Several friendly matches were played which proved most successful, and we hope to have more of these in the future.

We congratulate R. Chapman on his splendid bowling throughout the season, which won him a special prize from the Town League.

The pitches on Eastfield Park still leave much to be desired. It is thought that at least one concrete pitch is to be made for next year, so hopes arise for perhaps an even more successful season in 1949.

The following have represented the Club in 1948:

1948

Remainder of League Matches.

July 17 v. Royals ... ... ... ... ... Lost 30—73
" 21 v. Yorke Bros. ... ... ... ... ... Lost 53—70
" 24 v. Express ... ... ... ... ... Lost 62—75
" 31 v. British Railways ... ... ... ... ... Won 60—36
Aug. 14 v. Copeland and Jenkins ... ... ... ... ... Won 75/7—63
" 28 v. United ... ... ... ... ... Lost 69—102

Played Won Lost Points
15 10 5 20

Friendlies.

June 12 v. Whitworth's ... ... ... ... ... Lost 48—49
July 6 v. Wellingborough Co-op. ... ... ... ... ... Drawn 39/8—77
" 13 v. Campbell Praeds ... ... ... ... ... Won 79—42
" 23 v. Grammar School ... ... ... ... ... Lost 24—71/5
" 28 v. Young Farmers ... ... ... ... ... Lost 37—39
Aug. 1 v. Priory ... ... ... ... ... Lost 53—180/3

A match was played between Wellingborough Old Boys and Rushden Old Boys in July. The result was as follows:

Wellingborough Old Boys.

Redhead ... lbw. Pashler ... ... ... ... ... 16
White, D. ... bowled Pashler ... ... ... ... ... 0
Bailey, R. C. ... ct. Stevens b. Pashler ... ... ... ... ... 22
Bird ... ct. Stevens b. Pashler ... ... ... ... ... 6
Collins ... bowled Timpson ... ... ... ... ... 0
Chapman ... ct. Harris b. Sherwood ... ... ... ... ... 9
White, D. F. ... run out ... ... ... ... ... 10
Holmes ... bowled Sherwood ... ... ... ... ... 0
Burton ... bowled Sherwood ... ... ... ... ... 0
Pratt ... not out ... ... ... ... ... 2
Knowles ... bowled Sherwood ... ... ... ... ... 0
Extras ... ... ... ... ... ... 10

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Rushden Old Boys.

Pashler, J. ... ct. Collins b. Bailey ... ... ... ... 32
Martin, K. ... bowled Collins ... ... ... ... ... 13
Stevens ... run out ... ... ... ... ... 5
Braybrooke ... ct. Bailey b. Pratt ... ... ... ... ... 3
Sherwood ... not out ... ... ... ... ... 18
Hodgkins ... not out ... ... ... ... ... 13
Sutcliffe ... bowled Bailey ... ... ... ... ... 2
Extras ... ... ... ... ... ... 6

5 for 92