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Editorial.

THE weather has dealt even more hardly with us this term than with most other people. For six weeks the ground was unfit. This was particularly unfortunate, as the Sports, which had been arranged for this term, had to be postponed till next, and the congestion which it had been hoped to avoid must ensue, with the usual compromises between Sports and Cricket.

The Pavilion Fund continues to advance, but still more help is needed. The Plays at the end of last term were a great success from every point of view. Two more Drives have been held this term and despite the weather, results were satisfactory. A Rummage Sale is to be held at the end of term and preparations are in hand for a Fête in the Summer, if it arrives.

Two other activities may be mentioned. The Library has been largely re-organised, and re-catalogued and it is hoped that it will thus be increasingly useful. The Librarian expresses his gratitude to many boys for their assistance, and especially to S. C. Phillips, A Stamp Club has been formed and is receiving satisfactory support from those interested in the hobby. An article by its energetic [Secretary appears elsewhere, and prospective members should apply for details to him.

In conclusion, we wish the School a very happy holiday : long may it last.



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S. G. H. MILLER, Monitor, Captain of Blackbrook. J. L. B. DELLBRIDGE, Westbury, School 1st XI Cricket, Football and Hockey. V. M. DODDS, Westbury, School 1st XI Football and Hockey. L. J. GODWIN, Cams, School 1st XI Cricket. E. W. MOODY, Westbury. A. R. DAINES, Westbury. N. BERRYMAN, Westbury. R. M. KING, Cams. W. T. WATKINS, Cams, Winchester Sports, 1935. J. CLAPHAM, School House.



The Pavilion Fund.

The Fund has made steady progress since our last Issue and now stands at \pounds 108-7-7. The Concert produced a profit of \pounds 32-I-3, and the Whist and Bridge Drives held this term, \pounds 12-7-2.

Contributions are gratefully acknowledged from the following: Mrs. Cory, Anonymous, Messrs. F. T. Butland, H. T. Privett, A. V. Mercer and T. Parker, Madame F. Larguier, Miss Pickwoad, Rev. R. Park and Mrs. R. J. Maynard.

There is still a long way to go, but we hope the substantial progress made will inspire many others to give their help. It is needed.

The Concert.

Before going into any detailed criticism of the play, it must be said what a fine performance was given by actors who presumably had very little previous experience of acting and who had rehearsed for only quite a short time. We will survey the various Plays and Actors one at a time.

Firstly: "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler." This was the first of the three Plays acted and very well was it done. The Actors gave practically no signs of nervousness or stage fright, although they nearly all admitted later that they were thus affected; though it is possible that the use of mild drugs in the form of cigarettes had a soothing influence upon them.

On the programme, Penfold was the first to appear, so we will analyse his acting first. Being about 17 and having to act a Commercial Traveller, aged 62, Miller was at once under a difficulty; however, he rose well to the occasion and the laugh when he announced his age was quite unmerited. Miller also accomplished a very long speech in the form of a story very competently. In fact, all the Actors spoke well and avoided the usual "gabble" which accompanies recitation.

Dellbridge, as Dr. Leek, had a considerable part to play, and on one occasion had the unenviable part of being alone on the stage, which apparently renders one particularly liable to stage fright. However, Dellbridge managed the part very well, and his soliloquies, and his comments to himself, mingled with his whistling (though the tune was rather unintelligible) was quite one of the best pieces of acting in the Play.

Godwin also had a fairly important part and mixed good acting with plenty of expression in speaking. Another point (a very important one) which Godwin acted very well was that when he fell he did fall as if he had been shot and not as if he were kneeling to pray.

Somers, Malcolm and Beldon had less to do and say than the above-mentioned, but all acted very well. Dodds, as Somers, had the unenviable job of making the first speech, a job which he accomplished with his customary noncholance. Phillips and Bunyan both acted well too, the former's exclamations of fear being very well produced. With all due respect to the other actors, I thought the humble Waiter, George, surpassed the others in acting, make up and in speech, Macpherson's usually drawly, lazy speech being very well disguised in the almost gutteral dialect in which he spoke; and his terror at seeing the ghost was very well enacted. It must have been a pretty considerable amount of terror if it prevented a waiter from returning to the bar!

However, perhaps one should not particularise, for all the Actors were extremely good, and they must be admired for the relish with which they gluttonously partook of cold tea in the absence of any more potent stimulants.

The songs after this Play were very well rendered, as was shown by the large volume of applause that followed them.

The Play "The Backward Child," followed next. This was very well done, though I am afraid the naughty Patricia must have given rise to many guilty consciences in the schoolboys in the audience. Possibly, too, the Masters felt some sympathy with Miss Milliken. Possibly too, I had better not make any further remarks on the subject.

After some more songs and music, came what we were all looking forward to seeing "Wolves." Any reader must appreciate the fact that a humble schoolboy feels a considerable amount of embarrassment in criticising a play done by his Masters, but I will take my life in my hands.

Brash and Farrant in their hut in the winter of the far North get more and more on each other's nerves. The feeling of gradually increasing tension was excellently suggested. Finally, after a long argument, in a moment when Brash's back was turned, Farrant seized an axe (which he wielded with remarkable ease) and delivered his companion a hearty crack on the back. The whole of Mr. Brown's six feet fell very rigidly, but very realistically to the ground. The full gravity of the situation then quite unnerved Farrant. Brash lies apparently dead and is covered up when a traveller, Lugard, enters. To avoid discovery, Farrant murders him, but Brash summons up sufficient energy to crawl across the floor and kill Farrant. I wonder how many schoolboy hearts sank when they all came to life again. Messrs. Brown, Shaw and Hilton are to be congratulated on their acting and on their restraint in not shaving for several days.

The scenery was excellently produced by Mr. Lockhart and his assistants, especially Moss, and Mr. Foster and Mr. Shaddock produced an excellent lighting system. Hawkins and Dellbridge were excellent wolves, and Dodds stirred the elements to a most realistic blizzard.

E. F. W.

The Play-The Actors' Point of View.

The first thing that Mr. Hilton had to do to produce "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler," was to choose the cast. About fourteen of us assembled in the Sixth Form after School one day, and read through the Play, and from the scanty knowledge thus supplied, seven Actors had to be chosen. Unfortunately, the voices of two of these had not broken, and consequently, we had to have two late alterations in the cast.

This was not the only difficulty we had, for absences through illness or for examinations considerably interfered with rehearsals.

Once chosen, our first job was to learn by heart the words we had to speak, for no one can act with a book in his hand. This done, we had to begin to learn to act.

At first you feel an awful idiot, and are afraid to act properly, for fear of making a fool of yourself, but after a few rehearsals you soon gain confidence and are able to put your heart and soul into it.

Once we knew our parts, we had to learn to speak slowly and distinctly. Most of us were inclined to run our words together and speak too quickly, whilst we also had to remember that with a Hall full of people it is necessary almost to shout to enable the people at the back to hear properly.

Then came the Dress Rehearsal, after only a couple of rehearsals on the stage itself, but it passed off quite well.

The next day (i.e., Tuesday) about five o'clock, I personally began to feel nerves, the worst time being when I was changing at home. However, once I got with others whom I knew to have the same feelings, I felt much better. Moreover, being "made up" was rather entertaining, and took my mind off the Play itself. Once on the stage I felt perfectly at home, although I understand I was more fortunate in this than some of the others. I found that being unable to see the audience very clearly, owing to the Hall being dark and the stage light, gave us confidence. Everything passed off smoothly, and I was almost surprised I'd finished when I got off the stage.

No doubt many of the audiences compared the actors, and it is very true that the actors compared the audiences. From our point of view, the audience on the Wednesday night was far more satisfactory than that on the Tuesday, not from size but from appreciation. Whilst the Tuesday audience laughed at all the wrong things, the Wednesday audience was far more encouraging.

I think we were all relieved to a certain extent when it was all over, but at the same time I'm sure we all enjoyed ourselves and wouldn't mind in the least doing it all over again.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Hilton on behalf of the Players, for his patience with us, when at times, I'm sure, we must have been very exasperating.

S. G. H. M.

The Stamp Club.

This term has seen the commencement of a new venture in the School, namely, the Stamp Club. Formed towards the end of January, the Club had its first meeting on January 27th, when the Officials were chosen and the course of the meetings was decided upon. There were nineteen members present at this meeting.

Under the Presidency of Mr. Thacker, the Stamp Club has met each Monday after afternoon school, in VA Form-room. The members of the Club deliver lectures at each meeting, and if necessary, the lectures are discussed among the members. Members are at liberty to "swop" stamps before and after these meetings. The subscription is one penny per fortnight, and with the money thus collected, magazines are bought and are distributed amongst the members twice weekly.

Since the first meeting, the membership has increased from nineteen to twenty-five members, an increase of six members in eight weeks (at the time of writing) which is, considering the novelty of the thing in the School, highly satisfactory. It may be added that various books on the subject of Stamps will be shortly placed in the Library, mainly for the use of the members of the Stamp Club. It is to be hoped that next term the membership of the Club will be further increased.

D. F. A.



RETROSPECT.

It has naturally been somewhat of a handicap not to be able to use the School ground for the first six weeks of term. The actual results, to have won six and lost three are quite creditable, owing partly to the fact that the 1st XI has been a wellbalanced side, with each Division and player doing a share. St. Vincent was twice beaten by a good margin, King Edward VI School II was just beaten away, and by a larger margin at home, and one that should have been even larger. Taunton's was We succeeded in defeating Netley Hospital by the odd goal in three, quite beaten 2-0. a creditable performance. The match with the Old Boys' strong team was obviously enjoyed by all 22 players, and the School XI is to be congratulated on the result, 0-3. Fareham took 9 nice goals to our one, mainly owing to faulty marking of the opposing speedy forwards; the return match, lost 2-4, Fareham playing without a goal-keeper, of which our forwards seemed unable to take advantage, was a very poor game. Havant II and Taunton's away were scratched owing to the weather. We hope to repeat our victory over Netley Hospital in the last fixture. The 2nd XI was rather heavily defeated by St. Vincent II twice, and by Old Boys II, largely owing to faulty marking of the opposing forwards. Havant III won by the odd goal from a strengthened 2nd XI; while Civil Service III and both fixtures with Taunton's School II were scratched. The Colts' XI, again. as in Cricket and Football, proved one of the fairer jewels in our crown, winning both matches with Taunton's School Colts, King Edward VI School Colts, and Emsworth House School, all with safe margins. This is very encouraging for the Hockey of the future.

The 1st XI House matches have provided even and fairly good games. The 2nd XI's would perhaps have been better engaged in learning some of the elements of the game, several of the players having had few opportunities of playing previously owing to the bad weather.

CHARACTERS OF 1st XI.

- * C. L. HALE, Inside-left (Captain). Too prone to hang on to the ball. A clever dribbler, with excellent stick-work and ball control, and a good shot. An enthusiastic Captain.
- * D. L. GRAFHAM, Inside-right. Has found more scope for his energy in this position than at outside-left, where he played most of the Season. Stick-work good.
- J. L. B. DELLBRIDGE, Right Back. Gets through a lot of work, and is always a trier. Hits the ball hard, and has pace.
- * L. R. SEARLE, Centre-half. A reliable player in any position in the half-back line. Can hit hard, marks his man and works hard. Should be very useful next Season.
- V. M. DODDS, Goal-keeper. Has stopped a lot of hard shots. With more reliability over less cannon-ball shots, will develop into a very good goal-keeper, as his kicking is excellent.
- * G. D. G. HAWKINS, Centre-forward. Shows quite a lot of dash and good stickwork. With more strength in his wrists, and experience, will be a valuable forward,
 - T. F. KNOTT, Inside-right. Works hard and feeds his wing with judgmest. He must learn to vary his tactics, and keep in close touch with his centre.
 - E. E. DORE, Left-half. Has played in several positions. Must watch his outsideright more closely. Quite fair stick-work and hits hard.
 - G. P. BROMLEY, Right-half. Quite his best position, though he has played on the right wing. He has steadily improved in the latter part of the Season.
 - C. W. BARTER, Left-back. With more speed of foot will develop into a reliable player, as he tries hard and can clear well.
 - B. S. MANLEY, Outside-left. Has certainly ability in this difficult position, although he came into the side late in the Season. Should be very useful next Season.
 - W. A. ALDERTON has also played (right-half).

* 1st XI Colours.

MATCH RESULTS.

Ist. X	I.		2nd XI.			
Havant II	Sc.		Civil Service III		Sc.	
St. Vincent	Won	6 - 1	Taunton's School II	•••	Sc.	
Taunton's School	Sc.		St. Vincent II	•••	Lost	0-5
Fareham	Lost	1-9	Taunton's School II		Sc.	
King Edward VI Sc'l II	Won	I-0	Havant III		Lost	0-I
Taunton's School	Won	2-0	St. Vincent II		Lost	2-6
R.V.H., Netley	Won	2-I	Old Boys II		Lost	0-б
Old Boys	Lost	0-3	COLTS XI.			
St. Vincent	Won	5-0	Taunton's School Col	ts	Won	5-0
King Edward VI Sc'l II	Won	3-I	Emsworth House		Won	6-0
Fareham	Lost	2-4	King Edward VI Sch	ool Colts	Won	7-I
R.V.H., Netley			Taunton's School Col	lts	Won	6-0

HOUSE MATCHES.

Ist XI.

2nd XI.

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Cams	7	Blackbrook		0	Blackbrook	5	Cams	 2
School House	3	Westbury		Ι	School House	1	Westbury	 0
Cams	4				School House	0	Cams	 0
Westbury	3	Blackbrook		0	Westbury	I	Blackbrook	 0
		Blackbrook			School House	3	Blackbrook	 0
		Westbury			Cams	3	Westbury	 2
Combined Cup won by CAMS. Junior Cup won by SCHOOL HOUSE.								

Obiter Dicta.

A few of the more golden rules of play might perhaps not be out of place. they are no mere doctrinaire maxims, but the result of individual and collective experience of some years.

(I) The stick is the chief weapon in the armoury (in no aggressive sense).

(2) Stop the ball always, and then begin to move at once.

(3) The body and feet should be conspicuous only by their absence in play; it requires practice and skill to tackle a player from his left.

 $\scriptstyle (4)$ Whether forward or back, learn to hit the ball quickly on the ground, and without giving sticks.

(5) Flicking the ball has its uses; to shoot at close range when close pressed, to clear quickly in your own circle, or for left half-back play: but the flick should never lift the ball (to be pulled up as dangerous play) but propel it fast along the ground —a difficult stroke to intercept.

(6) Pass to an unmarked player rather than try to dribble round an opponent.

(7) Wing forwards keep out and not offside, and centre as soon as possible.

(8) When passing to a forward, hit the ball in front of him to where he should be on the move (he is off-side only at the moment the hit is taken—a point not always noticed by players or even spectators).

(9) Practice running with the ball under control.

(10) When clearing, hit to the wings, not up the hostile, densely populated middle of the field.

(11) When expecting a pass, get into an unmarked position, and your hopes are more likely to be fulfilled.



The Pavilion.

Pavilion! thou shouldst be built before this time: Price's hath need of thee; it is a place, Fair, yet not fair enough: after a race, Or grim fought football match, the boys all grime. Have forfeited their ancient English dower Of outward cleanliness. O woeful state! The small boys, in addition to the great Have need of steaming bath, and sponge, and shower. Thou art far off, but since we've made a start, We hope the Fund will rise by leaps and bounds, Ensuring an addition to our grounds. (Even rejected rummage plays its part !) Give all thou canst; high Heaven rejects the lore Of nicely-calculated less or more.

M.C.P. VI.

HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

The House acquitted itself extremely well in winning all three Steeplechase Cups. The Seniors packed together in fine style, Phillips and Abbott deserving their places in the first six home. Had the going been lighter, we should have won this event by an even greater margin than we did.

In the Juniors, Andrews III and Jackson are to be congratulated on pushing the winner home so closely. Although at first, Westbury seemed to be packing better than the other Houses, our tail end showed uuusual sting and we gained a narrow victory.

The Hockey Competition has revealed a mixed bag. The 1st XI came down heavily, as was expected, against Cams. The forwards, notably Jackson and Durant, played well, but lacked weight. In goal, Andrews III played a good game after a shaky start, while Barter, Andrews II and Phillips were sound in defence.

The Westbury match was most disappointing, as the forwards, with the exception of Jackson, were very slow, and seemed to dread a certain gentleman who plied his trade in pads and a maroon jersey, while the defence, which was fairly reliable, made several bad slips, which resulted in three goals being notched against us.

With a rearranged forward line, the team played a fine game to draw with School House 0-0, and to prove the wisdom of what Wellington probably didn't say at Agincourt. that "United we stand, divided we exist in two or more pieces." The forwards were a lively combination and Jackson was unlucky not to score in the first half. The defence, especially Barter, Haley and Andrews II, was sound and resisted successfully a terrific onslaught by the School House forwards in the closing stages.

The 2nd XI started with a good win by 5-2 against Cams, but lapsed in an alarming manner and were beaten to the tune of 2-1 and 3-0 by Westbury and School House respectively.

Akhurst, Gingell, and Stevens have been responsible for the goals scored, and Harding and Gough have been very useful in defence.

The destination of the Tarbat Cup is as yet unknown, but we hope to retain it from last term, lest its further wanderings result in its being alienated from our shelf.

Next term come the Sports, and younger members of the House must remember that they have the Portal and Junior Cups to defend, whilst the Seniors, with none to defend, should take note that an overloaded shelf is most pleasing to the eyes of those whose provess it represents.

To our late Captain, Miller, who left us at Christmas, we offer our sincerest thanks for the unselfish way in which he worked for the House, and wish him all the best in the future. Finally, I wish the House a happy holiday and every success in the terms to come.

R.S.

The continuous wet weather has been responsible for very little Hockey practice for most of the School, and the term has passed rather uneventfully. The Steeplechase, which was held at the end of last term, resulted in a complete victory for Blackbrook. As a team, our performance was not particularly brilliant, but individually, we were by no means disgraced; we certainly showed an improvement on last year.

Fleming won an extremely good race in the Juniors; his sprint about two hundred yards from the end enabled him to overtake two Blackbrook runners and finish a good first. However, he was not sufficiently supported by the rest of the team. Watkins was our second man home and he came in sixteenth; Dowden came in two places behind him, and the others followed at regular intervals. In the Seniors, Hale ran very well indeed, coming in third. Hawkins, our next man, came in thirteenth, and Young II was our third man home.

The third round of the House Matches remains to be played at the time of writing these notes, and we stand a good chance of winning the Senior Cup. Our 1st XI has been fairly strong, but not quite so strong as the Football team last term. We have five members of the School 1st XI, and three or four members of the 2nd XI. We offer our congratulations to Hale on his appointment as the School Hockey Captain.

The first match was with Blackbrook, which we won by seven goals to nil. Our forwards did a great deal of work, and Searle worked hard at centre-half; Dore and Privett I both played a good game. In the match with School House, which we won by four goals to one, Hale scored all our goals. We played uphill in the first half and School House scored first with a good shot from Grafham. However, the score at half-time was 2-I in our favour, and in the second half Hale added two more goals.

The 2nd XI has not been very successful in the two matches; losing against a stronger Blackbrook team and drawing with School House. There are, however, several enthusiastic and promising players in the team; Deadman plays well in the defence, and Fleming and Bunyan II are good forwards.

We have lost three of our Stalwarts, namely, Sanders, Moss and Godwin ; we were also unfortunate to lose Watkins, a very promising Junior. We wish them every success in their future careers, and hope they will do as much in the world as they have done for Cams.

There will be more activity next term; and we have to compete for the Sports, Cricket and Boxing Cups. We won the Cricket Cup last year, and everyone must do his very best to keep the Cup on our shelf; also to win the League Cup.

We shall probably have more boxers than last year from which to choose a team, and we hope to put up a fairly good performance.

Success in the Sports can only be obtained if each one trains with a will; and it must be remembered that where a team is concerned no effort can be considered insignificant. So if everyone does his best for the House, we ought to have more Cups to our credit at the end of next term.

D. G. W.

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School House.

Since writing my last House notes, the House has won one Cup (the Junior Ho_kkey), and lost one (the Senior Steeplechase), and the Senior Hockey Cup still trembles on our shelf.

The Steeplechases were notable for two things, one good and one bad. Graiham "walked" or rather ran away with first place in the Senior event; our team was only just beaten into second place by Blackbrook, who packed well. The Juniors were the "wooden spoonists" in their section. They must understand that cross-country running is harder work than any other sport and needs greater keenness. So, Juniors, try and do better next time.

The Westbury Hockey Cup is ours and well won too. The first match was against Westbury, who were beaten I-0. The Cams match was a draw 0-0 and Blackbrook went down 0-3. Allen II, Nutter I and Yellowly were the scorers, but congratulations are well deserved by every member of the team.

The Senior Cup will probably find a new home with Cams, but there's many a slip! Although we lost, the score (4-I) did not show a true reflection of the game, which was very hard fought to the end.

The Blackbrook game was noted for Blackbrook's stout defence and the inability of our forwards to get the ball into the net. We were in their half three parts of the game, but our luck was out. No score!

The match with Westbury gave us a good win (3-1). Manley, Grafham and Macpherson I scored, and the whole team played well.

I have one grumble; the House must support its teams; Even if you can't play you can shout and learn by watching. An enthusiastic crowd of supporters makes a team go all out to win and keeps it going. It will be expected of all School House boys to turn out in future.

Now for the Sports; there are several cups to be won and we hold one, the Senior. Remember, yards, and races were lost last year by faulty baton changing. Plenty of chances will be given for training during the holidays. What everyone must aim at is to get cups for the House, and perhaps win another at Winchester for the School.

G. P. B.

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Westbury.

Although we did not succeed in winning any of the three Steeplechase Cups at the end of last term, the Juniors are to be congratulated on putting up such a fine fight. In the training runs if could be seen that the Juniors were very keen, but the Seniors, I regret to say, were not nearly so enthusiastic. In the Junior event we had seven boys in the first fifteen, and we seemed to have a good chance of winning the Cup, but, although the rest of the team tried hard, our eighth runner was thirty-eighth, and the team was beaten by Blackbrook by a few points. Wainwright, Powell and Warren III were all well placed, and ran exceedingly well.

In the Senior race we had a poor team, and though Dellbridge and Brooks both occupied good positions, we finished third. I hope that next year the Seniors will show more keenness, and there is no reason why we should not carry off the Cup.

This term there has been but little hockey, except for the first and second eleven matches. This naturally gave an added advantage to Houses who are well represented in the School teams. Unfortunately, we have had but three boys in the first eleven, and two in the second team. Dodds and Dellbridge have both been awarded their 1st XI Colours, and I am sure that everyone in the House will join me in congratulating them. The House matches have not yet been completed, but we have little chance of winning either of the Cups. Against School House, Dellbridge captained the team, and in an exciting and vigorous game we were defeated by three goals to one. We led by one goal to nil at half-time, but afterwards, with the slope in their favour, School House pressed hard, and, largely owing to the dash of Grafham, they scored three times. Both the backs and the half-backs played well, but the forwards did little to alleviate the pressure on the defence. The second team was also beaten by three goals to one, but the match had to be replayed; the result, however, was the same, the score being one goal to nil.

Against Blackbrook, Dellbridge was unable to play, and in his absence, Dodds captained the side. Blackbrook have had a weak side this year, and the first team won fairly easily by three goals to nil. The second team also won their match by two goals to one.

By the time these notes are printed, Dellbridge and Dodds will probably have left. We shall miss Dellbridge greatly, not only for his proficiency at games, and for his game running, but also for his influence, and for his infectious keenness, which was so noticeable whenever he played for the house. Dodds, too, has been a great force in School and House games, and we shall miss his vigorous efforts at Football and Boxing. Berryman, Daines and Moody have also left, and to them and to Dellbridge and Dodds, we all wish the best of luck in the future.

L. V. M.



"A Running Commentary on the Cup Final, 55 B.C."

"Well, here we are again at the annual Cup Final at 'Wobbly Amphitheatre.' and before I hand over to Chief Golden-Voice, I would like to remind you that this commentary is copyright to the 'Ancient Britons' Broadcasting Company,' and is intended for the private use of licence holders only, and must not be relayed to tribes or villages by loudspeaker or any other means."

"Thank you very much, Major. Good afternoon, everybody; it is a very nice day for this fight—ahem—match, and there must be a record attendance. All the chiefs of Britain have come to see this great match between 'Stoneage Wanderers' and 'Hackem Villa.' Ah! If you listen carefully, you may hear the band of His Majesty's Charioteers, the leader doing his best to knock a hole in a piece of iron with his ironstudded club.

Ah! here come the 'Stoneage Wanderers' in their white fox-skin shirts and 'Hackem Villa,' resplendent in the traditional claret dyed skins. There seems to be a little trouble, as the referee cannot induce them to leave their weapons behind. The referee, attired in armour, and protected by his bodyguard, has placed the ball, cut from best Portland Stone, on the centre spot. The two captains have just fought for ends, and the teams line up. They look in fine fettle. I don't think I've seen them look better, do you, Major? (No certainly not, indeed).

There are a few clouds overhead, but I think they will keep off for the match. Oh, by the way, you will find a plan of the match on page two, that is the other side of this week's broadcasting sheet. They've started, and the 'Hackem Villa' inside right, Mashie, is making a splendid solo effort, but he is brought down by a terrific right swing from Bashgood's club. (Square 7). They are taking him off; he was a veteran as this was his second match, and he showed very good form against 'West Gallic Albion' last week. Hackem securing a win which upset most peoples' football pools. A substitute has come on and the referee has thrown his spear on the penalty spot, indicating a foul. Grithiffs tests the weight of the ball, and hurls it straight at Squibbs, the Stoneage goalkeeper. Squibbs parries the shot with his club, but it's a goal!

It is remarkable that five 'Bargemall' players should be playing for 'Stoneage Wanderers,' and perhaps I may be a little prejudiced, as they are my boys, but I think they certainly are playing very well. (Yes, very well indeed.)

The 'Wanderers' are through, Bashim is tearing down the left wing, and it's a goal! it's a goal!! Oh! a wonderful save! The 'Hackem' goalkeeper stopped it with his chin, and the gong goes for half-time.

Well, the score is I-0, and the advantage lies with 'Hackem Villa,' although they have lost more players than 'Stoneage Wanderers.' I wish you could be here with me now, it has turned out very fine. Let me see, fourteen minutes of half-time have elapsed, and they should be out any minute now. (Yes, any minute now; Stoneage are now defending squares I, 2, 3, and 4.)

The band has just left, and here come the teams. They're off; a beautiful pass to Bashim, who has cleverly beaten his man, and is converging on the 'Hackem' goal. A low pass to Break, and it's a goal, yes, truly a magnificent effort. (Square 8, yes, indeed.)

There, that makes things level again. The play is very scrappy now, most of the players have started fighting, but the 'Bargemal' players are endeavouring to save the game. There are not many minutes to go now. (No, eleven and a quarter, to be precise.) But—oh, well played, Break; Break has hooked a lovely pass to Westcopse, before being brutally brought down. (Square 6.)

Westcopse is off, he is working the ball magnificently, and oh, what a shot, but the ball hits one of the oak-tree goalposts and rebounds into play; but Bashim, who has followed up (Square 7) sends in a low, raking shot which beats the Villa goal-keeper as the gong goes for time.

The 'Stoneage' supporters go crazy with delight and many fights have started. The courtiers in the royal box put their thumbs down and the 'Hackem Villa' team are thrown to the lions. A noble end for such a heroic team. Of course, there was not much doubt as to the result with five 'Bargemal' players in the team. (No, of course not.)

Well, goodbye everybody until . . ."

"I must apologise for the technical breakdown, but a stray missile has just struck Chief Golden Voice, so I will put on some fighting songs."

J.L.B.D. (VI.)



Peril on the Sea.

One evening in late August of last year, the great French liner "Normandie," came into the Solent and anchored off Ryde. At this time I was under canvas at Hill-Head with the rest of the family. It was quite a fine evening and there was a steady breeze blowing up the Solent. I thought that this would be a splendid opportunity to see the ship at close quarters. We had two sailing boats at our disposal, but, as there were several others who wanted to go, we had to toss up for two boats' crews. I turned out to be one of the lucky ones, and, with two others, prepared to embark on what was to become quite an adventurous voyage.

It was half past six by the time we had finished our preparations. I was the voungest in the boat and, not being able to sail a yacht properly, I had to make myself as small as possible in the bows, as our boat was not very big. We got to the liner in quite good time, just beating the other boat. The liner absolutely dwarfed our boat, but we approached it quite fearlessly. All went well until we reached the stern of the "Normandie." We turned about and suddenly realised that we were making no headway, as the wind was now contrary and there was a strong tide running against us. We began to tack and gradually began to make some headway. Once when we had come in close to the liner we were passed on each side simultaneously by ferry boats, which had put out from Gosport with sightseers. It was impossible to put about and the boat in front of us was too close to the liner to give way. Just as I thought we were going to hit the ferry boat our wonderful helmsman, my brother, turned the boat slightly and we just missed the stern of the "Ferry Queen." After very nearly an hour of steady tacking. we managed to clear the bows of the "Normandie" and we set our course for home. The wind was now much stronger and the waves were beginning to splash inboard. In my capacity as deck hand. I had to man the pump and keep down the level of the water in the boat. This job was not to my liking. It became too tiring and monotonous for no sooner had I pumped out the deposit of one wave than another came over the side. After passing across the bows of the liner we made one long tack to the shore, where the waves were not so big, and then sailed along close to the shore. By this time I had become absolutely mutinous, but my complaints fell upon deaf ears. Once we had to pick our way through a number of yachts moored off the shore at Lee Point, and another time we dragged our keel on a submerged breakwater. Asit was very nearly dark when we passed the boats, we had great difficulty in avoiding the mooring buoys which loomed up out of a misty rain which had begun to fall. Suddenly the indistinct shape of Lee Pier showed up ahead of us. We put out to sea a little way, which brought more lamentations from me, as the waves came inboard again. As we passed the pier, we saw a lonely angler who was hopefully awaiting a heavy pull on his line. By the time we reached the Air Force station it was quite dark, but we carried on, hoping that we would not run ashore. Suddenly out of the darkness ahead we saw a flash of light followed by a loud yell, and I knew we were home at last. When we landed, we learned that the other boat which had set out with us had not yet returned. It had gone round the stern of the "Normandie," and since then we had not seen it. Eventually it turned up, the crew soaked even worse than we were, although it was reputed to be the drier boat.

Although good sailors are supposed never to leave their boat till she is dry and the tackle stowed, and we were good sailors, yet I'm afraid our craft would not have passed an admiral's inspection that night. Dry clothes and a hot drink held much greater attractions.

A.C.B. (VA.)

School History.

The little new boy climbed the hill to the School, His head rather hot, though the morning was cool, With a hope in his heart that he was not a fool,

And he worked at the School on the Hill. A year or two passed; he was climbing again, A Lion on his cap; his annoyance was plain, As he looked at the field and he looked at the rain, For he played for the School on the Hill.

A year or two more and while other boys came, He was out in the world on the highway to fame, Yet one day of the term met his friends just the same, And came back to the School on the Hill.

D.L.P. (IIIB.)

Spring.

Now the Spring is here again, Down the narrow country lane, Buds of early flowers appear, Heralding the time of year.

Early lambs are frisking round, Full of life with joy abound. Signs of Winter disappear, As the sowing time draws near.

Singing birds now greet the dawn, Snowdrops peeping on the lawn, Daffodils will soon be here, Signs that Spring is getting near.

G.V.W. (IVA.)

Seasons.

The spring-time in the country Makes us feel so gay, To think of summer coming, And gather in the hay.

And when the work is ended, And all the crops brought in, We feel that we are ready, For autumn to begin.

And when the leaves are falling, All scattered in the breeze, We know that winter cometh, And all the ponds will freeze.

A.N. (IIIB.)

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The Old Pricean. NOTE.

The Old Priceans' Association is a body formed to enable Old Boys to keep in touch with each other and with the School. All boys are urged to join immediately on leaving school, in order to preserve an unbroken association with the School.

If boys, on leaving school, give their names and addresses either to the Headmaster or to Mr. Shaw, they will receive the privilege of a year's free membership, after which they become eligible for full membership and will be asked to pay the modest annual subscription of 3/6 (overseas members 2/6) or a life subscription of £2 2s.

Members will receive the "Lion" on publication and will be entitled to play in Past v. Present matches and to take part in the various functions organised by the Association.

The Hon. Secretary is D. C. T. Humphries, 186, Tulse Hill, S.W. 2, and the Hon. Treasurer, M. W. Gardner, "Chudleigh," Hedgerley Lane, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. (to whom all subscriptions should be addressed).

Old Boys living in and around London are urged to join the L.S.O.P., a very lively body, run by its very energetic Hon. Secretary, D. M. Masterman, 35, Hillside Gardens, Wallington, Surrey, who will be overjoyed to hear from prospective members.

Past v. Present Matches will be held on the following dates :---

HOCKEY -- Ist Saturday in March.

CRICKET-2nd Saturday in July.

FOOTBALL-3rd Saturday in November.

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Secretarial Notes.

We again have the pleasure of offering our respectful congratulations to our Vice-President, Sir Thomas Inskip, this time upon his appointment as Minister for the Coordination of Defence Forces and are very proud that he should have any connection with ourselves. We assure him that he has our confidence and best wishes that he will successfully accomplish his arduous duties.

The Hockey Re-union was very well attended and was a very pleasant meeting. Although full details appear elsewhere I would like to thank the Headmaster and Mrs. Ashton for their hospitality and every Old Boy who turned up for their assistance in making it a success. I have had no response to my appeal to members outside London to start Local Sections on the lines of the L.S.O.P. Things have certainly hummed in Town this winter and we have been an extremely happy family under the guidance of Dudley Masterman. Long may it be so. The activities of the Section have been described elsewhere by the able pen of the Hon. Secretary, but I don't expect he will have done justice to the splendid party given by himself and Mrs. Masterman and attended by a rowdy crew of London Members, who were, however, extremely grateful. In this connection, I must also thank E. G. White for also "throwing" an excellent party at his "country residence" at Virginia Water. I am sure none of us who made the journey regretted it afterwards.

The London hockey season shows a balance on the right side and we have had some very enjoyable games. It has been a pleasure to skipper such a splendid lot of sportsmen and I am very sorry that some of our team will shortly be leaving London. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the team for the topping pencil they presented me with at the Xmas dinner. The unexpectedness of the gift made my thanks at the time very inadequate. I hope I may be forgiven. The Xmas dinner was a great success despite the fact that our guests of honour were unable to come owing to fog.

We are hoping to have a very strong side at Bournemouth at Easter and are pleased to say that F. E. Nugent will again lead the side. Among those who have offered their services for one or more days are F. E. Nugent, E. G. White, J. C. Hurden, A. Jones, F. G. Wagstaffe, J. Riches, W. G. Rampton, A. G. Phillips, A. D. Hayward, B. R. Shaw, D. E. Gregory, V. J. Barnes, B. C. Buckley, E. A. Graham, C. P. Aps, and D. C. T. Humphries. H. E. Dean-Cooper has done all the necessary staff work and has secured us *two* fixtures a day—here they are: --

> Friday, April 10th—10.30 a.m. v. Crostyx. 4.0 p.m. v. Normandy Wanderers. Saturday, April 11th – 10.30 a.m. v. Ashford (Middlesex). 2.30 p.m. v. Boscombe. Monday, April 13th – 10.30 a.m. v. Bulls. 4.0 p.m. v. Convicts.

The grounds are those of the Bournemouth Sports Club at Ensbury (about four miles from Bournemouth). Buses leave the Square every fifteen minutes. Any Old Boys and friends who are at a loose end during the week-end will be welcome spectators.

Old Boys' ties are now in stock and can be purchased for 5/-either from myself or direct from Messrs. C. Dunn & Co., of West Street, Fareham.

The Summer Re-union on July 11th should be *the* event of the year. It is up to *you* to make it so. The cricket matches will be followed by the A.G.M. and the Dinner. It is hoped that a programme will be arranged for Sunday. Book up July 11th NOW.

I should be very grateful if any Old Boys who live near the school will let me know if they have room to put up Old Boys for the night. I think we may be able to persuade more to come long distances if they can be sure of accommodation.

Please make a special effort to make the Summer Re-union a record attendance. I appeal particularly to the local members who have only to travel a short distance to be present. Remember your presence means *one* more *at* the Re-union, although perhaps you may pass the School every day.

> D. C. T. HUMPHRIES, Hon. Secretary.

Old Boys' Day-March 7th, 1936.

After a morning's sunshine the weather turned into a steady drizzle during the afternoon but this did not prevent a "bumper" gathering of Old Boys. We managed to raise two strong teams to play the school and two very enjoyable games took place.

The School 1st XI played very well indeed to be beaten by only three goals to nil. The boys backed up the splendid work of Mr. Shaw, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hilton, and were unlucky not to score. The Old Boys' 2nd XI were a little too strong for the School and won 6-I.

TEAMS-IST XI W. G. Rampton, J. Riches, E. G. White, F. W. Taulbut, F. E. Nugent (capt.), H. de M. Wellbourne, L. G. and W. G. Chamberlain, A. Jones, F. G. Wagstaffe, J. C. Hurden. GOALS-Chamberlain, Jones, Wagstaffe.

2nd XI-D. M. Masterman (capt.), L. G. Moss, F. G. Bowen, V. J. Barnes, F. C. J. Dixon, E. A. Graham, J. Bent, C. P. Aps, B. C. Buckley, A. D. Hayward, A. W. Smith. GOALS-Hayward 5, Buckley I.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. R. O. Johnstone and F. L. Matthews who umpired the Ist XI game on the Recreation Ground and to Mr. Shaddock who performed on the school field.

After the games, about fifty Old Boys assembled at School for tea and a "chinwag," and we were very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Bradly, Miss Bouchier, and Mr. Gale in addition to Messrs. Johnstone, Shaddock, Shaw, Brown, Foster, and Hilton of the Staff.

An unofficial meeting took place later at the Sun Tavern and some hectic games of Darts took place and much beer consumed. A small gathering also took place at the same Tavern at mid-day on Sunday in order to meet Bob Ross, who was unavoidably absent on Saturday. London O.P's took on the Fareham Section, but could not defeat them on their home dart board.

I was very pleased to see the large London Contingent at the Re-union. I hope they found the effort worth it.

The names of those present were F. E. Nugent (Bournemouth), H. E. Dean-Cooper (Brighton), F. R. Clark (Andover), V. J. Barnes, D. S. H. Swinstead, A. D. Hayward, J. Hurden, J. Bent, C. P. Aps, M. W. Gardner, E. G. White, H. de M. Wellborne, B. C. Buckley, J. Marriott and D. C. T. Humphries (London), H. B. Edwards, F. L. Matthews, W. J. Dore, N. Hyde, P. A. Silvester, L. G. Moss, F. G. Bowen, W. Godden, J. Hill, N. C. Daventry, H. W. Smith, R. C. Brookes, F. C. J. Dixon, E. A. Graham, W. G. Rampton, H. R. Bucknall, A. Faulkner, F. G. Wagstaffe, A. Jones, L. S. Goodall, H. T. W. Headden, F. J. R. Watts, F. W. Taulbut, R. C. H. Connolly, W. G. Chamberlain, L. G. Chamberlain, E. G. Dimmer, H. F. Strugnall and B. R. Ross (Local).

New or Rejoined Members.

Bowen, F. C., 33, Western Road, Fareham.
Challis, C. E., Post Office, Waltham Chase, S'ton.
Chapman, J., Rising Sun Hotel, Warsash Shore, S'ton.
Cook, W. H., "Lowford," Bursledon, S'ton.
Daines, "Dehra Dun," East Street, Portchester.
Headden, H. T. W., "Monica," Hunts Pond Road, Park Gate, Fareham.
Hyde, N. C., 69, West Street, Fareham.
MacCallum, H. P., "Beulah," Station Road, Netley Abbey, Hants.
Mooss, L. C., Osborne Road, Fareham, Hants.
Moody, II, Elms Road, Fareham.
Newbury, W. J., Post Office, Sarisbury Green, S'ton.
Saint, D. E. J., c/o King Alfred's College, Winchester.

Sanders, R. R., "Homelands," Hollam, Titchfield.

Saunders, A. S., 23, Elmhurst Road, Gosport.
Taylor, T. H., "Ashby," St. Ledger's, Near Rugby.
Tilbury, R. A., Bank Street, Bishops Waltham.
Troke, A. C., c/o Police Station, Osborne Road, Fareham.
Watson, J., Daysh's Farm, Shirrell Heath.
Young, P. J., Osborne View, Pound Road, Bursledon.
Waller-Pinhorn, C. B., "The White Hart," High St., Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Changes of Address.

Chamberlain, L. C., 11, Harrison Road, Fareham, Hants.

Cussell, C. H., 25, Hillside Road, Bushey, Herts.

Graham, E. A., c/o Westminster Bank Ltd., 58, London Road, North End, Portsmouth.

Hurden, J. C., c/o "Hill Crest," Trumps Green, Virginia Water, Surrey.

Jones, W. L., "Heathfields," Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, E. Suffolk.

Nugent, F. E., 2, Swanmore Road, Boscombe East, Bournemouth.

Pink, P. D., 29, Park Road, Wembley, London.

NOTE.—Will all Old Boys please inform me if they change their addresses, or if any addresses mentioned are wrong?



London Section is just coming to the end of the 1935-6 session and I am pleased to be able to report that it has been very successful. Attendances at our monthly suppers have been consistently good and we have had an encouraging hockey season.

The February meeting was the hundredth since London Section was brought into being by our late secretary, Mr. Guy Chignell; to celebrate the occasion we had a hasty supper and moved off to the Prince of Wales Theatre for a "spot" of variety.

Two other gatherings deserving of mention occurred on Sundays after hockey. The first was after our February game against Petts Wood, when members of the team did me the honour of breaking bread with my wife and myself at our home at Wallington, and the second, after our February game v. Fairey Aviation Co., when E. G. White was good enough to invite us to his bungalow at Virginia Water. He entertained us right royally, prominent in the room was a barrel of beer complete with cloth over the top in approved tap room style, not to mention an endless variety of eatables, many or all made by White himself who obviously is a wonderful cook. Mr. French, who by virtue of his regular attendance at hockey has practically become an O.P., brought along a very improper selection of gramophone records.

The Christmas Dinner which now seems a very long way back in the past was well attended and a happy affair, but it was most unfortunate that thick fog chose to envelope the whole country on that day for there had been a record number of O.P's intending to be present and we were promised the double honour and pleasure of having Mr. Bradly and Mr. Ashton with us. It was a great disappointment to us that the impossible fog prevented them and many other O.P's from coming along. The fact that we still had about twenty-six present, showed what a healthy muster we should have been had the weather been more kind to us.

To revert to the hockey, we have been happy in having an all O.P. side on several occasions and have even been able to lend an odd player or so to our opponents when they have been short. A summary of the games may prove boring to all bar those of us who actually took part in them so I am omitting to describe them all this time and am contenting myself with adding our fixture list with the results, at the foot of these notes. Before ending my speech, however, I should like to offer my thanks to Humphries who as skipper and hockey secretary has put in so much spade work. The results must be gratifying to him; and thanks to all those who have supported us so well both as players and spectators.

DUDLEY H	R.	MASTERMAN,	Hon.	Sec.
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News of Old Boys.

- HURDEN, J. C., is now sharing a bungalow at Virginia Water with his "landlord,"E. G. WHITE, and I am sure they would like to see any Old Boys passing that way. They certainly make one welcome, as the London Section will testify.
- WELLBORNE, H. de M., will shortly be returning abroad but is not yet certain whether he will be sent to South America, Jamaica, or Singapore. By a curious coincidence he was prevented, indirectly, from obtaining the post for which he was hoping, by HUNTER, another Old Boy, who was very much Wellborne's senior in "Cables & Wireless, Ltd." Still we wish him all the best wherever he may be sent and hope for his speedy return to England.
- GREGORY, D. E., will also be leaving London shortly as he has completed his course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and will be returning to Gosport. London will be very sorry to lose him.
- BUCKNALL, H. R., was present on Old Boys' Day. He has had the misfortune of losing his job owing to illness and would be glad to hear from any Old Boys who know of vacancies for which he may be suited.
- HYDE, N. C., has now opened up a business in Fareham. We understand that he has been in London for a long while, and wish we had known of his presence at the time.

- JONES, W., "Heathfields," Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, states that he was appointed Storekeeper at the above Institution (?) in November, 1935, and took up his duties in December. He is finding his job very interesting as he is responsible for the feeding of some 500-550 patients. The diets vary considerably from a good hearty meal to a very light one of champagne or beer. He finds the quantities of food consumed to be large compared to those to which he has been accustomed. The weekly consumption of bread is over a ton and milk some 3000-4000 pints. He states that it is rather curious that Winsor II (R.L.) (address required) should be "planted" in the same town and they are rather proud of their 100 per cent, membership.
- HOATHER, W. E. S., sent me a very long and interesting letter. He says "I have been sojourning roughly 250 miles from civilisation—at Pembroke Dock. Life is fairly comfortable on the whole, in fact, during the summer it's definitely good. Being a small station, soldiering is not what it was in Aldershot, and I assure you it's a change for the better. But we're definitely off the map. Swansea is the nearest town of any size and is 60 miles away and Cardiff is about 100. However being the proud possessor of an aged and minute vehicle, one "lousy lama" (two three or four wheels), I get occasional glimpses of the outer world and spend a week-end at home, near Cardiff, about once a month. There is a small band of hockey enthusiasts here, we can't be termed a club since we have no ground to play on and no financial support, this being a depressed area. However when sufficient transport can be cadged we visit Tenby, our one and only neighbouring "club" and play on their ground, usually with a mixed team. Then we occasionally manage to borrow the Royal Fusiliers' asphalt pitch and I am sometimes invited to play for Haverford West when they are short. Still it's hockey, if primitive! This is a wonderful spot during the summer. Bathing from almost deserted sandy beaches in sea of almost Mediterranean colour and clearness, and quite a lot of tennis. I'm very lucky to be serving at home still. During the final months of last year I was in daily dread that one of the many telegrams we had would order me into the 'sands of the desert.'" He states that he has still got 21 years to complete with the Colours and is considering what he should do then.
- PINK, P. D., has moved from Saffron Walden to London and is living in A. J. HARVEY's old house at Wembley.
- SCOTT, R. H., has been touring India and, after a visit to the frontier on which he met his brother B. R. SCOTT, has gone back to the Staff College at Quetta.
- HYNES, A. C., R.A. Mess, Hyderabad, Sind, has just been to Kakul near Rawalpindi on a ten weeks Gunnery and Survey Course and is due for 6 months' leave from the end of May. He had some racing in the Gymkhana at Quetta, but in the Hyderabad district most of the riders are Indian riding boys, so there is not much opening for the amateur.
- GODDEN, L. W., has been promised a place in King Alfred's Training College, Winchester, for next September. He has been trying for a vacancy for some time and is now doing supply work (uncertificated) in Gosport.
- BIDEN, L. F., has just been presented with a daughter.
- BENT, J., after a wait in the queue of about 4½ hours, got into Westminster Hall at the lying-in-state of the body of King George V, just as the guard was being changed, and on the day of the funeral procession managed to get an excellent pitch in the front row of spectators within about 30 feet of the procession. Afterwards he was in the thick of the crush at Marble Arch, and was carried bodily into the tube and down the subway.
- HYNES, N., (Royal College of Science) has passed the remainder of his Inter, getting a first class in Zoology.