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CALENDAR, LENT TERM, 1948.

January:

12th, Monday	Boarders return.
13th, Tuesday	Term begins, 9.0 a.m.
31st, Saturday	Hockey XI. v. Wantage School (Away).

February:

4th, Wednesday	Hockey XI. v. Culham College (Away).
7th, Saturday	Hockey XI. v. Wallingford Grammar School (Home).
14th, Saturday	Hockey XI. v. Wantage School (Home).
18th, Wednesday	Hockey XI. v. Queen's College (Home).
25th, Wednesday	Hockey XI. v. Wallingford Grammar School (Away).

March:

3rd, Wednesday	Hockey XI. v. Queen's College (Away).
6th, Saturday	1st and 2nd IV.s v. O.A.C. (Home).
9th, Tuesday	Hockey XI. v. Abingdon H.C. (Away).
10th, Wednesday	Field Day.
	1st, 2nd and 3rd IV.s v. Magdalen College School (Away).
11th, Thursday	Mile Races.
13th, Saturday	1st and 2nd IV.s v. Culham College (Home).
	Hockey XI v. R.N.A.S. Culham (Home).
18th, Thursday	Sports Day.
20th, Saturday	O.A. Sports.
25th, Thursday	Term ends, 10.15 a.m.

Summer Term begins 9 a.m., Tuesday 27th April, 1948.

EDITORIAL.

WITH this issue our magazine changes its size and format. These you will have noticed already. But there is another, and we hope equally beneficial, change. We are at the beginning of a new volume of the magazine, and with it we open a new era in its history. The management of the magazine has passed into the hands of an Editorial Board whose members are pupils of the Upper School. We hope that we maintain the high standards set by Mr. Willis in the past year, and by his predecessors for half a century.

We here record our thanks to Mr. Willis for his invaluable services to the magazine, and also bid farewell to the committee from whose ashes the present Board has risen. In consequence of Mr. Punton-Smith's untimely death, Mr. Willis took over the magazine in a very unsettled state, despite the able interim editorship of M. J. Cullen, O.A. He has steered the magazine through a troubled year of paper restrictions and financial inequilibrium.

The editors have decided to re-open the correspondence columns of the magazine. Letters for publication may be on any subject that is connected with the school and its activities, and friends of the school and parents are invited to express their opinions, though we do not undertake to publish all such correspondence, nor will we necessarily agree with those opinions which will be printed.

SCHOOL NOTES.

THERE have recently been considerable alterations in the school time-table. The time-table has been re-arranged and there is no 'prep.' on Saturday night. On the other hand, more time is now available for cultural and other extra-curriculum activities, albeit these are on a voluntary basis. These are the most obvious changes, but there are other improvements, too numerous to mention in detail.

At the end of the summer we were sorry to lose the Rev. G. R. Palmer, who has been School Chaplain for the last fifteen years. As well as being remembered for the guidance he gave confirmands year after year, he is well known as a star both on the cricket pitch and at the rag-concert. The Rev. F. W. Burgess is very kindly acting as Chaplain in his place, and we wish him many happy years of office.

In September we welcomed two members to the Staff. Mr. R. G. Mortimer, late of Sherborne School and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, will assist mainly with French, and next term will help coach the crews, having been captain of his college boat club. Mr. L. C. J. Griffin, late of City of Oxford School, read Classics at Jesus College, Oxford, where he was captain of the cricket club. He will coach the cricket team in the summer.

We congratulate D. H. Wheaton and P. R. Betterton on being awarded State Scholarships.

Very great sympathy is extended to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban in the loss of their little son, John Howard Macdonald, aged 1 year 11 months, who died on 13th September, 1947, as the result of a fatal accident. The funeral was held in the School Chapel on 17th September.

We also deeply regret to announce the death of Kenneth Henry Crutch, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Crutch of 8, Manor Gardens, Kennington, Oxford, on 6th October. He came to the School in September, 1941. We have received the following appreciation from an old school friend:

"Kenneth and I had grown up and had gone to school together. I well remember the first day we went to the Grammar School, both in our first pair of long trousers, and the time we used to carry out experiments with our chemistry outfit, and many other happy times we had together.

As Kenneth grew older he took a great interest in current topics and much of his leisure was spent in reading books on all manner of subjects. He was a great animal lover and one of his greatest pleasures was bee-keeping.

With Kenneth's untimely departure not only have some of us lost a good and true friend but also a steadfast and industrious citizen of the future."

We are grateful to Mr. E. A. Greening Lamborn, of Littlemore, for drawing attention to an article by himself in 'Notes and Queries' of 27th November 1947, on the Rev. Thomas Woods, Headmaster of the School from 1716 to 1753. As a result of this article arrangements are being made for the shield above Mr. Woods' monument in S. Nicolas' Church to be repainted in its original colours.

The boys and staff of the School gave a contribution of £2 10s. towards Berkshire's wedding present to Princess Elizabeth as a small token of our deep-felt good wishes.

We are extremely gratified to note the interest displayed in the School by the people of Abingdon. The outward and visible signs by which we judge are the large and regular attendances at home matches.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. Grundy on being elected to the Borough Council in the recent elections. Mr. Grundy was only 26 votes from the top of the poll.

We congratulate also those awarded colours for Rugby Football. Details will be found in the review of the term's sport.

We were extremely pleased to welcome Gordon Holdom to the School once again when he gave an informal concert in Big School on 3rd December. Mr. Ingham was the accompanist.

We again thank the following, who gave lectures at the School this term:

4th Oct. Major V. C. J. Buckley, F.R.G.S., on 'The American Scene, 1947.'

23rd Oct. Lt. Comdr. Buckley, R.N., on 'The Work of the Navy.'

6th Nov. Col. A. H. Lloyd, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., M.A., on 'Forestry'.

24th Nov. Mr. R. G. C. Cowe from The National Coal Board.

27th Nov. Comdr. S. le Bailly, R.N., on 'The Technical Branches of the Navy.'

29th Nov. Mr. L. L. Hodgson of the Bible Society on 'The Primitive Tribes of Assam.'

10th Dec. S/Ldr. B. S. Leete, O.B.E., A.F.C., on 'India.'

Parties from the Fifth and Sixth forms have attended three lectures sponsored by 'The Friends of Abingdon' Society:

16th Oct. Mr. L. E. Tanner, M.V.O., M.A., F.S.A., on 'Westminster Abbey.'

19th Nov. Mr. W. A. Pantin, M.A., on 'Medieval Town Planning in the Oxford Region.'

12th Dec. Miss A. C. Baker on 'Abingdon Abbey.'

Other functions attended by members of the School this term have been: a concert by the New Oxford Orchestra in the Corn Exchange on Saturday, 27th October; the annual match against Major Stanley's XV at Oxford on 20th November; a production of 'Frieda' by the Abingdon Drama Club in the Corn Exchange on 28th November; productions of 'King Lear' and 'Macbeth' by the Donald Wolfitt Company at the New Theatre, Oxford, on 1st and 3rd December; and a concert by the Abingdon and District Musical Society at the Corn Exchange on 4th December.

We have received a most interesting letter from Mr. Rudd, now on holiday in the United States. Unfortunately lack of space makes it impossible to print any of his news in this number, but we hope to do so in a later issue. Meantime, it is good to hear of his safe arrival in Seattle, and we wish both him and Mrs. Rudd a pleasant stay in the land of 'plenty'.

Dancing classes are again a popular feature in the lives of Sixth form boarders. Later in the year we hope to be able to demonstrate our proficiency (or otherwise) in the art.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Aldenhamian*, *The Bracklean*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Lily*, *The Phoenix*, *The Recorder*.

The results of the Oxford Higher Certificate and School Certificate Examinations held in July were as follows:

The following 8 boys passed the Higher School Certificate Examination:—H. D. Baecker in main subjects Physics, Chemistry (marked good). Subsidiary—French (good). A. B. Beadle in Physics (good), Chemistry (good). Subsidiary—Applied Maths. (very good). P. R. Betterton in Advanced Maths., Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Applied Mathematics (good). Subsidiary—Physics (very good). D. J. Leach in Physics, Chemistry (good). Subsidiary—French (good). Applied Maths. (very good). J. P. Mortimore in Classics. G. L. Sanders in Pure Mathematics (good), Applied Mathematics (good), Advanced Mathematics. Subsidiary—French (good), Physics (very good). V. E. Welch in Physics, Chemistry (good). Subsidiary—French (very good), Applied Mathematics (very good). D. H. Wheaton in Classics (Distinction in Latin and Greek).

In the Oxford School Certificate Examination, 22 boys passed. Where the distinction mark was obtained the subject is put in brackets after the boy's name:

D. M. Aldworth, N. C. J. Badley, G. H. Brown, A. H. Cherrill, J. T. Cullen, W. J. Dunkley, R. F. Hamer, M. A. C. Heavens (Gen. Science), J. E. Holloway, P. C. Lovegrove (Latin, Gen. Science), B. N. Margrave, D. McMahon, A. L. G. Milligan, D. H. Randall, (Gen. Science), J. B. Rich, A. W. H. Riggott, G. S. Strachan (English Language). M. H. Venables, B. H. Wiggins, W. C. Woodley, J. L. Wyatt (Gen. Science, Mathematics), G. A. Yakes.

Supplementary credits were obtained as follows:—

Chemistry:—T. W. J. Jordan (very good). W. G. Olscher.
Physics:—T. W. J. Jordan, W. G. Olscher, J. R. Wake.
Trigonometry:—W. G. Olscher, J. R. Wake.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND — AN APPEAL.

SOME 435 Masters and Old Boys of Abingdon School served in the Armed Forces during the recent World War and of these 50 gave their lives in the cause of freedom. It is right that we should commemorate them in a way that is not unworthy of their sacrifice; and we therefore appeal to all who are interested in the School, whether as Governors, Masters, Parents, Old Boys or friends, to contribute to the War Memorial Fund which is now being established. We realise that there are many calls upon your generosity in these days, but we know that you will wish to give as liberally as you can to such a worthy object.

The first call upon the Fund will be the erection of a simple memorial plaque in the School Chapel, on which the names of the fallen may be inscribed. We propose to apply the balance of the Fund to the purchase of some six acres of land to the north of the Faringdon Road, adjoining Larkhill. The acquisition of this land as the 'Memorial Field' will increase the playing accommodation of the School, and it will also safeguard for all time the 'Green Wedge' of the School property. This is an opportunity that will never be repeated, and we should be incurring a heavy responsibility if we allowed it to go by default. We believe that now more than ever the School should take the long view and should think in terms of the next hundred years rather than the next six months.

This proposal has the approval and the support both of the Governing Body and of the Old Abingdonian Club; and we think that most friends of the School will agree with us that it is better to aim for a tangible and permanent memorial of this nature than to devote the proceeds of such an appeal to the more immediate needs of the School.

It is estimated that the bare cost of the field will be at least £2000, so we have set ourselves a high target. Towards this, including the balance of the Presentation to Mr. Grundy, nearly £500 has already been received in donations and promises. We rely on you to shew your affection for the School by contributing promptly and generously to the Fund, so that the purchase may be completed while the opportunity remains. If there is any surplus left after the field is bought and laid out, it can be used for improving the existing amenities of the School.

Will you please send your contributions to the Bursar, Abingdon School, Berkshire, making cheques or postal orders payable to the Abingdon School War Memorial Fund? If you prefer to enclose your contribution in a personal letter to any of the undersigned it will be passed on. A form of Covenant is obtainable, so that those who are willing to undertake to give an annual subscription for at least seven years may enable the Fund to claim a refund of income-tax and thus almost double their contribution. It should be stressed that an annual subscription of £1 1s. 0d. for seven years under this scheme is worth more to the Fund than a lump sum of £10.

(Signed):

F. CLIFTON-BROWN, Vice-Admiral,
(Chairman of the Governors).

J. M. COBBAN,
(Headmaster).

W. M. GRUNDY,
(President of the Old Abingdonian Club).

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Christmas Term, 1947.

Head of the School: G. L. Sanders

Head of School House: W. S. Ogden

School Prefects:

D. H. Wheaton

J. P. Mortimore

K. J. Weston

D. J. Leach

I. H. McNaughton

H. D. Baecker

N. A. Parker

W. G. Olscher

T. W. J. Jordan

B. G. Budden

J. A. Garner

J. R. Wake

J. T. Cullen

Sub-Prefects:

M. J. Aplin

R. A. Clay

R. M. Reed

M. D. Millichap

P. C. Lovegrove

D. M. Aldworth

J. L. Wyatt

M. A. C. Heavens

B. N. Margrave

B. H. Wiggins

M. H. Venables

A. H. Cherrill

J. A. Beary

A. F. Bastin

G. S. Strachan

Captain of Football:

G. L. Sanders

Hon. Secretary of Football:

J. T. Cullen

School Librarians:

D. H. Wheaton & J. P. Mortimore

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50 YEARS AGO.

We are in much the same depressed state as the Editor of the 'Abingdonian' of December, 1897, but we today have been swamped with news:

'No kind benefactor has left us a fortune for a chapel or a gymnasium or extra playground; we haven't even had an epidemic. Poverty of news leaves more space for original articles; we must leave it to our readers to decide whether this is a blessing or not; the Editors, only feel how grave a responsibility it is to accept and reject what is sent them!'

CHAPEL NOTES.

The Bishop of Oxford held a Confirmation Service in the School Chapel on Advent Sunday, which was witnessed by a large gathering of parents.

The Confirmands were: D. R. G. Andrews; C. H. Banwell, M. Bateman, P. F. C. Berry, M. J. Biggs, B. W. Boddington, A. F. Bowman, D. P. Brown, C. B. Carter, J. B. Evans, K. A. Fathers, D. J. Heavens, T. O. Inwood, I. Juggins, D. H. Key, J. H. Light, P. C. Lovegrove, P. R. Lucas, F. C. Lucas, M. W. Matthews, I. H. McNaughton, B. J. Noyce, P. M. O'Brien, M. R. Penn, D. W. H. Ridout, A. W. H. Riggett, E. D. S. Schwiier, H. B. Stevens, G. A. J. Terpstra, A. R. Upton, M. H. Venables, W. L. Wooldridge.

The Chapel Choir has now been re-formed, and occupies a centre block on the Decani side of the Chapel, both for Sunday and for weekday services. Next term too, we hope to institute short hymn practices for the whole School.

An organ recital was given by Mr. H. H. Fowler, A.R.C.O., M.R.S.T., on the evening of Saturday, 25th October, to which the Choir contributed a rendering of Malcom Sargent's 'Bethlehem'.

On Sunday evening 14th December, a festival of Lessons and Carols was held in the Chapel, in which members of the School, the Staff (past and present), and the Old Boys, read the nine lessons, and the choir sang some of the nine carols alone.

In accordance with annual custom, a special School service was held in the Church of S. Nicolas (with which the School was so closely connected in the Middle Ages) on the evening of the last Sunday of the Summer Term, 27th July. The Rev. G. R. Palmer preached for the last time as School Chaplain. Those who attended the service may have noticed six small loaves on the Blacknall Tomb; these represented an attempt to revive, on a small scale, the distribution of bread under the Cheney Bequest.

On 28th September, the School attended S. Helen's Church for the Harvest Festival. We hope to attend service in S. Helen's at least once a term in future.

On 4th November, Rev. Canon T. H. Liddiard very kindly showed members of Form VI the interesting points about the parish church of S. Helen.

Last term's preachers, besides the Headmaster and Mr. Burgess, were:—

Mr. W. M. Grundy.

Mr. H. M. Gray.

Mr. E. Parsley (Senior Housemaster of Dulwich College).

Wing-Comdr. P. Hamilton (Member of the Church Assembly).

This term's visiting preachers will include: Rev. Canon T. H. Liddiard, Mr. Austin Longland, K.C. (a member of the Governing Body), and Mr. F. I. Venables (Principal of Culham College).

There was a good response to the appeal by the Rev. R. Brown of S. Paul's Church, Nevis, with which we are associated, for hymn books, prayer books, and psalters, and the mid-term collection for this purpose reached a record total of £3, which was increased to £5 10s. 0d. by subsequent donations.

The collections have been allotted as follows:

S. Paul's Church, Nevis, B.W.I. £3 0s. 0d.
 The Dockland Settlement £1 15s. 0d.
 The British and Foreign Bible Society £2 0s. 0d.
 The Warren Hospital (Patients' Fund) £1 0s. 0d.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1947.

WE began this season with high hopes of a very strong XV. Five of last year's team were still with us and material of good quality from last year's successful 2nd XV was also available. Unfortunately the term early proved how unreliable are the calculations of mere man. A series of accidents throughout the term meant that we were rarely able to field exactly the same team on successive occasions. Thus that good balance to the scrum and that combination in the backs, so essential to a really good term, were all too frequently missing. The 2nd XV, too, called upon to fill the 1st XV gaps, suffered in the same way. Particularly unfortunate was the accident to Weston, who dislocated a collar bone in the first match against Abingdon R.F.C., and was subsequently out of the game for the rest of the season—his absence took much of the thrust out of the threequarter line.

However, despite this and other setbacks, the 1st XV has not had a bad season. There has, indeed, been an immense improvement and now at the end of term we can in truth say it is "almost" a very good side. It was certainly in fine form against a strong Old Abingdonian XV. The forwards, to begin with, have become a really sound pack and the outsides, who were the major problem all along, are now much more like the real thing, albeit defence is still not very reliable. All things considered, we can only regret that next term is not a rugger term, since we seem to get somewhat nearer to perfection only just in time to abandon the struggle for another year.

This term G. L. Sanders has been Captain of Rugger and J. T. Cullen Secretary of Rugger. During the season the following colours were awarded:—

1st XV Colours: A. H. Cherrill, B. N. Margrave, P. C. Lovegrove.

2nd XV Colours: D. M. Aldworth, J. T. Cullen, P. R. Lucas, M. D. Millichap, W. S. Ogden, R. M. Reed, J. B. Rich, J. R. Wake, T. W. J. Jordan, and P. Howse.

The XV was as follows: Fullback— Millichap; Threequarters—Aldworth, Lucas, Cherrill, Olscher; Halves—Budden, Cullen; Forwards—Margrave, Wake, Garner, Lovegrove, Reed, Sanders, Rich, Ogden.

Also played: T. W. J. Jordan in four matches, K. J. Weston in three matches, P. Howse in four matches, A. F. Bowman in two matches and M. Bateman in one match.

1st XV CHARACTERS.

G. L. SANDERS (Captain, Colours 1945). Front-row forward. An excellent "skipper", and a very good forward in both tight and loose. Has still a slight tendency to hold on to the ball too long, but in every other respect has set a fine example throughout the season.

K. J. WESTON (Colours 1946). Played in only three games, but showed great promise. Very fast and agile with an elusive swerve and great thrust.

J. A. GARNER (Colours 1946). Wing forward. Tireless and speedy, always up with the ball. An example of enthusiastic play at all times. His tackling and handling good. Should be careful of 'offside.'

A. H. CHERRILL (Colours 1947). Right Centre. A very good centre who runs hard and possesses a good hand-off and a neat kick. Tackling is inclined to be high. A fine place-kicker, but needs more confidence.

B. N. MARGRAVE (Colours 1947). Wing forward. A strong energetic player in tight and loose and an excellent tackler. Also a very good full-back.

P. C. LOVEGROVE (Colours 1947). Second row forward. Has developed into an enthusiastic, hard-working player. Falls well and uses his feet effectively, but could make more use of his hands.

B. G. BUDDEN (2nd Colours 1946). Stand-off half. A greatly improved player and a strong straight runner. His passing is sometimes erratic. Tackling is good and he is a good defensive kicker.

D. M. ALDWORTH (2nd Colours 1947). Left wing. A fast, determined runner, sometimes apt to over-run his passes. Has a tendency to hesitate when cornered. Should make a very good player next season.

J. T. CULLEN (2nd Colours 1947). Scrum half. A useful energetic player, not yet quite accustomed to his new position. Passes are too low, but he will improve with experience. Tackling and kicking good.

P. R. LUCAS (2nd Colours 1947). Left centre. Slightly handicapped by lack of size, he runs well and has made good openings for his wing. Has an effective dummy pass and kick ahead. Tackling and handling much improved.

M. D. MILLICHAP (2nd Colours 1947). Full-back. A reliable back whose handling and kicking are good. He tends to wait for the ball to bounce. Tackling at times very good.

W. S. OGDEN (2nd Colours 1947). Front row forward. A good player in the line out. Pushes well in the tight, but is inclined to drop back during the game. Has tackled well.

W. G. OLSCHER (2nd Colours 1947). Right wing. Has shown much promise, but does not always run hard for the corner flag. Falls and tackles well.

R. M. REED (2nd Colours 1947). 2nd row forward. A good sound player, valuable at all times. Drop kicks and place kicks well. Tackling good.

J. B. RICH (2nd Colours 1947). Hooker. Has given us a fair share of the ball, and has often been conspicuous in forward rushes.

J. R. WAKE (2nd Colours 1947). Lock forward. A good heavy forward although inclined to hang about in the loose. Falls well and is a determined tackler.

T. W. J. JORDAN (2nd Colours 1947). Forward. Has played well as wing forward and has been particularly useful in forward rushes.

P. HOWSE (2nd Colours 1947). Forward. A hard worker who handles and tackles well.

1st XV MATCHES.

v. G. L. JONES' XV. (Home). Lost 6—18.

This match, played in hot weather and on hard ground, was really a trial. G. L. Jones' XV included ten past and four present members of the School. Cherrill opened the score for the School with a good penalty goal after five minutes play. Shortly afterwards G. L. Jones dropped a fine goal to put his side ahead. At half time the score was 3—7 against us, our opponents having scored a try through A. B. Beadle. In the second half G. L. Jones' side went further ahead when E. H. Aldworth scored two tries and G. L. Jones one try in quick succession, one of which was converted. The School managed to score a try through Cullen, after a run by Sanders.

v. ORATORY SCHOOL. (Home). Won 64—nil.

Against weak opposition we ran up our 'biggest-ever' score. In spite of hard work by their forwards, Oratory never looked like scoring and we scored fourteen tries, of which Cherrill converted eleven.

v. ABINGDON R.F.C. (Home). Lost 3—25.

Against a much heavier and stronger side we played an unfortunate game, losing Weston with a dislocated shoulder, and suffering many minor injuries. Our only try came when Abingdon's full-back misfielded the ball and Lovegrove, quickly following up, touched down.

v. RADLEY COLLEGE 2nd XV. (Home). Won 21—12.

This was a fine hard game in which the lead changed hands twice before we managed to win by three goals and two tries to four tries. Radley scored a try and the School a goal in the first half. Shortly after half-time, Radley scored again but failed to convert. Thereafter for some twenty minutes the game was all ours, and our threequarters played well to add a further three tries, whilst we also secured a forward try. Towards the end, Radley made a tremendous rally but could only get two more tries. The School tries were scored by Cherrill (3), Lucas (1), and Garner (1), and Cherrill converted three of these.

v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE. (Home). Lost 6—17.

As a result of two fine long range penalty kicks by Cherrill, we led 6—3 at half-time against a heavier and very vigorous side. Weight and skill proved too much for us in the second half although Pembroke had to fight for their victories.

v. MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL (Away). Lost 3—47.

We were outplayed in this game and unfortunately became too easily tired in the face of the fast Magdalen backs. Our only score came right at the end of the game when Margrave went over for a try.

v. NEWBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. (Away). Lost 0—36.

Although we were again heavily defeated, this was a very good game and we played a much better game than that against Magdalen. Newbury possessed an outstanding Centre who scored all their first thirteen points and against such superior material we battled bravely, but in vain. Our tackling, however, showed great improvement.

v. ABINGDON R.F.C. (Home). Won 21—3.

This win was a fine reversal of our previous defeat at the hands of the Club, and was due to good combination in our backs, and most energetic following up by the forwards. Tries were scored by Cherrill (3), Wake and Rich, whilst Cherrill converted three of these.

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL. (Away). Won 15—8.

This was one of our best games. At half-time we were down 8—3 but made a wonderful rally and added four tries in the second half without allowing Oxford to reply. Aldworth and Lucas played extremely well and our tries were scored by Aldworth (3) and Cherrill (2). Cherrill was not in kicking form and no tries were converted.

v. NAUTICAL COLLEGE PANGBOURNE 2nd XV. (H). Won 11-5.

High wind spoilt what was otherwise a good game, in which we held territorial advantage except for brief intervals. Two minutes after the start Budden scored a try for us from a pass from Aldworth, but before half-time Pangbourne gained a goal, having scored a try from a long dribble. In the second half Olscher scored a try after a run by Cherrill, and Reed converted.

v. OLD SOUTHFIELDIANS A. (Away). Draw 9-9.

This game, in which we got three unconverted tries to the opposing side's two tries and a penalty, should have been a victory for us, and possibly would have been had not Cherrill been injured. Our tries were scored by Cherrill, Aldworth, and Garner.

v. RADLEY COLLEGE 2nd XV. (Away). Lost 0-3.

We found Radley a much-improved side and lost a well-fought game, the only score being a penalty goal to Radley scored only two or three minutes after the game started.

v. OLD ABINGDONIANS. (Home). Won 14-6.

This was a really good match which we won by one goal and three tries, to two tries. The O.A.s had a strong side which, however, found the pace much too hard. Chief honours must go to the school pack who played a really stalwart game throughout. The O.A.s scored first with a try from E. H. Aldworth, but we quickly replied to this when Cullen dodged round the blind side of a scrum to score a try which Cherrill converted. Before half-time Wake scored a try as a result of a forward rush, thus making the half-time score 8-3 in our favour. In the second half Wake scored another try after a cross-kick from Cherrill, but this was unconverted. Near the end Margrave just failed to score after a fine interception, being well tackled near the line, but Sanders made up for this by scoring a try from a line-out. The Old Boys replied with another try from K. R. Sims which they failed to convert, after which there was no further score.

v. OXFORD EXILES 'A'. (Away). Lost 3-26.

The School played well against a much heavier side. The Exiles, who had a good as well as a weighty pack, forced us to play a forward game and we could make little headway. Everything was not one-sided, however, and towards the end of the game, the school backs managed to get some of the play. Cherrill kicked a penalty goal for us.

v. SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL 1st XV. Won 11-6.

In a good, energetic game, the School won by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to 2 penalty goals. Our superiority, which was very noticeable at the end of the match, was mainly due to better threequarter play. Southfield possess a fine full-back, but for whom our score would have been higher. Cherrill kicked a long penalty for us in the first half, and in the second

half, Cullen scored from a blind-side move near the Southfield line, whilst later Garner scored a try between the posts. Cherrill converted the first of these tries.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The Senior House Matches resulted in a victory for Blue House, who therefore gain the Lin Cup this year. Results were:—

Red v. Green ...	22—3.
Blue v. Red ...	14—6.

The Junior Matches provided great excitement in the final between Red and Green Houses. These two Houses played one another three times before a decision could be obtained, there being no score at all in the first two games. Results were:—

Blue v. Red ...	5—8.
Red v. Green ...	6—3.

Red House thus gains the Bayley Cup for Junior Rugby.

2nd XV.

The 2nd XV have had a much fuller programme this season, playing altogether eleven matches. On the whole they have justified this increased attention to their interests, and their enthusiasm is most encouraging. The side has been most ably captained by D. J. Leach, who has also led the forwards, two of whom, Howse and Jordan, played well for the 1st XV on several occasions. Chief honours in the 2nd XV must go to the forwards, who have proved themselves a stalwart pack. The outsiders have not been wholly satisfactory and still have much room for improvement in thrust and defence.

Team:— K. A. Fathers, J. L. Wyatt, J. W. H. Beasley, I. H. McNaughton, M. J. Aplin, A. F. Bowman, R. Klein, P. Howse, D. J. Leach, C. W. Brookes, W. J. Dunkley, N. A. Parker, D. H. Wheaton, M. Bateman, J. P. Mortimore, G. S. Strachan,

Results:—

- v. City of Oxford School. (Away). Lost 0—9.
- v. Radley College 3rd XV. (Home). Lost 3—24.
- v. Royal Naval School of Music. (Away). Lost 0—9.
- v. Southfield School. (Away). Won 21—14.
- v. Magdalen College School. (Home). Lost 3—18.
- v. Oxford Exiles Extra 'A'. (Away). Lost 0—33.
- v. Southfield School. (Home). Won 11—6.
- v. City of Oxford School. (Home). Lost 0—19.
- v. M. C. S., Brackley, 1st XV. (Home). Won 27—6.
- v. Royal Naval School of Music. (Away). Won 12—8.
- v. Oxford Exiles Extra 'A'. (Home). Lost 9—18.

3rd XV.

Owing to cancellations, the 3rd XV has only had two games this term, but both of these were victories. Team:—

R. D. M. Grant i., A. F. Bastin, B. R. Perry, D. E. Allen i., D. F. Dance, A. E. Reeve i., R. F. Hamer, M. H. Venables, J. B. Evans, A. L. G. Milligan, D. Rabson, K. A. Fathers, B. H. Wiggins i, R. A. Clay (Captain), G. S. Strachan.

v. City of Oxford School. (Home). Won 18—9.

v. Southfield School. (Away). Won 21—6.

'UNDER 15' XV.

The team was rather light and inexperienced, and though some individuals shewed promise there was a lack of combination in all branches and the tackling in mid-field was very weak. Against Bloxham the team played well but in the other matches the form was much below that shewn in practice games. Andrews, Morgan and Inwood among the forwards deserve mention for good work and Free and Penn among the outsides. F. C. Lucas played pluckily at full-back.

The following played for the team:—

D. Free, D. R. G. Andrews, R. S. M. Millard, T. O. Inwood, H. B. Stevens, A. Morgan, M. R. Penn, D. W. H. Ridout, A. G. B. King, B. M. Crook, J. A. Winter, G. A. J. Terpstra, E. D. S. Schwiier, W. L. Wooldridge, D. P. Brown, E. G. A. Cox, N. A. C. Darroch, F. C. Lucas.

Results of Matches were:—

- v. M.C.S., Brackley. (Away). Lost 0—53.
- v. M.C.S., Oxford. (Home). Lost 0—66,
- v. Bloxham School. (Home) Lost 6—9.
- v. Oratory School. (Away) Lost 0—29.
- v. Southfield School. (Away). Lost 0—20.
- v. C.O.S. (Away). Lost 3—24.

VALETE ET SALVETE.

Valete.

Left Summer 1947.

VIth Form:

M. J. GREEN (1942, iii). Head of School House, 1946; O.S.C, 1945; 1st XV, 1944; Colours, 1945; 1st IV Colours, 1945; Capt. of Boats, 1947; 2nd XI, 1943—44; Half Athletic Colours, 1946; Hon. Sec. and Treas. of Games, 1946; J.T.C., Sgt., Cert. 'A', 1945; Shooting VIII, 1946; Abingdonian Committee.

P. R. BETTERTON (1939, iii). School Prefect, 1945; O.S.C., 1943; H.S.C., 1945; State Scholarship, 1947; 1st XV, 1944; Colours, 1945; Hockey XI, 1946; Half Colours, 1946; 1st XI, 1947; Half Athletic Colours, 1946; J.T.C., C.Q.M.S.; Cert. 'A', 1945.

M. H. JONES (1940, iii). School Prefect, 1946. O.S.C., 1945. 2nd XV, 1946; J.T.C., Cpl.; Cert. 'A', 1945; *Abingdonian* Committee.

C. S. CULLEN (1938, iii). School Prefect, 1946. O.S.C., 1945. 2nd XV, 1946; 1st Coxing Colours, 1945; 1st IV Colours, 1947; J.T.C., Sgt.; Cert. 'A', 1945; Shooting VIII, 1946; Hon. Sec. *Abingdonian* Committee.

J. T. MOORE (1941, iii). School Prefect, 1946. O.S.C., 1945. Pembroke Scholarship, 1947. 2nd XV, 1946; 2nd IV, 1947; J.T.C., Cpl.; Cert. 'A', 1945.

A. B. BEADLE (1940, iii). School Prefect, 1946. O.S.C., 1944. H.S.C., 1946. 1st XV, 1945; Colours, 1946; Hockey XI, 1946; Half Colours, 1946; 1st XI, 1947.

V. E. WELCH (1940, iii). School Prefect, 1946. O.S.C., 1947. H.S.C., 1946.

C. W. G. PULFORD (1942, i). School Prefect, 1947. O.S.C., 1946. 3rd XV, 1946; J. T. C., Sgt. Armourer, 1945; Cert. 'A', 1945; Cert. 'B', 1947.

R. J. PEZARO (1941, i). Sub-Prefect, 1946. O.S.C., 1946. 2nd XV, 1945; 1st IV, 1947; 2nd Colours, 1947; 2nd XI, 1946; J.T.C., Cert. 'A' (pt. 1), 1945.

Vth Form.

N. C. J. BADLEY (1942, ii). Sub-Prefect, 1946. O.S.C., 1947. 2nd XV, 1946; 3rd IV, 1946; 1st XI, 1947; J.T.C., L/Cpl.; Cert. 'A', 1945.

P. R. LITTLE (1941, iii). 1st XV, 1946; 2nd Colours, 1946; J.T.C., L/Cpl.; Cert. 'A', 1946.

G. A. YAKES (1942, i). O.S.C., 1947. 3rd XV, 1946; J.T.C., Cert. 'A' (pt. 1), 1946.

P. A. F. SMITH (1941, ii). 1st XV, 1946; 2nd Colours, 1945; 1st XI, 1946; 2nd Colours, 1946; Full Athletic Colours, 1947; J.T.C., Cert. 'A', 1947; Shooting VIII, 1946.

G. H. BROWN (1942, iii). O.S.C., 1947. 2nd XV, 1946; 2nd XI, 1947.

P. R. BROWN (1942, iii). 1st XV, 1946; 2nd Colours, 1946; 2nd Coxing Colours, 1946; 3rd IV, 1947; J.T.C.; Cert. 'A' (pt. 1), 1946.

A. H. GARRETT (1942, iii). 3rd XV, 1946.

IVth Form.

R. E. FAULKNER (1940, iii). 1st XI Colours, 1947.

G. H. F. CLEAVER (1943, iii).

Rem.A. C. J. TURNER (1944, iii).

Rem.B. D. FAULKNER (1945, iii). J.T.C.

A. FAULKNER (1945, iii). J.T.C.

G. MOSCYTZ (1944, iii).

III.A. C. A. LANE (1945, iii).

II Form. J. B. PEDDLEY (1946, ii).

Salvete.

Came, September, 1947:

IV.A. H. R. Leach (ii).

IV.B. N. A. C. Darroch; F. P. Field, I. M. Pickford (i.), W. L. Wooldridge, A. C. Wright.

III.A. T. G. Bungay, P. J. Carey, P. G. Cope, J. E. Greenaway, R. F. Hale, P. J. Lay (i), D. S. Lloyd, H. J. Marsh, E. G. Rockall, A. J. Slessor,

III.B. R. Acklam, F. L. Allsworth, D. A. Aston, T. S. Bloor, M. D. G. Butler, J. Cooper, P. R. J. Gregory, T. R. Lay (ii), D. L. J. Littlewood, P. F. Marcks, J. A. Nichol, B. N. Parker (ii), R. J. Prothero, K. H. Smith, N. A. Stimpson, B. L. O. Walker, A. F. M. White, J. S. Williamson,

II. D. B. Austwick (ii), A. C. Brodrick, M. B. Culley, D. G. Dunkley (ii), M. B. Enser, R. J. Flower, M. E. Humby, D. M. Jones (ii), P. B. Light (ii), R. G. Marshall (ii), C. A. Mason, A. Maxwell, L. B. Miell-Ingram, P. O. Older, A. J. Pickford (ii), R. Pinniger (ii), J. R. Pratt, J. M. Thistlewood, J. Tuck, W. C. J. White (ii).

I. I. T. S. Ashworth, N. A. Carter (v), D. Conway, W. St. A. R. Dady, I. J. Glenny.

J.T.C. NOTES.

THE outstanding event since the last report appeared, has of course been the Summer Camp. Camps, rather,—for the School sent a contingent of nine cadet N.C.O.s to the O.U.S.T.C. Camp at Churn. This event, historic for the School, came as the climax to a year's training in artillery work. All the boys who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and in addition all of them were successful in obtaining Cert. 'B'—a highly gratifying result, on which we congratulate them most heartily. The outward and visible sign of their achievement is a golden star on the right sleeve; we hope this splendour will encourage the hesitant to join the Corps.

But to return . . . the J.T.C. Camp proper was held at Tweseldown, near Aldershot, from 29th July to 6th August. It was the first full-scale camp to be held since before the war for School contingents only, and it seemed a great pity that our representation there should total only nineteen, including officers. In these times, however, when holiday arrangements have to be made many months ahead, there were obvious difficulties in the way; and it should be added that all the schools experienced them to much the same extent. The big thing is that the 'Camp habit' has been revived; those who did attend were well satisfied. We were particularly glad to have with us the C.S.M., who was then expecting to receive his call-up papers at any time. We feel that we owe an acknowledgement of his high sense of loyalty, and his public spirit.

With so small a contingent, Abingdon could hardly hope to 'fight her own battles' during the week's training, and it was arranged with Major A. M. Emmett that our small, very young force should swell St. Edward's ranks. This arrangement was both satisfactory and beneficial, from our point of view; the officers were freed to enjoy a busman's holiday by attending a course on 'Methods of Instruction', given by the Southern Command Team. During the week a good deal of time was devoted to a series of demonstrations by the Parachute Regt., so that the day's work was not by any means too heavy; food was plentiful, the weather good (to the point even of providing us with a heath fire during the night-op.), and the N.A.A.F.I. well provided. On the Sunday a sports meeting was held in weather so nearly sub-tropical that the C.O. became a 'Middle East type' again for the afternoon! Here the flag was hoisted by the C. S. M., who was a worthy member of the team representing 'A' Coy, 2 Bn., that carried off the tug-of-war. Several of our number also fought gallantly, if unsuccessfully on the greasy pole against a mighty champion from Portsmouth whose seat no man could disturb. Yes, we had a good time, and we are looking forward to going again next year.

During the holidays, authority was received for an increase in our establishment from 60 to 90; we have therefore extended the policy we first adopted last year of 'catching 'em young', and at the present there are 87 figures to be seen on a Tuesday afternoon wearing the 'muddy vesture'. But there are still vacancies!

Unhappily, the departure of many senior boys has meant that we have had to discontinue the connection with O.U.S.T.C. It is fitting, though, that we should renew our thanks to Col. Dawnay for all his past kindness, and express a confident hope that we shall again see an Abingdon contingent of the S.T.C.

What senior boys we have are active as instructors, and for these we were fortunate enough to 'book' the Southern Command Team which 'functioned' at Camp. The team gave a short course on the afternoon of Tuesday, 28th November which brought home many points of the technique of instruction.

There has been no Cert. 'A' exam. this term, but it is hoped to arrange an examination for next term. Meantime, we have been busy shooting, with, alas, only moderate success: a team was entered for the Public Schools' Competition run by the National Small-Bore Rifle Association. It did less well than last year. A postal match against Elizabeth College, Guernsey, the third of a series, was lost for the first time, by a margin of 51 points. We hope, however, that this set-back is only temporary.

This report cannot be closed without our paying tribute to the sterling work done by the new C.Q.M.S., R. A. Clay and his assistant, Sgt. Wake. The expansion of the Corps has involved much tedious labour for them; they have undertaken all this—and more—with a relentless enthusiasm that deserves the highest praise. The same must be said too, of the new 'Civilian' Clerk' to the contingent. Such is his passion for making order out of the chaos in which his officers were formerly content to live, that now no document can ever be dug up by any but himself! His tenure of office is certain: we never could recapture the fine careless rapture of the bad old days!

The following promotions and appointments were made this term:

To be Under Officer	...	C. S. M. Sanders, G. L.
" " C.S.M.	...	Sgt. Weston, K. J.
" " C.Q.M.S.	...	Cpl. Clay, R. A.
" " Sergeant	...	{ L/Cpl. Ogden, W. S.
		{ L/Cpl. Wake, J. R.
		{ L/Cpl. Wheaton, D. H.
" " Corporal	...	{ L/Cpl. Aplin, M. J.
		{ L/Cpl. Budden, B. G.
		{ L/Cpl. Garner, A. J.
" " L/Corporal	...	{ L/Cpl. McNaughton, I. H.
		{ Cadet Margrave, B. N.
		{ Cadet Olscher, W. G.

Cadet Cherrill, A. H. was subsequently promoted L/Cpl. w.e.f. 19th November.

RAG CONCERT, 1947.

ALTHOUGH there was some doubt whether the Rag Concert could be staged this term, on the last evening the lights went up on a gaily-decorated makeshift platform which did great credit to the stage hands. The show started straight off with two military sketches: the first, "Shiny Boots," by members of Form Two, who appeared to enjoy it as much as we did, and a senior one, "The Better Bet," a brief and forceful playlet which caused considerable amusement. In "Time to Knock off" we saw a clever skit on modern (?) farming and ministerial bureaucracy and this was followed by a new venture, some conjuring by Marco and his assistant (Gee and Lloyd). Then the Masters' Quintet made their appearance and sang the "Tale of a Tack," which Mr. Moore and Mr. Burgess enacted very convincingly. The Waste Court production "Jones Minor's Recitation" was extremely original

and brought rather an anticlimax for the aspiring performer. The last item before the interval saw the welcome reappearance of Rev. G. R. Palmer, who, dressed for the occasion, brought us an amusing episode in the life of "Jan Stewer."

During the interval Mr. Burgess displayed his ability at the keyboard by rendering Brahms's "Rhapsody," and the second part opened with a Shakespearian extravaganza entitled "A New Wing at Elsinore," performed by members of the Middle School. After this ensued a "potted" version of "Romeo and Juliet," sung as a duet with great gusto by Parker and Mortimore, and "No Smoke without Fire," a comical scene with two elderly ladies from Form Four. Larkhill next put on "A Bit of Rest," a successful play with an unexpected ending, and we then welcomed Professor Molotovski, alias Rev. F. W. Burgess, who gave us his impressions of certain of our number in his "musical insults." This was followed by "Sebastian's Salon," a strangely sibilant, seldom superfluous sketch by Cullen and Hamer, and then we were delighted to have Mr. Bevir back with us, still a prime favourite. He told us in song what measures he would introduce "if he were a Member of Parliament," and for an encore returned to his days of "turmut 'oein'." The final play, "Night at an Inn", was acted by members of the Fifth Form, whose costumes made it more colourful than most.

The whole show was well-dressed and competently acted, but it would have been better for a larger proportion of musical items, and possibly one or two well-known choruses. Tribute must be paid to the fine work done by the producer, Mr. Ingham, by the stage-hands and electricians, and especially Margrave who made a very capable compère and added to the success of the whole.

LIBRARY.

This term we must record our thanks to Mr. Ross-Barker who has very kindly presented a large assortment of books both to the general and fiction sections. We are also indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Crutch for three books, "The Duke" by Guedalla, "Wild Birds in Britain" by Gordon and "British Time" by de Carle, given in memory of their son, and to Major V. C. Buckley, F.R.G.S., who presented a copy of his own work "Happy Countries" and "Kaiserpfalzen und Ritterburgen in Franken und Thuringen."

Other additions include: "Screwtape Letters" by C. S. Lewis; "I Commit to Your Intelligence" by Churchill; "Men of Taste" by Briggs; "Vic-Wells: a Ballet Progress" by Manchester; "The Land of Wales" by E. P. Lewis; "Cotswold Country" by Massingham; "South American Handbook—1947" by Davis; "Modern Europe" by Hasluck; a complete new Edition of Dickens' works; "Film" by Manvell; "Style in Architecture" by Lambert; "English Church Craftsmanship" by Crossley; "Propaganda" by Lambert; "Cook and the Opening of the Pacific" by Williamson; "Botha, Smuts and South Africa" by Williams, and "Bolivar and the independence of Spanish America" by Trend.

ROYSE SOCIETY.

Early this term several of the senior boys, in conjunction with the staff, decided to form a society which would meet very occasionally to read papers and to discuss subjects of general interest. J. P. Mortimore was elected Secretary, and the Headmaster very kindly extended the hospitality of his house to the Society.

On 12th November, the first meeting was held, when Mr. Cobban read an essay on "English Prose Style", and on 2nd December H. D. Baecker read a discursive paper which he entitled "Education."

TURNOR SOCIETY.

President: The Headmaster. *Chairman:* D. H. Wheaton.
Hon. Secretary: R. F. Hamer. *Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. D. O. Willis.
Committee: M. J. Aplin and G. S. Strachan.

This term a society was formed to promote interest in political, economical, historical, and current affairs subjects, and it was decided that the Society should be called 'The Turnor Society'—after Sir Edward Turnor, Speaker of the House of Commons (1661—71), and Solicitor General (1671), at one time a pupil at the School.

At the first meeting the Committee was elected, and at a later meeting this Committee drew up the constitution, stating, among other things, that the Society should be for members of the IVth form and above.

Six subsequent meetings were held at which lectures were given by various speakers. At the first two meetings Mr. J. L. Etty gave us a instructive outline of the uses and work of U.N.O. At the third meeting Mr. Cobban gave us a very interesting lecture on 'Mending the Parish Pump', which was not really practical engineering, but on local government in Germany. The following week Mr. Willis gave us an epidiascope showing of photos which he had taken during his wartime travels. As we were about to return to England, Mr. Gaitskell cut off the electricity and left us in Holland. This meeting of the Society was held in conjunction with the Photographic Society. The last meeting of the Society for this term, held on 5th December, was the climax of the lectures, when Mr. Graham Hutton, the well-known economist, gave us a lecture on 'The Economic Future of Great Britain.' This very amusing and instructive lecture was a fitting termination to this term's activities, and we sincerely hope that we may have many a lecture as good as that.

Next term it is hoped to have a larger number of lectures, and more members, we hope, will join the Society.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

President: The Headmaster.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. C. E. T. Moore and M. J. Aplin.

Chairman: D. E. Allen.

Hon. Secretary: W. G. Olscher. *Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. J. Y. Ingham.

Steward of the Dark Room: R. Klein.

The Society has progressed steadily this term, with a rather larger number of boys doing their own developing and printing than last term. We are fortunate in now possessing an enlarger, which is a very welcome addition to the Society's equipment.

On one occasion this term we combined with the Turnor Society and Mr. Willis gave a most interesting and instructive epidiascope lecture. It was, however, unfortunately cut short, to the general annoyance of all, by a fuel cut.

We shall be having a holiday competition, which will allow a wide and varied field of photography. The Society now looks forward to next term, when we hope to enrol many new members, and to procure more films for the Society's many cameras.

THE SCOUT TROOP.

Scout-master: Mr. L. C. J. Griffin.

The 34th North Berkshire Troop came into existence in about the third week of term, with some twenty-four members.

Its activities have been necessarily confined so far to passing initial tests, and just over half the troop have now passed 'Tenderfoot'. We had a nice visit on 28th November from Mr. A. S. Birch, the Field Commissioner, who gave us a very enjoyable meeting. It is hoped that some of the troop will be invested before the end of term, and that the remainder will not be far behind.

THE CUB PACK.

Cub-Master: Rev. F. W. Burgess.

The Pack was formed at the beginning of the term with seventeen members and Banwell, as Assistant Scout. Later Lacey i. came in also to help. We have met on Wednesday afternoons, and attendance has been very good. Enthusiasm has been shown in passing tests, and in tracking, treasure-hunting, with clues in morse, and other games.

The pack has been joined to the local Association (with the Scout Troop) as the 34th Abingdon Pack, and we were pleased to receive a visit from the District Cubmaster.

At present the Red Six are leading with 281 points to the Brown's 255.

THE AVIATION CLUB.

President: The Headmaster.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. F. J. Sewry and J. L. Wyatt.

Hon. Secretary: N. A. Parker. *Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. F. J. Sewry.

Chairman: B. H. Wiggins.

Although originally started as a Friday afternoon 'cultural activity', its meetings are no longer limited to Friday afternoon, and now cover a large proportion of the members' spare time.

The club has very kindly been granted permission to use Abingdon R.A.F. Station for a flying field at week-ends, and has made full use of this privilege despite the wintry weather. Waste Court field has provided a testing-ground, but some models have found the limited space too cramped for their performance, with disastrous results.

At the end of the term a Round-the-Pole contest was held, and was won by W. Olscher with an average of 17.9 secs, followed by B. Stevens who averaged 12.6 secs. The Headmaster very kindly presented the prizes, and included one of his own nomination for the best flight of the contest, which was also won by W. Olscher. Many members had bad luck in the competition, particularly B. Margrave, whose model was placed 4th in the competition, but which afterwards set up the official Club record for R.T.P. models of 25.6 secs, a very creditable performance.

This term the club has been unable to do much on account of its inexperience and the weather, but with power models well to the fore and all members showing such great enthusiasm 1948 promises to be a very successful aviation year.

CHESS CLUB.

It was decided during the second half of the term to form a School Chess Club. Mr. G. F. Duxbury was unanimously elected chairman. I. H. McNaughton was appointed Hon. Secretary and M. J. Aplin, Hon. Treasurer.

Next term we are hoping to arrange fixtures with other schools, and we have already had one fixture offered to us.

THE FIELD CLUB.

The Club was formed in October with 8 members, increased since to 13, to study (without spoiling) and to understand, various aspects of Nature: to watch birds and animals, to grow wild flowers and shrubs, to hatch insects, and so on. The Headmaster has kindly given us a plot of land which we have dug up, but it has not been possible to do very much outdoor work in the cold weather.

The Club log book contains many interesting photographs and entries from various members. We thank all those who have lent us books to form the library we now enjoy.

We look forward next term to hearing some lectures which have already been promised.

THE PHILATELIC CLUB.

President : The Headmaster.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. L. C. J. Griffin. and Mr. R. G. Mortimer.

Hon. Secretary: B. W. Boddington. *Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. R.G. Mortimer.

Librarian: Mr. R. G. Mortimer.

The Club was inaugurated at the beginning of term to provide an opportunity for exchange and discussion of stamps for philatelists who up to now had no opportunity to pursue their hobby while at school.

The Club has joined the Didcot branch of the International Stamp Collectors' Association.

Mr. Griffin gave us a talk on 'Album Lay-out and Write-up,' and later gave us illustrations from part of his collection of New Zealand stamps.

On 16th December we were very pleased to have a talk on 'How to begin a Collection' from Mr. P. H. Lewis of the I.S.C.A.

6th WORLD JAMBOREE, MOISSON, FRANCE, 1947.

'Jamboree Mondial de la Paix.'

We left Newhaven at 12 o'clock, on board the 'Isle of Thanet,' to the cheers of some three thousand scouts, and two hours later arrived on the war-battered harbour of Dieppe where the quay at which we disembarked was lined with fisher folk. At Dieppe we boarded a train and for some hours were jolted along on its hard wooden benches until we finally arrived at Rosny. This was the station especially erected for the Jamboree. We travelled to the camp itself in extremely old buses and it was after midnight by the time we 'bedded down.'

In the heart of the "Forêt de Moisson" had been constructed a very convincing replica of one of the towers of Windsor Castle. From the battlements of this tower one could just distinguish, in one direction, a huge wooden flagstaff, and in the opposite direction a reproduction of the tower of Bethune. This tower stood in the sub-camp of Flandres-Artois and its clock chimed out the hours. There were fifteen of these sub-camps, including Flandres-Artois, each named after an old French province.

Every four sub-camps shared a small market or *foire* which was complete even to the refinements of a hairdressing saloon and theatre. The largest of these *foires* included a restaurant.

The travel service round the camp was provided by twelve small diesel trains, whose speed was kept down to 5 m.p.h. so that one could board or disembark merely by stepping on or off, without the necessity of stopping.

Recreation was provided in the camp in several ways. One could play soccer, rugger, or indulge in contests of skill according to one's vitality, which varied, for the temperature was 107° F.

Near the main market was a huge arena, 'La Place des Nations,' where the opening ceremony took place. At this the Berkshire scouts, thirty-six abreast, marched behind the Scottish pipers, leading the British Commonwealth contingent over the ramps of the arena into the blinding light of flares and camera flashlights. After crossing the arena the column wheeled round to the side to join in cheering the other contingents.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the towers were dismantled, leaving the 'Forêt de Moisson,' for the most part, as it had been before. But to all of us scouts that spot in the forest remains a sacred memory.

A. W. H. Riggott, Form VI.

D. E. Allen, Form V.

OXFORD LETTER.

To the Editors of the
'Abingdonian'

Pembroke College,
Oxford.

December, 1947.

Dear Sirs,

Here once more is my terminal commentary on world affairs. May I point out that I am completely unbiased, much in the same way that a stone deaf judge is because he has heard the arguments on neither side. My case is similar. This College is an earthly Olympus in that it is utterly aloof from such things outside its walls that might trouble it. Its virtue is that it has preserved the standards of a prosperous leisurely age for future generations, perhaps as a goal to be striven for. Inside its walls serious conversation, sometimes brilliant, erudite, and even informed, is still fostered as an art. Mediocre conversation is tolerated to throw gems into relief. There's culture in drink not drug-gery. For the favoured few once in a lifetime there is food cooked, dressed and served as a universe has forgotten. The usual standard of college fare only serves to throw it into greater relief than ever.

There is besides these material qualities a spirit harboured here of leisurely gentility in its best and barest sense, a kindly, unembittered, tolerant attitude to things in general. In these days the academic mind with all its faults has one saving grace, namely that it is able to see every side of a question — an unusual ability today and of increasing importance if freedom of opinion is to prevail.

In these days when University life is open to such a much larger class of men it is of the utmost importance that they should realise that a University course has as its primary object the building and broadening of character by many and insidious means. Secondary is the passing of examinations (this is no excuse in advance!) Good luck to such Abingdonians as embark on a University career.

I do not apologise for a serious contribution for once — these are serious times.

Yours sincerely,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

PRESENTATION TO MR. GRUNDY.

Contributions towards the presentation to Mr. W. M. Grundy, Headmaster of Abingdon School from 1913 to 1947, amounted to £377 9s. 0d.. After paying for the Decola Radiogramophone and for certain (very small) expenses incidental to the appeal, the organisers were left with a balance of £132 2s. 11d., which has been transferred, at Mr. Grundy's own request, to the War Memorial Fund.

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BIRTHS.

- BARBER.** On 25th July, 1947, at Abingdon, to Muriel, wife of J. E. Barber (1932) a daughter.
- BECKETT.** On 7th September, 1947, to the wife of P. L. Beckett (1935), a son, Anthony Charles.
- BENNETT.** On 11th July, 1945, at Minehead, to Nora, wife of F. A. (Jim) Bennett (1936), a daughter, Julia Ann.
- COULSON.** On 10th October, 1947, to Joy, wife of Dr. T. Sutton Coulson, of Fir Tree House, The Riviera, Paignton, a brother for Johnny, (William Edward).
- PLUMMER.** On 11th August, 1947, to Betty, wife of S. D. Plummer (1931), a daughter.

SANDERCOCK. On 3rd October, 1947, at Camborne, Cornwall, to Ralda, wife of Desmond G. Sandercock (1939), a son.

WYATT. On 23rd November, 1947, to Lilian, wife of H. R. Wyatt (1940), a daughter, Gillian Irene.

MARRIAGES.

FARMER-BASFORD. On 29th August, 1947, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, F/O Wallace J. Farmer (1927), of Hillview, Oxford Rd., Abingdon, to Doreen Basford, of 91 Oxford Road, Abingdon.

LACEY-JOHNSON—HOWGATE. On 27th September, at Marcham Church, Lionel Lacey-Johnson (1944) of Christmas Common, Watlington, to Corinne Sybil Howgate, of the Thatched Cottage, Marcham.

LAY—BAINES. On 25th July, 1947, at Harwell, Joseph Lay (1935) to Barbara Mary Baines of Harwell.

LEFTWICH—ARUNDALE. In September, 1947, John Martin Leftwich (1942) to Wendy Arundale.

VERNON—BARRETT. On 27th September, 1947, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Eric Reginald Vernon (1939), of Thameside Farm, Abingdon, to Muriel Rosalind Barrett of 51 Oxford Road, Abingdon.

POTTER—MUNDAY. In September, at Thame Parish Church, William Martin Potter (1938) to Georgina Munday.

DEATHS.

BALL. On 7th December, 1947, at 35 Bostock Avenue, William Benjamin Ball, aged 87 years.

CALVERT-FISHER. On 15th August, 1947, as the result of an accident John Grylls Calvert-Fisher, aged 25 years.

DONKIN. On 11th October, 1947, at Huxley, Alberta, Philip Henry Donkin, aged 62 years.

W. Ball was at the School from 1868 to 1875, and so was one of the very few, if not the only surviving Old Boy who attended at the old Royse's Schoolroom. After leaving School he set up as a chemist at Sunningdale, and on his retirement in 1912 returned to Abingdon. In the first world war he interested himself in the S.S.A. Families' Association, and afterwards took a large part in reviving the old Abingdon Literary and Debating Society. He was also keenly interested in the Public Library.

John Calvert-Fisher, whose untimely death we have to report, was at School from 1934 till 1940, when he joined the R.A.F. He was a

School Prefect, played in the XV and was C.Q.M.S. in the J.T.C. He was a boy of much character who will long be remembered with affection by all who knew him. As a bomber and transport pilot he saw long service in the Mediterranean area including bombing missions to Ploesti oilfields. It is therefore particularly tragic that he should have met his death in an accident to a lorry in which he was riding, while engaged in timber-cutting after his release from the R.A.F.

P. H. Donkin, elder brother of Hilary, came to the School in 1898. He was a Prefect and played in the Soccer XI; when he left in 1903 he went to Canada to take up farming and he remained there ever since.

Many O.A.s will learn with regret of the sudden death of Dr. Hugh Nash Bradbrooke at the early age of 47. He succeeded Dr. Scott as the School doctor in 1929, and many Abingdonians will remember his cheery visits with affection and his medical skill with gratitude. He left Abingdon in 1937 to specialise in nervous diseases, and, after practicing at Margate, moved to Horsham, where he died on 5th October.

His younger brother, the Olympic high-jumper, periodically visited the School to give demonstrations and instruction to our jumpers. His elder brother was killed on an Atlantic flight during the War.

Those who were boys at the School about 50 years ago will remember well the Graham brothers, sons of the late Mr. T. E. Graham, of Abingdon, who in those days used to play so prominent a part in School athletic activities. Subsequently, in 1907, the three eldest Gerald, Lionel and Philip, migrated to Canada, where the youngest, Bruce, joined them two years later.

Philip, it will be remembered, lost his life while serving with the R.I.C. during the Irish troubles of 1920, a victim of the Sinn Fein outrage at Macroom, Co. Cork. He had previously, during the first World War, attained the rank of Captain in the Northumberland Fusiliers. The other three, after serving with Princess Patricia's L.I., returned to Canada, where they are still living not far from Galt, Ontario, Gerald and Bruce together and Lionel, with his wife and daughters, at no great distance from them. But the news of Lionel is not good; he has since February been seriously ill with heart-trouble, and though the latest report is more encouraging, his condition still gives cause for anxiety. His old schoolfellows will join with later friends in wishing him a complete recovery.

W. G. C. Denny (1920) is now settled in S. Africa with his wife and daughter. His address is 198a, Yeo Street, Yeoville, Johannesburg.

Lt. Col. E. S. Morley (1916) has been appointed Secretary to the Leicestershire Golf Club.

Ralph Bowman (1933) after taking his P.D. degree at Birkbeck College, London, has now been appointed Lecturer in Organic Chemistry at Birkbeck,

Sidney Cullen (1900) and John H. Hooke (1924) are respectively President and Secretary of the recently formed Abingdon Rotary Club.

A. N. Tomlin (1945) after taking his Certificate in Agriculture, is managing four farms with his cousin at Eastchurch, Kent.

Also in Kent is J. L. Taylor (1943) late Capt. R. Fusiliers, embarking on the study of fruit-farming.

On Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, an electric organ-blower was dedicated in Steventon Parish Church. It was presented by his parents in memory of an O.A., Lieut. W. Giles, R.A.C, who was killed in action in Normandy on 30th June, 1944.

A. C. Dean (1942) is Secretary of the Public Schools' Exploration Society.

Bertie Lunghi (1939) — or rather Major H. A. Lunghi — writes from Moscow, where he has been a Military Attache for about 5 years. We are delighted to hear that his health is much improved, but he says with regret that he will never play rugger again. After acting as Interpreter for Churchill, Mountbatten and other British V.I.P.s at the Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam Conferences, more recently he acted in the same capacity for Moniy when he visited Moscow.

Lt. Col. C. E. H. Dolphin (1922) has been promoted Brigadier.

Lt. R. S. Barnes, R.A.S.C, (1944) is now stationed in Vienna.

I. H. Jamieson (1945) has now been commissioned in the R. Berks. Regt.

Lt. L. Lacey-Johnson (1944) R. Hampshire Regt. has now transferred to the R.A.C.

David Beattie (1946) has been posted to the W. Indies station, a pleasant change from Germany or Palestine.

P. M. McLeod (1944) now a Cpl. in the R.A.F. Police, stationed at Scampton, Lincs., looks forward to returning to Cambridge in October, where he may be joined by T. W. Smith (1943) just released from the R.A.F.

M. J. Cullen (1945) after figuring in the semi-final of the University Sculls, had a short spell in one of the Trial Eights. Incidentally, the number of O.A.s now at Oxford must be a record. In addition to Cullen at Pembroke are E. O. Jones, Peter, Rupert and Mark Hedger, D. E. P. Jones, T. W. Green and J. T. Moore. R. M. Aldwynckle is at the House, J. Cowling at Magdalen, Geoffrey Hill at St. Peter's Hall, and E. S. N. Hazel at St. Catharine's, a total of 12.

K. G. Walker, we regret to say, is again in the doctors' hands, and we send him our sympathy and best wishes.

Of those who left last term:

J. T. Moore has gone up to Pembroke College as Abingdon Scholar.

P. R. Betterton has gone to Swansea University as a State Scholar.

M. J. Green, M. H. Jones and N. A. C. Badley are in the Army.

C. S. Cullen is in the R.A.V.C.

A. B. Beadle is in the R.A.F.

P. A. F. Smith is in the Contractors' Drawing Office at Harwell.

P. R. Little and G. H. Brown are Technical Laboratory assistants at Oxford.

J. E. Holloway is with Sainsbury's in London.

W. C. Woodley is at the A.E.R.E., Harwell.

G. H. Cleaver is an R.A.F. apprentice at Halton.

Life Membership Subscription to the Old Abingdonian Club is One Guinea, which should be sent to the Treasurer, W. Bevir, Esq., 36 Park Road, Abingdon. This includes all the privileges of the Club and also THREE issues of 'The Abingdonian'.

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Any items of news relating to O.A.s will be gladly received by G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School, Berks.