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SCHOOL NOTES.

The amazing drought which started in the middle of last term and continued through the holidays, broke just in time to spoil the spectators' part of the O.A. Sports. After a very indifferent May we deserve a really fine " Founders Day " week, in contrast to some of recent years.

The arrangements this year are :—

Thursday, June 16th.—Regatta at the School Boat House, starting at 2 p.m.

Friday, June 17th.—Founders Day. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Allen will preach the sermon at the service in St. Helen's Church at 2.30 p.m. and the prizes will be given away in the Corn Exchange by A. T. Loyd, Esq., O.B.E., Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire.

Saturday, June 18th.—Past v. Present Cricket Match, starting at 11.30 a.m.

Further arrangements are to be found under O.A. Club Notes.

There have been no changes in the list of Prefects since last term.

A. C. Dean is Captain of Cricket and D. B. West Hon. Sec. of Games.

W. M. Potter was Captain of Athletics.

We congratulate G. V. Bayley on passing the Preliminary Examination of the Institute of Actuaries.

First IV Colours were awarded last term to A. C. Dean, H. T. Jones and J. Stephenson (coxing) and 2nd IV Colours to D. M. Cracknell and M. Sprules.

Full Athletic Colours were awarded this term to W. M. Potter, H. A. Lunghi, P. H. Wooster, D. T. Nadin and G. D. Randall and Half-Colours to J. M. Wood, G. V. Bayley, and P. H. E. Bloomer.

The Bayley Cup for Junior House Rugger was won by Blue House, and the Inter-House Athletics Cup also by Blue House.

Owing to illness the Bennett Cup for Rowing could not be competed for.

As a souvenir of the four brothers Wood—J.D., G.A., P.R. and J.M.—one or more helping to maintain an unbroken sequence of 14 years at the school, Mr. Wood has presented a Challenge Cup to be held by the winner of the School v. London O.A. Rugger Match. The choice of the fixture is very suitable considering how much the Wood family has contributed to the establishment of the O.A. Rugger Club and for the School we express our great appreciation of the gift.

To Dr. H. N. Bradbrooke, who has given up his practice in Abingdon, we offer our best wishes for future success and happiness, mingled with many regrets at his departure. Dr. J. H. Fisher, who is no stranger to us, takes charge of the health of the School, but we hope we shall not burden him with work.

Dr. Bradbrooke, before he left gave a number of books to the School Libraries, including many on flying, for all of which we thank him heartily.

The Abingdonian Committee consists of: G. F. Duxbury, Esq. (Editor), E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq. (Treasurer and O.A. Correspondent), H. A. Lunghi, R. Hedger, E. O. Jones and J. Graff.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—*The Aldenhamian*, *The Alfredian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *E.P.S.A. Magazine*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Leightonian*, *The Lily*, *The Log of the Nautical College*, *Pangbourne*, *The Monktonian*, *The R.M.A. Magazine*, *The St. Edwards School Chronicle*.

VALETE.

VB.—A. R. J. Collick (1935, iii).

M. Sprules (1932, iii); 2nd IV 1938; Half Athletic Colours, 1936.

C. E. Yielding (1936, iii); 2nd XV, 1937; 1st XI, 1937; 2nd XI Colours, 1937.

A. J. Burgess (1937, ii).

REMOVE.—J. S. T. Mills (1935, iii).

B. G. Churcher (1937, ii).

K. S. Nadin (1935, i).

II FORM.—J. G. Churcher (1937, ii).

SALVETE.

VB FORM.—P. D. Anag, A. D. Holden.

REMOVE.—G. E. T. Trudgian, A. C. Randle.

IIIB.—A. J. Janes, A. D. Scott, N. J. Pryor, G. R. K. Fletcher.

II FORM.—D. J. Leach.

ROWING.

The past season can be regarded as eminently satisfactory. Not only did we manage to preserve an unbroken record of successes in the races, but for some time we had as many as five crews on the river simultaneously, thus providing a nucleus of possible material for the years to follow. It may here be noted that the chief weakness lies in the lack of promising coxswains, who usually require a somewhat lengthy period of training before acquiring the necessary qualifications and experience.

Conditions were on the whole more favourable than in recent years, in so far as no floods were encountered and therefore no very violent stream, and rowing and tubbing was not only possible but safe for the most part. We are getting accustomed to the vicissitudes caused by the ravages of illness at this treacherous time of the year, and this year was no exception.

FIRST IV.

At the start of the season the 1st IV seemed very well placed with three old colours available—G. V. Bayley, the Captain, J. M. Wood, stroke and P. H. Wooster. With some useful material to call upon in addition it would have seemed simple to fill the one place vacant; unfortunately in spite of all his efforts Wooster could not settle down at bow, where his weight required him to be, and he had to be relegated to the 2nd crew, where, by way of some consolation, his stroking was invaluable. A. C. Dean soon settled down as an efficient and powerful "3" and H. T. Jones fitted in well at bow. The great feature of the crew was their length, due to the remarkably elastic swing of Wood at stroke. He more than fulfilled the promise of last year, and his steadiness and staying power were out of all proportion to his weight. With a long rhythmic stroke the rest of the crew could and did make full use of their weight, which was considerable; and as they were not disturbed by being led over the first part of the course they proved a combination hard to beat, and in fact were unbeaten. Altogether they were

a good crew and there was no luck about their success. J. A. Stephenson, though without previous experience, proved quite an efficient cox, and he made up in intelligence what he lacked in experience, and got on well with the crew. The trouble with coxes is that their weight increases with their usefulness and a featherweight with coxing sense is hard to find.

FIRST IV CHARACTERS.

H. T. Jones (bow), 11 st. 2 lbs. 2nd IV, 1937. Rather heavy and thick for a bow but improved steadily in his swing and reach. Bladework quite good and got his work on well.

G. V. Bayley ("2"), 11 st. 4 lbs. Captain. 1st IV, 1937. Shewed great improvement on last year, and rows better on stroke than bow side. Steadier forward and so worked more effectively, though inclined to scamp the finish. A very efficient captain who lightened the labours of coaching.

A. C. Dean ("3"), 11 st. 10 lbs. 2nd IV, 1937. Fulfilled all expectations and with more experience should be a very good oar. Rather stiff and should open out more at the finish, but does a tremendous amount of effective work.

J. M. Wood (stroke), 9 st. 12 lbs. 1st IV, 1937. The best stroke we have had for years. Length and rhythm as good as last year and bladework better. Kept his crew going as steadily when led as when leading.

J. A. Stephenson (cox), 6 st. 10 lbs. Learnt his job well in a short time. Steered well and used his voice judiciously, though his vocabulary was rather limited. Very good ear for the towpath.

FIRST IV RACES.

v. O.A.'s on Saturday, January 29th, at Abingdon. Won by $4\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 4 mins. 9 secs. Not much stream but a strong S.W. wind. The School were $\frac{1}{2}$ length up in 20 strokes and thereafter rowed a long steady stroke with plenty of power. The O.A.'s were nicely together but lacked the necessary pace.

P. H. Wooster rowed "bow" in this race.

O.A. Crew: R. Emmett, F. A. Bennett, A. L. Fleet, L. P. Mosdell (D. G. Carter).

v. Keble College, on Saturday, February 26th, at Abingdon. Won by a canvas in 3 mins. 31 secs. Strong wind up the Reach and rough water. This was an excellent and most exciting race. At

the Big Tree, in spite of a fairly good start, the School were $\frac{1}{2}$ length down, but a good "10" brought them up and at the Drain they were only 3 ft. down. Each crew spurted in turn and the School just managed to gain the verdict. A remarkable example of cool-headed stroking backed up by the whole crew.

v. Magdalen College School, Oxford, on Wednesday, March 2nd, at Abingdon. Won by 2 lengths in 3 mins. 37 secs. Weather sunny, little stream, slight cross wind. The School won the toss and took the Berks side. The start was rather dirty but they quickly got into their stride and were actually a canvas up at the Big Tree—though Magdalen were rowing a much faster stroke. Thereafter they lengthened out and using their weight well gradually drew away, though Magdalen made a good effort at the finish. For once the School more than held their own in the first minute, and the moral, if not practical, effect was decisive.

SECOND IV.

With several members of last year's crew available we hoped to be able to make an early arrangement of the crew, but the final composition was greatly hampered by the prevalent "flu," and the crew rather severely handicapped by the continuous changes.

In the later stages of training the inclusion of Wooster at stroke, whose previous experience was invaluable, served to stiffen up the composition of the 2nd crew considerably; also, with Carter as cox for a second season and Cracknell at "3" it was anticipated that it would prove to be a crew very much above average and so it was.

It must be admitted that the new boat was a distinct acquisition, being easy to sit and a fast mover when the necessary power to propel it was forthcoming.

By way of criticism, the tendency towards shortness was at times rather prevalent, though this was not by any means conspicuous in the races. Usually rather slow off the mark, the crew settled down well after the first half minute and kept going very strongly without any loss of form, using their legs to good purpose. Blade work, though a trifle untidy in the early stages, improved a good deal later. The crew must be congratulated on their performance in the various races in which they showed great determination and spirit and rowed with commendable consistency, readily backing up each other and giving of their best.

SECOND IV.

R. F. Jackson (bow), 10 st. 2 lbs. 2nd IV, 1937.

M. Sprules, 10 st. 3 lbs.

D. M. Cracknell, 10 st. 5 lbs. 2nd IV, 1937.

P. H. Wooster (stroke), 10 st. 12 lbs. 1st IV, 1937.

D. G. Carter (cox), 7 st. 2 lbs. 2nd IV, 1937.

In the race *v.* O.A.'s D. B. West rowed stroke, H. T. Jones "3" and C. J. Reenan "2."

SECOND IV RACES.

v. O.A.'s, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Won by 1 length in 4 mins. 46 secs. The School went off rather slowly and were $\frac{1}{2}$ length down at the Big Tree but they kept together and never got flustered—and as they made up the leeway they improved steadily. The stroke was low but the performance very promising.

O.A. Crew: (P. H. Bloomer), M. Ogle, R. F. Simmonds, P. R. Wood (stroke), (D. E. Roberts) (cox.)

v. Keble College, on Saturday, February 26th. Won by $2\frac{1}{4}$ lengths in 3 mins. 45 secs. The School received $\frac{3}{4}$ length start to compensate for their opponents rowing on slides, and though they were only $\frac{1}{2}$ length ahead at the Big Tree, Wooster put in some well judged bursts and drew away comfortably. Though the crew was not perfectly together it was a good row and fast time.

v. M.C.S., Oxford, on Wednesday, March 2nd. Won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length in 3 mins. 50 secs. This was a very fine race and shewed the crew at their best. Magdalen won the toss and were $\frac{1}{3}$ length up in 2 mins. Wooster spurted and drew level, and after each boat had shewed ahead, the School drew away distinctly in the last 100 yards. A splendid ding-dong struggle.

Owing to illness the House Races for the Bennett Cup could not be held—but some scratch fours were rowed on the last Saturday of Term. The light boat race was won by: R. F. Jackson, D. E. Roberts, H. T. Jones, P. H. Wooster, J. N. Paige (cox), and the tub fours by D. G. Carter, D. Pimm, H. B. Bailey, G. L. Logan, J. P. Aldersley (cox).

HOCKEY, 1938.

It was unfortunate that circumstances prevented more than one match being played, as the standard of play in practice games was quite promising.

Players are beginning to realize the importance of anticipation, and the effectiveness of placing passes rather than hitting blindly.

The team which beat Wantage School 4—3 was a better-balanced one than we have had for several years. The forwards, though lacking in skill and finesse had plenty of speed and dash, especially on the wings, Randall in particular putting in some good runs and centres on the right. The halves played constructively, and the backs were individually sound, though they did not cover each other well enough. Faulkner shewed that he had a very good eye, and would deal with the most awkwardly bouncing ball in masterly fashion. Mitchell is improving in goal but does not come out far or frequently enough. Undoubtedly many of the shortcomings mentioned above would have disappeared if more matches could have been played, and it may safely be said that this was the most promising team we have yet had.

School *v.* Wantage School. Away. Won, 4—3.

Playing downhill in the first half we were soon attacking and Randall ran in from the right wing to test the goalkeeper with a hot shot. Soon afterwards a good pass from Randall led to our first goal, scored by Paige. Later Lines beat the defence with a shot which went high into the net. Wantage worked the ball up their left wing and scored.

After half-time Randall was practically a passenger owing to a blow on the foot. This reduced the effectiveness of our attack considerably and play was fairly even. Each side scored two goals, Lines being responsible for both of ours. Towards the end Wantage pressed hard, but could not draw level, being kept out by the sound defence of our halves and backs.

Team: Mitchell, H. K.; Lay, J., Faulkner, J. H. R.; Aldersley, J. P., Lunghi, H. A., Hendley, L. A. G.; Yielding, C. E., Paige, J. N., Lines, J., Povey, G. W., Randall, G. D.

JUNIOR RUGGER.

Illness interfered with the games and though the House-matches were played they were not fully representative and undeserving of comment.

Results were: Blue beat Green, 8—3.

Blue beat Red, 6—5.

And so Blue House hold the Bayley Cup.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on Saturday, May 7th. The weather was rather cold with a strong wind blowing against the runners in the 100 yards and hurdles. The best performance was the lowering of the Half-mile record by nearly 5 secs. by W. M. Potter, but other notable features were A. C. Dean's weight-putt, Lunghi's win in the Open Quarter-Mile and D. T. Nadin's "hurdling" High Jump of 5 ft. 1½ ins.

The points for the individual Challenge Cups were well distributed, but W. M. Potter deservedly won the Heber Clarke Cup with 30 points while T. M. Bowerman won the Shallard Cup for the Juniors, also with 30 points.

The officials were:—*President*: The Head Master. *Starter*: G. F. Duxbury, Esq. *Judges*: W. A. Rudd, Esq., W. Bevir, Esq., W. G. Holmes, Esq. *Time-Keepers*: J. Y. Ingham, Esq., J. B. E. Alston, Esq. *Stewards*: D. E. Roberts, R. F. Jackson, R. Hedger. *Committee*: W. A. Rudd, Esq. (Chairman), J. B. E. Alston, Esq. *Ex-officio*: H. A. Lunghi, G. V. Bayley, A. C. Dean, G. D. Randall, D. B. West (*Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*). *Elected*: J. M. Wood, W. M. Potter, J. Lay i, W. D. Richardson ii, P. M. King, P. S. Wilsdon.

RESULTS.

1. LONG JUMP (Open).
(Record: 21ft. 3½ins.)
1. G. D. Randall. 2. D. Pimm. 3. G. V. Bayley.
Distance, 19ft. 3¾ins.
2. LONG JUMP (Under 15).
(Record: 17ft. 3½ins.)
1. J. H. Hill. 2. I. S. Holland. 3. J. Richardson.
(Distance: 15ft. ¼in.)
3. HIGH JUMP (Open).
(Record: 5ft. 4¾ins.)
1. D. T. Nadin. 2. A. C. Dean. 3. R. Goodey.
Height: 5ft. 1½ins.
4. HIGH JUMP (Under 15).
(Record: 4ft. 10½ins.)
1. I. S. Holland. 2. G. D. Wells. 3. G. Hill.
Height: 4ft. 6ins.
5. HURDLES (Open).
(Record: 16 secs.)
1. D. Pimm. 2. G. D. Randall. 3. D. T. Nadin.
Time: 18¹⁄₅ secs.
6. HURDLES (Under 16).
(Record: 17³⁄₅ secs.)
1. R. Goodey. 2. C. J. Reenan. 3. V. G. Polley.
Time: 18²⁄₅ secs.

7. 100 YARDS (Under 12).
(Record: 13 secs.)
1. M. Quan. 2. P. S. Wilsdon.
3. J. E. Cutteridge.
Time: 14 secs.
8. 100 YARDS (Under 15).
Record: 11³⁄₅ secs.
1. T. M. Bowerman. 2. J. Richardson.
3. K. G. Walker.
Time: 12⁴⁄₅ secs.
9. 100 YARDS (Open).
(Record: 10¹⁄₅ secs.)
1. H. A. Lunghi. 2. Dead heat, G. D. Randall and P. H. Wooster.
Time, 11 secs.
10. 200 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 12).
1. D. J. Leach. 2. C. D. Slingsby.
Time, 26²⁄₅ secs.
11. QUARTER MILE (Under 15).
(Record: 62 secs.)
1. T. M. Bowerman. 2. K. G. Walker.
3. B. Arundale.
Time: 71¹⁄₅ secs.
12. QUARTER MILE (Open).
(Record: 54²⁄₅ secs.)
1. H. A. Lunghi. 2. J. Lay. 3. J. M. Wood.
Time, 56²⁄₅ secs.
13. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lbs.).
(Record: 41ft. 1in.)
1. A. C. Dean. 2. G. D. Randall. 3. D. Pimm.
Distance, 39ft. 5ins.
14. HALF-MILE (Under 15).
(Record: 2 mins. 27⁴⁄₅ secs.)
1. T. M. Bowerman. 2. J. Richardson i.
3. J. A. M. Green.
Time, 2 min. 44 secs.
15. HALF-MILE (Open).
(Previous Record: 2 min. 17¹⁄₅ sec.)
1. W. M. Potter. 2. J. M. Wood.
3. D. M. Cracknell.
Time, 2 mins. 12²⁄₅ secs.
16. RELAY RACE (Junior).
1. Blue House. 2. Green House.
Time, 4 mins. 4⁴⁄₅ secs.
17. RELAY RACE (Senior).
1. Red House. 2. Green House.
Time, 3 mins. 30 secs.

At the conclusion of the Sports the Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Bowditch. In addition to the Challenge Cups, mentioned above, the House Cup

presented by the Ladies of Abingdon was won by Blue House with 174 points, Red House being second with 167 points.

THE MILES.

The Miles were run on Thursday, March 17th. In both events the times were good, the time of the Open having been beaten only twice since 1921 and of the Junior three times, including the records in each case.

OPEN.

1. W. M. Potter. 2. J. Lay i. 3. M. Sprules.
Time, 5 mins. $5\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

House Placings :—1. Green House 30 points.
2. Red House, 33 points.

JUNIOR.

1. G. Hill. 2. R. Ball. 3. G. Bowman.
Time, 5 mins. $38\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

House Placings :—1. Blue House, 21 points.
2. Red House, 46 points.

We offer our grateful thanks to the following subscribers to the Prize Fund: J. B. E. Alston, Esq., E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq. and Miss Ross-Barker, E. H. Blacknell, Esq. (O.A.), O. B. Challenor, Esq. (O.A.), S. E. Cullen, Esq. (O.A.), S. A. Fabes, Esq. (O.A.), President of the Old Abingdonian Club, Dr. J. H. Fisher, A. M. Wilson-Green, Esq., Mayor of Abingdon, The Headmaster and Miss Grundy, J. Y. Ingham, Esq., A. T. Loyd, Esq., Lord-lieutenant of Berkshire, P. H. Morland, Esq. (O.A.), W. T. Morland, Esq. (O.A.), J. H. E. Morland, Esq. (O.A.), A. W. Morland, Esq. (O.A.), E. A. Mortleman, Esq. (O.A.), A. E. Preston, Esq. (O.A.), and Mrs. Preston, J. B. Reeves, Esq. (O.A.), W. A. Rudd, Esq. and Mrs. Rudd, H. P. Simpson, Esq. (O.A.), T. Skurray, Esq., R. A. R. Townsend, Esq. (O.A.), A. B. West, Esq. (O.A.), Mrs. Bailie, Mrs. Bevir, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Carslaw, Mrs. B. Challenor, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Duxbury, Miss Florey, Mrs. Gardner, Miss Harris, Mrs. Hedger, Mrs. R. Langford, Mrs. Mayhead, Lady Norman, Mrs. Pudney, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Sturrock, Mrs. Tatham, Mrs. A. E. Wood, Mrs. Woodford.

O.A. SPORTS.

The Athletic Meeting between Past and Present was held on Saturday, May 14th. Rain and cold wind rather marred the occasion. A new system of scoring was tried out, a first place scoring 5 points, second 3 points and third 1 point, while

the winner of the Relay scored 8 points. The School won by 55 points to 25, though the O.A.C. secured 4 firsts to the School's 5. D. G. Brown, in addition to making a phenomenal weight putt of 48 ft., kindly gave a demonstration of discus-throwing. A. C. Dean also put up an excellent performance in the weight with a distance of 40 ft. S. A. Paige again ran an excellent mile.

The results were as follows :—

1. HURDLES.

(Record : 16 secs.)

1. D. Pimm. 2. R. Goodey
3. E. F. Stevens (O.A.C.) O. E. Clark (O.A.C.)
Time, $17\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

2. HUNDRED YARDS.

(Record : 10 secs.)

1. L. P. Mosdell (O.A.C.) 2. P. H. Wooster.
3. H. A. Lunghi. G. F. Powell (O.A.C.)
Time, $11\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

3. HALF-MILE.

(Record : 2 mins. $9\frac{4}{5}$ secs.)

1. W. M. Potter. 2. J. M. Wood.
3. A. R. M. Adams (O.A.C.) W. Giles (O.A.C.)
Time, 2 mins. $14\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

4. LONG JUMP.

(Record : 22ft. 2ins.)

1. G. D. Randall. 2. G. V. Bayley.
3. L. E. J. Luker (O.A.C.) G. F. Powell (O.A.C.)
Distance, 17ft. 4ins.

5. QUARTER-MILE.

(Record : 52 secs.)

1. D. G. Brown (O.A.C.) 2. H. A. Lunghi.
3. J. Lay. G. A. R. Boyd (O.A.C.)
Time, 56 sec.

6. HIGH JUMP.

(Record : 5ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins.)

1. D. T. Nadin. 2. = S. A. Paige (O.A.C.)
2. = A. C. Dean. O. E. Clarke (O.A.C.)
Height, 5ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

7. WEIGHT.

(Previous Record : 42ft. 7ins.)

1. D. G. Brown (O.A.C.) 2. A. C. Dean.
3. G. D. Randall. G. F. Powell (O.A.C.)
Distance, 48ft.

8. MILE.

(Record : 4 mins. $50\frac{4}{5}$ secs.)

1. S. A. Paige (O.A.C.) 2. W. M. Potter.
3. J. M. Wood. J. Lay.
E. F. Stevens (O.A.C.) R. F. Simmonds (O.A.C.)
Time, 4 mins. 59 secs.

9. RELAY.

Won by the School in 2 mins. 31 secs.

A.S.A.C.

1. A. C. Dean.
2. G. V. Bayley.
3. G. D. Randall.
4. P. H. E. Bloomer.
5. P. H. Wooster.
6. H. A. Lunghi.

O.A.C.

1. G. A. R. Boyd.
2. H. B. Healy.
3. M. Ogle.
4. L. E. J. Luker.
5. D. G. Brown.
6. L. P. Mosdell.

THE WIND.

There are those who say that nothing can beat
 The sound of waves on a rock-bound coast ;
 But others will say, that the sound of rain
 On a window pane, pleases the fancy most.
 But I care not for these, there is for me
 The sound of wind. In the top of a tree,
 On the open heath, in the quiet wood,
 Where it's symphony mingles with the brook
 That babbles and trills, in its running rills,
 O'er the shining stones. 'Tis the wind that soothes
 Mid summer heat, that gently caressing
 And whispering breeze, that ripples the pools,
 And at even cools the valley and hills.
 But I like it most in the autumn gales
 When in rushing, roaring and racing way
 It flies o'er the hills and bursts its path
 With a shout and laugh, past city and town,
 It fills the valleys, it jumps the downs,
 And waits not to count up its roaring score
 But ever goes on to count up more
 Till at last, mid thundering, crashing and roaring
 It ceases
 Then there is silence, silence like sleep
 Which men call death. When is borne to our ears
 The wailing of pine trees, that near-by sigh
 And bow their heads to their mighty king
 When he comes rushing by.

A.S.P.S.

This term witnessed the resuscitation of the Photographic Society. Thirty-four new members have joined, bringing the total to forty-four, which is the highest since its formation.

Two competitions have already been held, the Holiday Competition being won by R. F. Jackson with "Sunset" and the "People in Action" competition by P. H. Wooster with "A Good Putt."

On the evening of Sunday, May 22nd, R. F. Jackson gave a very interesting lecture on "How

to Develop and Print Films," and on the following Sunday an exhibition of Members' photographs was held in the Physics Laboratory. The photographs on the whole were very good especially those exhibited by R. F. Jackson and J. Stephenson. We are also greatly indebted to the Chairman, J. Y. Ingham, Esq., and to J. B. E. Alston, Esq., for exhibiting their collections of splendid photographs.

Both the School and Waste Court dark rooms have been used to a great extent and some very commendable results have been obtained. Waste Court members especially have mastered the art under the careful guidance and help of the Vice-President, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq., and it is hoped that they will be showing some tinted photographs in the Founder's Day Exhibition.

"NOW, I WONDER WHAT CAUSED THAT ?" *Some Common Photographic Faults Explained.*

Many a time, when an amateur photographer receives his negatives from his dealer, or even when he first sees them after having developed them himself, he notes some peculiar result, occasioned by some fault in taking the picture, or in the camera itself. Then, if he hasn't seen such a thing before, he naturally asks himself, "Now, I wonder what caused that ?"

LIGHT-FOG.

Perhaps one of the most common faults in negatives is that known as "fog," which means that actinic light (other than that which reached it in the normal exposure of the photograph) has reached the sensitive emulsion.

Some amateurs make the mistake of opening the camera before the film is completely wound off, but excluding such an obvious error as this, and taking it for granted that the dark room was "safe," we must look to the camera for the cause of the trouble.

One of the most prolific trouble-makers is the "pinhole," which merely means a tiny hole in the folding bellows of the camera, brought about by constant opening and closing: in other words, normal wear. If this hole is large the plate or film may be fogged evenly all over—or "veiled" to use the technical term. But if the hole is of the smaller variety, the matter of tracing it may to the uninitiated, be a long job. It may be foretold by the strange markings which it makes on the negative, resembling a tangle of string

(see Figure 1). This, of course, is caused by movement of the camera, making the ray of light through the pinhole dance all over the plate or film.



Figure 1.

Another cause of fogging is a faulty shutter. This generally takes the form of circular markings in the centre of the film. If extraneous matter, such as sand, gets lodged in the shutter mechanism, it may cause the shutter to stick open, or partly open. Any such means of admitting light to the film can be traced by the simple means of placing a lighted electric torch inside the camera through the back, which is then covered over with a thick black cloth. The camera is taken into a darkroom, and then the light will at once show up any leakages. Another method is to apply the eye to the back of the camera which, of course, is opened, cover the back edge and the head with a black cloth and hold the camera in front of a strong light. The eye will soon detect any leakage which may be there.

Fogging along the edges of a film is caused by loose winding, and if this happens frequently the camera should be taken to a dealer or returned to the makers for adjustment.

SCRATCH-MARKINGS.

Long, straight lines on a negative, which resemble scratches, and which are, in fact, abrasions on the emulsion surface, may be caused by either

pulling the paper and film taut after removal from the camera—"cinch marks"—or by rubbing against the small rollers in the camera-back. It should be seen that these revolve properly before inserting a new film.

BLURRED PICTURES.

There are three ways in which a blurred picture can be caused. The photographer may move the camera at the moment of making the exposure, the person being photographed may move, or the camera may be incorrectly focussed. This last fault does not, technically, give a blurred picture, but one which is "out of focus." For instance, it is useless to take a snapshot with a boxform camera as close as, say, three to four feet without an extra lens to slip over the ordinary one, to adjust the focus accordingly.

Similarly, when using a focussing model camera, great care is necessary to estimate or measure the distance from camera to subject, and then set the focussing device accordingly. So many amateurs fail to realize the importance of this, and wasted film is the invariable result.

DARKROOM FAULTS.

In the darkroom quite a number of faults are common and a brief description of these, and some hints on how to cure them, will surely interest.

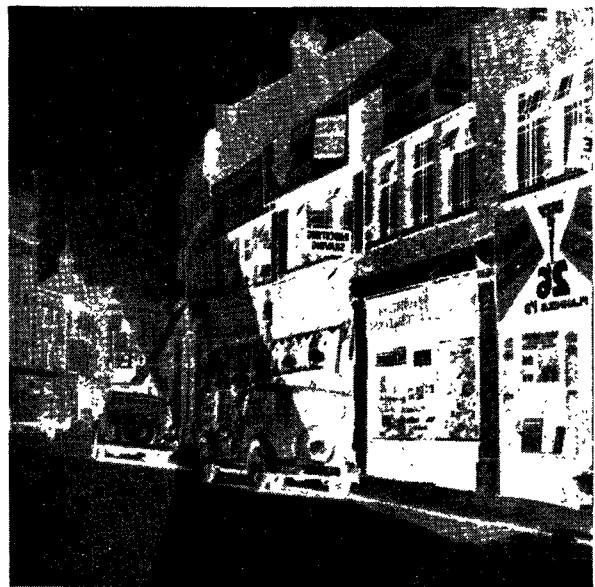


Figure 2.

Cleanliness in the darkroom is a *sine qua non* if

first-class negatives and prints are to be made. Loose chemicals left lying about may cause an epidemic of spots which may result in the loss of

many valuable exposures. Therefore, always keep your chemicals tightly bottled.

In development one of the most common faults

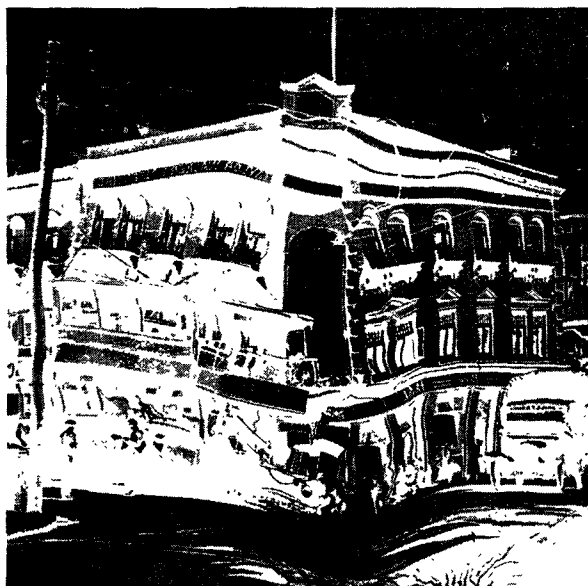


Figure 3.

is that illustrated in Figure 2—Uneven development. It is more prevalent with plates and flat films than with roll films, which are generally developed in the roll.

This fault is usually caused by careless flowing on of the developer, or by the use of an insufficient quantity of solution. It can also be caused by unthinkingly putting the plate in the developing dish with the film side down, thus causing the plate to adhere to the bottom of the dish and preventing the solution acting evenly all over. Always use sufficient developer and flow the solution evenly and fully over the plate.

Another development fault far too common is that of clear circular spots on the plate which are caused by air bubbles formed on the plate during development. These bubbles are due to the use of stale or oxydized developer, or to flowing the developer too roughly over the plate. The bubbles attach themselves to the plate and prevent development.

Prevention. Always use fresh solution and flow it over the plate evenly and gently.

OTHER FAULTS.

Don't dry your negatives too near a fire or you



Figure 4.

may get a result similar to that illustrated in Figure 3. The emulsion has melted owing to drying in excessive heat. Plates and films should be dried in a cool, dust-free place where there is a gentle current of air. Where quick drying of plates is essential bathe them in methylated spirit and place them to dry in a current of air. They will be dry enough to print from in a very few minutes.

Be careful how you handle your plate or film. The illustration in Figure 4 is the result of greasy fingers touching the emulsion before development. Handle the negative at the edges and this trouble will be avoided.

Write to Ilford Limited (makers of Selo Films) Ilford, London, for a copy of their free Plate and Film Booklet and Selo Film Booklet which contain much interesting and helpful information.

O.T.C.

We congratulate F. G. D. Dean, R. Hedger, L. A. G. Hendley, H. K. Mitchell, G. S. Moss, D. Pimm, and C. G. Rowe on obtaining Certificate "A." A total of 18 certificates has now been gained during the year, which constitutes a record.

This term the junior N.C.O.'s and cadet leaders have had a number of parades in which to prove themselves as potential weapon-training and drill instructors and under the expert guidance of Sgt.-Major Eyre a high standard has been attained in this respect. The new field drill in threes has been successfully practised under the platoon commanders Sgts. Bayley, G. V. and Wooster, P. H. and company drill perfected under C.Q.M.S. Lunghi. Some indoor work has also been done on the sand table and C.S.M. Jones, H. T. and Sgt. Roberts, D. E., assisted by C.Q.M.S. Lunghi are to be congratulated on preparing a difficult T.E.W.T. on defence and withdrawal. Sgt. West, in charge of the armoury, continues to maintain a high standard of tidiness and cleanliness.

The annual inspection was carried out on June 2nd by Captain A. N. S. Corbett from the War Office. The annual camp will be held at Tweseldown from July 25th to August 3rd.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTHS.

STEVENS.—On March 30, at The Beeches, Kingston Lane, Southwick, Sussex, to Barbara (née Mosdell) and William Henry Stevens (1923), a son, Nigel William.

GARDINER.—On April 30, at Headington, Oxford, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gardiner, a daughter, Sally.

MARRIAGES.

MORLEY—FREETH.—On May 14, at St. Mark's Church, Pennington, Lancashire, Captain Philip Woodgat Morley (1917), Royal Warwickshire Regiment, to Betty Ruth, youngest daughter of Colonel and Mrs. C. J. D. Freeth.

MORLEY—EARLE.—On June 1, at St. Aldhelm's Church, Bishopstrow, Warminster, Captain Edward Stretfeild Morley, Royal Artillery, to Elizabeth Mary Earle.

LANGFORD—WORTON.—On June 11, at Monken Hadley Church, Barnet, Ernest Geoffrey Langford (1928), son of the late Mr. Ernest Langford, and Mrs. Langford, of 44, Park Road, Abingdon, to Heather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Worton, of Darley Dale, Hadley Wood, Barnet.

T. E. Gardiner (1925), who for the past four years has been associated with Messrs. Challenor and Son, Solicitors, at 14, New Road, Oxford, has now been taken into partnership with them there. His private address is 20, Staunton Road, Headington. G. B. Peck (1937) is with him in the office in Oxford and hopes shortly to be articleed.

W. H. C. Mayhead (1928) has been appointed Second Brewer in the City of Exeter Brewery, where the Chief Brewer also is an O.A.—Martin Daly (1894), a son of the late Dr. Daly of Kingston Bagpuize.

We have received a welcome visit from one of our senior Old Boys in the person of the Rev. H. E. Burgess, who came to the School in 1874.

D. M. Johnston (1907), from whom we had a visit in the summer of 1935, has joined the monastic brotherhood of Mount Melleray Abbey, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, Ireland, where we wish him all happiness and contentment.

To J. D. Wood (1936) congratulations on again having an architectural drawing accepted and hung at Burlington House.

M. H. Holme (1955) has won the Novices' Lightweight Championship in the boxing competition of the Insurance companies recently held in London.

C. S. Morland (1921) is now working on a gold mine in South Africa. His address is 21, Oppenheimer Circle, Selection Park, Springs, Transvaal.

H. R. D'Almaine (1929) is in the Royal Navy, and is at present doing a general course of training at Gosport.

E. P. Rice (1928) and G. E. Sinclair (1931) are at present home on leave from Southern Rhodesia and the Gold Coast respectively.

J. C. Blackmore (1933), who has a post at Huntley and Palmer's in Reading, has accepted a commission in the Territorials.

T. S. Coulson (1932) is a student at the Middlesex Hospital.

D. G. Brown (1935) proved an easy winner with the discus in the Inter-Varsity Athletic Sports this year—the first occasion on which this event has been included—improving on his Oxford Trials throw by nearly three feet.

C. G. Rowe (1938) has a post as Laboratory Assistant in the Radcliffe Infirmary.

J. H. R. Faulkner (1938) is in the Post Office in Abingdon.

W. J. Leahy (1937) is with J. Allen & Sons, engineering contractors in Oxford, and not in the Abingdon Post Office as we stated in a previous number.

O.A. CLUB NOTES.

The following fixtures have been arranged :—
Thursday, June 16th.—School Regatta, 2 p.m.
Friday, June 17th.—Founders Day.

Saturday, June 18th.—O.A. Cricket Match,
11.15 a.m. Club General Meeting, 6 p.m.

- Agenda* :—1. Minutes.
2. Accounts.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Report of London Rugger Section.
5. Report on Trust Fund.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Alteration to Rule 10 of the Club Rules.
8. Any other business.

Club Dinner, 7.40 for 8 p.m. Members may bring guests. The Dinner will be held in the Royse Room,—the old School-room—and tickets will be 6s. 6d. It is hoped that the venue will attract a larger number of members, and it will assist arrangements greatly if those intending to be present will notify the Secretary as soon as possible.

Sunday, June 19th.—Golf Competition for Cup and Prize presented by J. B. Reeves, O.A. 18 holes Medal Play. Frilford Heath Golf Club.

Members who wish to play in the O.A. Cricket Match or attend the Dinner should communicate with me.

L. P. Mosdell,
Hon. Secretary O.A. Club,
Mortimer, Berks.

LONDON O.A.R.F.C., 1937-8.

There is only one thing to be feared more than a demand note for payment of Income Tax and that is the polite requests for news from an exasperated Editor. Desperately insistent and frantically polite (except once, when he referred to this contribution as "O.A. chatter!") he eventually wins hands down. All this, of course, has no bearing whatsoever on the London O.A.'s Rugger Season, but—well you can blame the Editor for that.

You will probably recall that in our last season's report, we harrowed you with tales of constant rain, a water-logged pitch and inches of mud. Profiting by these experiences we decided to move our pitch on to a higher plane. Its always so delightfully simple to make these decisions but to put them into effect is quite another matter. Moving a pitch means moving four goal posts and this means digging four pits; furthermore, moving a pitch means remaking "touch" lines and goal lines and 25's and things, and these fade away after a week unless you dig them. However, all

this was done, thanks largely to the brothers Wood plus their incredible plough-like "touch" line maker" (patent applied for). The club-house extension was, of course, completed by the commencement of this season and after suitable internal decorations had been effected with about a quarter of a mile of cerise and white coronation bunting and a griffon (J. D. Wood) this monumental edifice was given over to the entertainment of our guests. We have tried to make the place as labour-saving as possible but in this respect we have been rather sadly baulked by our landlord. He refuses to allow us to introduce electricity, presumably, not approving of "none of these new-fangled ideas" so we maintain a delightful impartiality to all fuels—we heat our bath water with coke, we derive our illumination from a mixture of candles and a pressure oil lamp, we heat the room with paraffin stoves and boil our water by means of a "Calor" gas installation.

Now we come to the business of reporting upon the results of our efforts on the field of play. If the success of a season is to be judged upon a club's point analysis, a glance at the table appended to this report will leave nothing to doubt. There is, it is true, a deficit which will take some explaining away. We realise that if the O.A. Rugger Club is to progress in the Rugger world we must give serious thought to the question of producing a good match record. We are, however, not ashamed of the adverse balance which we have recorded for the 1937-8 season. We have learned from our own experiences that it is an extremely difficult business to field a fairly consistent team throughout a season. A hundred and one things interfere with our doing this and if we cannot field a team, which possesses combination throughout we cannot expect to present a very clean sheet at the end of the season. We are, however, cheered in this respect when we learn that the majority of well-established clubs experienced the same teething troubles. Measured in terms of points, then, we have not had a successful season in other directions however we can claim our due. The best possible match analysis would perhaps have put O.A. Rugger "on the map" but it would not necessarily have given us our fill of the sheer joy of good hard ding-dong matches. All those who saw the London O.A.'s play the School will, we think, agree that it was all very much ding-dong and throughout the season, with the exception of five rather major catastrophes this was the nature of each of our matches. In the same way as the

School were really unlucky to lose by a point so we feel were we unlucky in 60—70 per cent of our matches to lose by a small margin of points.

We opened the season with a victory against the O. Elizabethans "A" which for reasons too delicate to record here heartened us considerably. Then followed the School match. This must surely be the only match in the year in which we really get that "lose the bottom of your stomach" feeling. It was grand and we hope you enjoyed it.

The R.A.F. (Northolt) on hearing of our reputation to date hastily scratched to us. (Actually "pressing service engagements" unfortunately was the true reason).

Playing the B.B.C. "A" at home was an experience that none of us will forget easily. The weather was simply perfect but the ground a little hard. After an excellent game on a ground like a billiard table we went down to the tune of 3 points. From the final whistle until late into the night we were treated right royally. Hot showers, a full size plunge bath, a glass of shandy, a splendid tea and excellent evening entertainment. Who could possibly begrudge 10s. for a wireless licence?

Punished lightly by the Old Reigatians, we lost again by a narrow margin to the "P and O" Club. We regard our fixture against this club as our "local Derby," a match to be won at all costs. Each year we have two terrific tussles with "the Ship" and honours are about even. Here again we must record an evening of good (?) singing and merrymaking.

Thus we progressed through the season and welcomed the New Year with several successive matches on our own ground. Just a select few know what lies behind the words "several successive matches on our own ground." Stupendous, magnificent, staff-work—they have had their reward.

On January 14th does anyone remember the gale? Well, it blew those four goal-posts of ours down. Ye gods, what a crisis, a match on the next day. What did we do? Did we get them up in time?—No, we played without them. We lost to the Old Cranleighans "B," who, realising our difficulties rallied round in fine style. At any rate, we have arranged return matches for the coming season.

Towards the close of the season team difficulties again began to upset us and we suffered several

severe reverses, the worst being at the hands of the O. Edmundians. We must admit that even in our best form we cannot as yet claim to equal their class of football. They were first-rate. We knew we were in for a trouncing and were not disappointed. There is, however, a great deal to be said for playing at least one fixture against a really good-class side.

The School came down in late March and we welcomed Messrs. Lunghi, Wooster and J. M. Wood to our ranks. They undoubtedly supplied all the drive in our final match against Cavendish "A." It was simply a case of Lunghi giving the ball to Wooster and Wooster running over the line, while in the position of full-back Wood just hurled any of the opposition from out of our 25. All very satisfactory.

In conclusion, there are once again masses of folk to whom the Club is indebted. We obviously cannot mention them all by name. There were those who stepped in to fill a team vacancy, those who supported us from the line and those who assisted us financially and in kind. In this latter respect may we mention Mrs. Wood and Mr. Fabes. Then there were the ladies who managed the catering and entertaining for us. The Misses Boyd, Richards, Reynolds, Davies, Dignum and Healy, we could not have done without them and Mr. Healy for his attention to all-kinds-of-things, nor can we possibly forget J. D. Wood for his unofficial and untiring work in practically every direction. Lastly, a word of thanks to the Team Secretary (P. Wood) for his efficient staff work and to the Vice-Captain for his quiet help throughout the season.

FIXTURES 1937-8.

Date.	Opponent.	Result.	
1937.		For.	Against
Sep. 25.	O. Elizabethans	A.	12 9
Oct. 2.	The School	A.	6 5
" 9.	R.A.F. Northolt "A"	H.	Scratched by R.A.F.
" 16.	B.B.C. "A"	A.	3 6
" 23.	Old Reigatians "A"	H.	0 9
" 30.	"P and O"	A.	5 8
Nov. 6.	Old Reigatians	A.	3 3
" 13.	Guy's Wanderers	H.	6 6
" 20.	Imps. R.F.C.	A.	3 22
" 27.	Bantams "A"	H.	0 13
Dec. 11.	Uxbridge "A"	H.	Scratched
" 18.	Old Purleians	A.	10 22

1938.

Jan. 1.	Uxbridge "A"	A.	12	3
„ 8.	Old Elizabethans "A"	H.	0	27
„ 15.	Old Cranleighans "B"	H.	0	9
Feb. 5.	Wasps "C"	H.	0	9
„ 12.	Dorking "A"	H.	3	9
„ 19.	Ibis Extra "A"	A.	3	3
„ 26.	"P and O"	H.	6	11
Mar. 12.	Old Purleians	H.	6	30
„ 19.	Old Edmundians	H.	0	46
„ 26.	Cavendish "A"	H.	35	0
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