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SCHOOL HISTORY.

The School Calendar is as follows:—

September 21st, Wednesday. Term begins.
September 26th, Monday. Beginning of term service.
September 27th, Tuesday. Old Boys' Meeting.
October, 25th, Tuesday. Old Boys' Meeting.
November 7th, Monday. Half-term. London Chamber of
Commerce Examinations begin.
November 29th, Tuesday. Old Boys' Meeting.
December 5th, Monday. School and College of Preceptors
Examinations begin.
December 21st, Wednesday. Meccano Exhibition and End of
Term.
January 17th, Tuesday. Easter Term begins.

SALVETE.

No. 230. C. R. Craig, Prep., St. Augustine's.
No. 231. E. J. Howard, IVb., School.
No. 232. W. C. P. Thomas, IVb., St. Peter's.
No. 233. B. L. J. Fernig, IVb., St. Augustine's.
No. 234. D. A. Gray, Prep., School.
No. 235. G. Smith, Prep., St. Peter's.

VALETE.

F. E. M. Betts, after 7 years in the school, has been accepted on the staff of Messrs. Deale and Henderson, Quantity Surveyors, High Street, Maidstone. He has had an excellent school record, taken a host of certificates, Captain of St. Augustine's, holder of the Captain's Challenge Cup, and a good athlete.

W. F. Tucker, also 7 years in the school, has obtained a clerical post in the Sessions House under the Kent County Council. He took several certificates, Captain of School House, holder of the Tennis and Cricket Cups and a prominent member of the Cricket XI.

G. F. Griffin has left us at the age of 12 after 7 years in the school owing to his family moving to Ashford. He will complete his school career at the Ashford Grammar School and we wish him every success. He was a promising boy.

A. D. and K. G. J. Fraser are two brothers who have left us owing to their family moving to Manchester. They have been with us $4\frac{1}{2}$ years and promised to do well, especially as athletes. The elder brother hopes to go to sea as soon as he is old enough to enter the service.

P. G. Anderson, $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in the school, has entered the office of Messrs. Argles and Court, Solicitors, Mill Street, Maidstone. He took his Shorthand certificate at school and was a keen member of his house.

R. L. Hill, $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in the school, has obtained a post under the Kent Education Committee at Springfield. He was Vice-Captain of St. Peter's as well as a popular and useful member of the Football XI.

D. J. Froud, 2 years in the school, has become an apprentice in the Transport Department of the Maidstone Corporation at the Tonbridge Road Depot. He was a good athlete and a keen member of his house.

We wish the best of luck to every one of these and trust they will carve for themselves a useful and honourable career. Most of the posts were by direct recommendation from the school and in two of the cases emphasis was laid on the fact that the vacancies were to be filled by Commercial School boys if possible. These vacancies arose owing to the promotion of boys previously recommended by us.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

The following certificates have been obtained since our last issue:—

Pitman's Shorthand:—Stage I.: P. G. Anderson, H. H. Mungham.

London Chamber of Commerce:—Certificate Stage: F. E. M. Betts, Book-keeping (Distinction) and English. Certificate Stage: H. H. Mungham, Handwriting; W. F. Tucker, Handwriting. Elementary Stage: G. K. Reynolds, Handwriting; A. V. Smith, Handwriting; B. W. Westover, Handwriting; E. A. Tomsett, Handwriting; D. C. Jones, Handwriting.

The Scholarship Scheme just inaugurated produced 18 entries for the first year. The winner for the External Examination in April was B. L. J. Fernig, and for the Internal Examination in July C. Davis. Congratulations to both boys. G. Cheeseman ran Davis very close in the July examination but he is just young enough to try again next year and should succeed on that occasion unless the third boy, J. Stott, or one of the others make up their minds to lower his colours. Particulars of age,

value and general conditions of the scheme will be given gladly upon application to the principal. The papers submitted by internal candidates will be marked by a competent outside examiner.

Congratulations to D. Smith on being offered a trial for Kent C.C.C. next season. Smith has done excellently for the school (see Cricket results) and the trial is a just tribute to his prowess. We wish him all success. The announcement appeared in the "Star" on August 30th.

We are also well represented in first class Football. During August Walter Beale left Maidstone to commence training with Manchester United. He will play as goalkeeper. "All good wishes, Walter."

The pupils of the IIIrd Form and the Preparatory who were unable to accompany the School Party to Dagenham will have a special outing early during the coming term. Mrs. Piper will give particulars.

We should like to offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. F. W. Watts, who is in charge of the book-keeping, on the occasion of his marriage on September 21st.

We shall be glad to see more music pupils this term, under the able tuition of Mrs. Henniker, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., M.R.S.T., who holds exceptionally high diplomas in her subject, and who also possesses the ability of imparting her knowledge. Names can be given at start of term.

We have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wood for their kind presentation of a Chess set in memory of their son Ronald.

Mr. Clarke, a Director of Messrs. Anstey's, has very kindly awarded H. Mungham a free trip to the Wolseley works in recognition of the latter's article on the School visit to Messrs. Anstey's exhibition. This appeared in our May number.

The beginning and end of term has been marked, as usual, with the special services in St. Peter's Church. We have much appreciated the Rev. Cooper's helpful addresses.

We have communicated during term with our ship, the "British Pride," and her master Captain Stott. Very full replies have been given to all our questions and much information gleaned. We have sent a parcel of books and periodicals which we understand have proved acceptable.

Swimming has proved very popular during the Summer Term. Free swimming lessons have been provided, and a record number of boys have learnt to swim. Badges have been awarded to R. Westbrook, J. H. and B. N. Mills, J. LeFeaver, W. Thomas, R. C. Marshall, A. Clarke, P. King, B. Fernig, S. Murrey, N. Pullen, and E. Knott.

As recorded above the two Frasers have moved away to Manchester. It was quite possible that Dennis would have carried off the swimming championship had he been here to enter the competition. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser called here recently and kindly presented the school with a handsome swimming cup for annual competition as an appreciation of the 4½ years which the two boys have spent in the school. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Fraser for the gift which will serve to remind us of two boys whom we are sorry to lose.

There are several hundred excellent volumes in the School Library, and we hope all boys will borrow during the coming term. No charge is made. R. Westbrook and E. Leeves are the Librarians.

The School is again providing a service of hot mid-day meals at a cost of 9d. per head. Especially during the cold weather this should prove a valuable boon to those unable to go home, and we hope all boys will take advantage of the service offered.

Collections have continued on behalf of local charities.

UPPER SCHOOL NOTES.

MOTTOES OF THE TERM.

The following mottoes were selected by the members of the Upper School for last term:—

“Silent Leges Inter Arma,” Laws are silent in the midst of arms.—H. Mungham.

“Fortuna Favet Fortibus,” Fortune favours the brave.—N. Hartridge.

We were grateful again to Mrs. Piper for kindly consenting to judge the “Special Study Books” compiled by all members of the form. The first prize given by Mr. Williams was awarded to E. Leeves for his study of railways. Mrs. Piper also most kindly presented three extra prizes which were much appreciated.

With so many outdoor attractions only one debate was held during term, viz., “That bicycles should be taxed.” This was carried by a majority of four votes.

In memory of his very valued services as Secretary for Football and Chess members of the Upper School presented an inscribed book to M. Betts.

Tennis was played throughout the summer term at 4 o'clock on Fridays. New players have progressed well.

A contest was held for House Points, the two Houses, St. Peter's and St. Augustine's competed together against School House.

HOUSE POINTS. GAMES.

Tucker and Hopson (S.) beat Tomsett and Reynolds (R.), 6—3. Leeves and Mungham (S.) beat Tomsett and Reynolds (R.), 6—4. Westover and Smith (S.) beat Parker and Westbrook (R.), 6—2. Parker and Westbrook (R.) beat Seymour and Noakes (S.), 6—2.

Results: School House 16 points, Rest 4 points.

The Tournament Games for the Cup, awarded annually, were:—

Round 1.—Smith beat Parker, 6—1. Seymour v. Stockbridge (retired). Tomsett beat Noakes, 6—2. Leeves v. Hartridge (retired). Westover beat Reynolds, 6—0. Westbrook beat Mungham, 6—0.

Round 2.—Westover v. Smith (retired). Westbrook beat Seymour, 6—0. Leeves beat Tomsett, 6—1.

Round 3 (Semi-Final).—Westover beat Westbrook, 6—4. Leeves, bye.

Final.—Westover beat Leeves, 6—3.

We are grateful to W. Tucker for making an excellent “Sports Notice Board” for the Upper School.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SPORTS.

STANDARD OF ACHIEVEMENTS MAINTAINED.

The following account of the 7th Annual School Sports is taken from the “Kent Messenger”:

In ideal weather the seventh annual athletic sports of the Maidstone Commercial School and Elms Preparatory School were held on the Athletic Ground, on Wednesday. The pavilion was crowded with parents and friends to watch an interesting afternoon's sport in which every event was keenly contested.

At the close of the sports Mr. H. I. Piper, headmaster of the school, spoke of the record attendance. He thanked all

helpers and subscribers and the large number of parents and friends who had attended.

Each year, he said, the sports were becoming better and the seventh had maintained the standard both in entries and achievements.

"This is one of our ways of co-operating in the National Fitness Campaign," he said.

Mrs. Piper distributed the prizes and thanked her audience for their loyal support of the school. She said how much she admired the boys' excellent sporting spirit.

Mrs. Piper was presented with a bouquet by G. Reynolds, holder of the high jump record.

THE RESULTS.

The results were as follows:—

Senior Victor Ludorum.—D. Smith and R. Westbrook (tied). Junior: A. Baker. House Cup: St. Peter's (R. Westbrook, Captain). Swimming Cup: A. Clarke. Cricket Cup: School (E. Leeves, Captain).

100 Yards.—All boys in school, 1, D. Smith; 2, G. Reynolds; 3, M. Betts. Under 12½: 1, B. Fernig; 2, C. Davis; 3, D. Percy. Under 10: 1, R. Barham; 2, C. Craig. All boys under 14: 1, A. Barham; 2, A. Smith; 3, J. LeFeaver.

High Jump.—All boys in school: 1, G. Reynolds, 4ft. 8ins. Under 14 but not under 10: 1, C. Beale and A. Baker tied with 4ft. 1in.; 3, B. Fernig.

Potato Race.—All boys in school: 1, E. Tomsett; 2, M. Betts; 3, B. Westover. Under 14: 1, A. Barham; 2, C. Beale; 3, A. Baker. Under 12½: 1, R. Sawyer; 2, S. Murray; 3, N. Swan. Under 10: 1, R. Barham; 2, C. Craig; 3, S. King.

440 Yards Handicap.—All boys in school: 1, R. Westbrook; 2, E. Tomsett; 3, R. Saunders. Under 14 but not under 10: 1, A. Baker; 2, C. Beale; 3, D. Gosling.

Egg and Spoon Race.—All boys in school: 1, E. Knott and B. Westover tied; 3, E. Tomsett. Under 14: 1, J. LeFeaver; 2, P. Gibbs. Under 12½: 1, J. Solly; 2, J. Percy; 3, J. Stott. Under 10: 1, J. King; 2, A. Bolton; 3, R. Barham.

80 Yards.—1, G. Pickup; 2, C. Craig and J. King tied.

Long Jump.—All boys in school: 1, D. Smith, 16ft. 3ins.; 2, B. Westover; 3, E. Knott. Under 14: 1, A. Clarke, 14ft. 2ins.; 2, J. LeFeaver; 3, A. Baker. Classes for boys under 12½ and under 10 had already been decided as follows: 1, B. Fernig, 13ft. 6ins.; 2, R. Sawyer; 3, G. Cheeseman.

60 Yards.—1, G. Pickup and C. Craig tied; 3, J. King.

220 Yards handicap.—All boys in school: 1, D. Smith; 2, R. Westbrook; 3, M. Betts. Under 14: 1, A. Baker; 2, A.

Smith; 3, J. LeFeaver. Under 12½: 1, B. Fernig; 2, C. Davis; 3, G. Cheeseman.

Sack Race.—All boys in school: 1, E. Tomsett; 2, E. Knott; 3, M. Betts. Under 14: 1, A. Barham; 2, D. Brooker; 3, C. Beale. Under 12½: 1, R. Sawyer; 2, R. Knight; 3, J. Solly. Under 10: 1, J. King; 2, C. Craig; 3, R. Barham.

Three-Legged Race.—All boys in school and all boys under 14: 1, C. Beale and A. Smith; 2, N. Hogg and J. LeFeaver. Under 12½: 1, A. Taylor and R. Knight; 2, R. Marshall and S. Murray.

Old Boys' 100 Yards.—1, Mr. Bettle; 2, Mr. Williams; 3, Mr. Lynn.

Slow Cycle Race.—All boys in school: 1, R. Westbrook; 2, D. Jones; 3, H. Parker. Under 14: 1, J. LeFeaver; 2, H. Mungham; 3, C. Beale. Boys under 12½ and under 10: 1, J. Stott; 2, J. King.

100 Yards Flat Race, open to any man on the ground.—1, Mr. Noyes; 2, Mr. Fenner; 3, Mr. Thomas.

Half-Mile Handicap.—All boys in school: 1, R. Westbrook; 2, N. Hogg. Under 14 and under 12½: 1, A. Baker; 2, W. Thomas; 3, R. Marshall.

80 Yards Ladies' Race, open.—1, Miss Press; 2, Miss Stearn; 3, Mrs. Johnson.

Obstacle Race.—Under 12½ and under 10: 1, G. Cheeseman; 2, R. Marshall. Under 14: 1, A. Baker; 2, J. LeFeaver; 3, A. Taylor. All boys in school: 1, B. Westover; 2, E. Tomsett; 3, M. Betts.

Swimming Races (already decided).—1, A. Clarke; 2, F. Adley; 3, J. Mills.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—All boys in school: 1, E. Tomsett, 83 yards; 2, R. Westbrook. Under 14, already decided: 1, A. Smith, 71 yards; 2, J. LeFeaver; 3, D. Gosling. Under 12½ and under 10, already decided: 1, B. Fernig, 52 yards; 2, D. Hughes; 3, R. Johnson.

House Relay Race.—1, St. Peter's; 2, St. Augustine's; 3, School.

Consolation Races for boys who had not won a prize in other races.—Thirkell, Fenner, M. Stonard, P. Stearn.

The officials of the sports were: President, Mr. H. I. Piper; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. M. Williams; Assistant Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. E. K. Leeves and H. H. Mungham; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. G. A. Bettle; Starter, Mr. Bettle; Time-keeper, Mr. W. C. Gosling.

Among the judges and helpers were Messrs. Stearn, Barham, W. C. Beale and Taylor.

BALANCE SHEET, ANNUAL SPORTS, 1938.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure	£	s.	d.
Entrance Fees	3	3	6	Deficit from 1937			3 11
Sale of Programmes	1	1	6	Hire of Ground	2	2	0
Subscriptions	10	11	7	Printing	2	18	6
Prizes Presented	3	10	0	Music and Loudspeaker	1	15	0
				Secretary's Expenses	1	8	4
				Prizes Purchased	5	16	4
				Prizes Presented	3	10	0
				Balance in hand	12	6	
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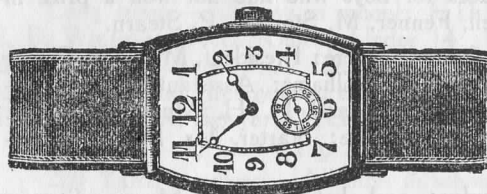
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INDUSTRIAL GEOGRAPHY.

A VISIT TO DRAKE & FLETCHER'S, LTD.

A party comprising boys selected from the Upper School and Fourth Form paid a visit to the showrooms of Messrs. Drake and Fletcher, Ltd., Motor Engineers.

The first things that attracted our attention were two specially constructed examples of Vauxhall workmanship, (1) a Vauxhall 25 h.p. limousine chassis, and (2) the very latest and unorthodox type of a Vauxhall "ten-four." Our guide and instructor dealt with these individually.

The first car to be explained was the "ten-four." It has the unusual feature of being without chassis members, and is thus of unorthodox design. The body, floor and main frame is pressed in one piece, ready for the application of the power unit, wheels, axles, electrical and steering equipment, etc. The front suspension, which is independent, is of an improved type, and incorporates torsion rods. The engine is of the four cylinder type, and employs an ingenious thermostat heater for the petrol vapour, to ensure easy starting in cold weather. An air filter is also fitted.

The next vehicle was the chassis of the 25 h.p. limousine. This is of entirely orthodox design and carries a large body. It has three gears forward, and one reverse. The reason for there being only three forward gears on such a large car, is the power and flexibility of the large six-cylinder engine, which has coil ignition, and a bendix-pinion type starting motor. A special Zenith carburation system, exclusive only to Vauxhalls, is installed.

Special exhaust silencing arrangements, and improved springing, facilitate very quiet and comfortable travel. The independent front wheel suspension is a combination of torsion rods, and coil springs; long semi-elliptic springs are used for the rear axle suspension. Hydraulic brakes are used on the car and give a smooth rapid stop.

Steering is by worm and sector, and is constructed by Marles. A wet sump provides oil for forced feed to all engine bearings. While these models were being explained free booklets were distributed among the boys who scanned them eagerly and thus derived much useful data. Thus ended a very interesting and practical visit.

H. Mungham.

CRICKET.

The weather this season has been in our favour, and generally we have done well.

The best match was School v. Boxley, when we were playing against men and did well to lose by only 3 wickets.

We have enjoyed having Mr. Williams to play with us, and his interest in the First Eleven has given it great encouragement.

The Upper School proved victors over the Fourth Form in the match played.

Results for the School matches for the season are:—

18th June, v. West Boro' Central, home, won by innings and 44 runs. School 100-3 declared (Westover 37). West Boro' 1st innings 34 (D. Smith 3-5, B. Westover 2-3). 2nd innings 22 (D. Smith 3-5).

4th July, v. Old Boys, home, lost. Old Boys 93 (D. Smith 5-37, Westover 5-32). School innings 29 (W. Beale 4-13).

6th July, v. Mereworth, away, won. School 116-7 declared (B. Westover 26). Mereworth 36 (D. Smith 7-11).

11th July, v. West Boro' Central, away, won. School 86-7 declared (D. Smith 33). West Boro' Central 42 (B. Westover 6-21).

14th July, v. Loose, away, won. Loose 82 (B. Westover 7-20). School 92 (D. Smith 21).

19th July, v. Boxley, away, lost. School 60 (B. Westover 17). Boxley 77-7 (D. Smith 3-37, B. Westover 3-34).

26th July, v. Loose, away, won. Loose 64. School 75-8 declared.

A scratch game was arranged with a team from the Grammar School. This we won by 3 wickets. School 67-7 declared. Grammar School 66.

A 2nd match against the Old Boys was arranged and played on the evening of July 28th. This ended in a draw. Scores: School 116-8 declared (D. Smith 26, E. Tomsett 26). Old Boys 72-5 (Westover 2-22).

School v. Mereworth. D. Smith distinguished himself by taking all 10 wickets and making 53 not out.

The best batting averages were:—B. Westover 16; D. Smith 16. The best bowling averages were:—B. Westover 4.21; D. Smith 5.0.

CRITICISMS OF THE TEAM.

B. Westover. An able Captain, who can generally be relied on for a good score.

D. Smith. A good all round player, and an able Vice-Captain. Our fastest bowler.

H. Parker. A steady batsman.

D. Gosling. A capable opening batsman.

E. Tomsett. A hard hitter.

J. LeFeaver. Has played well behind the wickets.

R. Westbrook. A good fielder on the boundary.

A. Smith. A good batsman.

G. Reynolds. A hard-hitting left-hander.

E. Knott. A good fielder.

J. Thirkell. A good fielder on the boundary.

HOUSE RESULTS.

School 85 for 5 declared (Walker 42 not out). St. Augustine's 39 for 7 (D. Smith 4—18, B. Westover 3—16). Match drawn. School 98 (Tucker 41, Tomsett 5—25). St. Peter's 23 (Tucker 5—13).

St. Augustine's 31 (Tomsett 6—12). St. Peter's 63 (LeFeaver 22, A. Smith 5—25).

HOUSE POINTS (CRICKET).

	Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
School House,	2	1	0	1	6
St. Peter's House,	2	1	1	0	4
St. Augustine's House,	2	0	1	1	2

SCHOOL 2nd XI.

20th July, v. Mereworth, away, lost by 9. School 33 (Drake 6—17). Mereworth 42 (Brooker 6—6).

B. Westover, Captain.

D. Smith, Vice-Captain.

ANNUAL SCHOOL JOURNEY.

The Annual School Journey took place in perfect weather on Thursday, 9th June. Our numbers were slightly fewer this year, as no one under 10 years of age could visit Messrs. Ford's factory—the object of our outing. Leaving Maidstone at 9.43 in reserved coaches, the School Party reached Victoria and proceeded by way of the Underground to Westminster Pier. Here we boarded the specially chartered steamer and at 11.30 a.m. we commenced our two hour trip down the river. A most interesting commentary was given by a representative of Ford's as we passed the innumerable historic treasures of the river, and this made the journey instructive as well as interesting. Arriving at the imposing Ford Docks at Dagenham we were met by guides and the party divided into small groups.

We first visited the Company's cinema where we gained a general idea of the size and arrangement of the works. We also saw several other films illustrating the excellence of Ford products. We then commenced our tour of inspection. The area of the factories is 32 acres and the buildings are supported by 40ft. concrete piles driven into the mud. It is quite impossible in a brief account to mention all that we saw in the following three hours. The foundry and furnaces using pulverised coal and from which is extracted 800 tons of clinker per day were one of the most impressive features. Each blast furnace takes 2,300 tons of raw material and gives 700 tons of iron per day. We were

amazed at the complicated system of railways inside the works. We witnessed the manufacture of radiators, and the shop where the engines are assembled. The component parts move round on mono rails said to equal 10 miles in length. Another interesting section was the rolling mill where steel rods are made and cut to required length. The attention to detail is astounding and many parts are said to be accurate to a 2 million part of an inch. Undoubtedly the most spectacular part of the tour was the general assembly line. Here one can see the complete car put together, tested, filled with petrol and, to everybody's amazement, move out of the line under its own power as soon as the starter is pressed. 650 cars are produced every 8 hours in addition to 120 tractors. So we left Dagenham much impressed by the extraordinary organisation known as Fords.

Tea was taken on the return journey, and as we had a little time to spare we walked through St. James's Park and enjoyed the fine display of flowers. An incident of a lighter character may be recorded. One member of the party having no further use for a lemonade bottle inserted, in execrable French, a message to the effect that "Pierre was dead," and gave instructions that the message should be sent to 66 London Road. Much to the sender's and Mr. Piper's surprise a letter from Greenwich arrived at school shortly after the finder having faithfully carried out the instruction. We understand that the humorist was made by his father to compensate the finder of the message.

The return journey was made safely and the party reached Maidstone just before 9 o'clock. Thus another School journey has passed, and we are the richer by a useful and pleasant memory.

A. M. W.

BRAVE AND FAITHFUL.

As I awoke I felt a weight on my lap. Thinking it was Ted my Irish Terrier I growled a command for it to get down, but nothing happened.

I opened my eyes and there coiled upon my lap was a cobra. Suddenly I felt as though I wanted to scream, but my now paralysed lips would emit no sound.

The snake's baleful little eyes gazed into mine whilst its hooded head swayed rhythmically side to side with a sinister purpose.

I sat there petrified and fascinated gripping the sides of the chair with white clammy hands. Sweat broke out on my brow and rolled down the sides of my face though I felt strangely cool.

As the cobra gathered itself in a heap by the ground I knew the fatal blow would only be a matter of a few seconds.

Ted, who had witnessed the scene on lowered haunches, now leapt up and gripped the snake's neck with a ferocity that was terrible to behold. The weight of his body upset the reptiles balance and made it fall to the floor. With Ted's vicelike grip on his neck the snake stood no chance. It could only writhe madly in its agony and wait for death to end its pain.

But I was wrong, its lithe little body swung quickly round, the forked tongue shot out catching Ted full in the neck.

I turned away my eyes, and when I next looked the cobra's head was lying severed on the ground.

Ted stood groggily over his kill. His eyes were dilated and gradually beginning to close, then he slumped to the ground. I rushed over to him but only a glance was necessary to see that my aid was useless. His soft brown eyes seemed to send a hidden message into mine while the twitching of his little black snout in pain sent tears to my eyes till I was unable to see. Suddenly I had a nervous relapse and remembered no more.

R. Westbrook.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

We are glad to report that all the activities of the Association are going forward. The Tennis Tournament has again been organised by the Sports' Secretary, Mr. Finn, though some difficulty has been found in getting all the rounds played off. For the first time this season we played two cricket matches against the School, and both were very enjoyable. We are indebted to all those members who turned out and to Mr. H. Gilbert, one of our Vice-Presidents, for acting as Captain. The results will be found under the cricket section. We were glad to see a number of Old Boys at the Annual Sports who helped in various ways. The results of the O.B. race were, 1, Mr. Bettle, 2, Mr. Williams, 3, Mr. Lynn.

We were very pleased to receive a visit from R. Young, who is sailing on the "S.S. Viscount"—a ship owned by the same company as the "British Pride," the School ship. The "Viscount" is a vessel of 10,873 tons, and Young has made voyages to Abadan and Port Said. He has experienced much rough weather, and his ship was in Swansea for repairs. He is enjoying his calling very much.

Walter Beale, another Old Boy, has been signed on for Manchester United and as stated elsewhere has left Maidstone. The good wishes of the Association will go with him in his new venture.

The important enterprise of the Association is the Football Section, and we have pleasure in printing the following report from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Bowler.

A. M. W.

"OLD McCABIANS FOOTBALL CLUB."

Affiliated K.C.F.A.

Ever since its inception the Football Club has been a pillar of strength to the O.B.A. In the first week no fewer than 12 names were on the register and up to date we have now got a panel of 20 players.

The Committee of 6 is composed of the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, F. Whiffen, J. Beale, E. Hughes and A. Verrell. These six are the selection committee for matches.

The Honorary Treasurer to the Club is Mr. H. Hooker, to whom all donations and subscriptions should be sent.

Mr. E. Bowler is the League and Match Secretary and to whom all applications for membership should be sent.

The annual subscription to the Football section is 2/6, and a further twopence is charged for registration with the League.

Owing to the light weight of the team we have signed on a few players who are Hon. Members of the O.B.A., these members pay 1/- subscription instead of half-a-crown.

The Club played a friendly match at the end of the 1937-8 season against Messrs. Hall & Co., this match resulted in a win of 2-0.

After a long and tedious hunt for a ground, the Secretary found one at Thurnham, previously used by Atholstone Rovers.

As a result of his negotiations the Club obtained the ground complete with nets, posts and marked lines for 15/- for the season.

Transport was the next difficulty. The Secretary has obtained the services of an Old Boy who will assist us when he can.

I must mention here that a great deal of our present financial and team strength is due to our silent Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Harry Hooker, who has been organising and raising funds. Without his great help my job as Secretary would have been much more difficult.

Other Officers of the Club who have been elected are Mr. F. Whiffen (Captain), Mr. J. Beale (Vice-Captain).

The Committee meet at the "White Horse," London Road, on Tuesdays, at 7 p.m. sharp. Quick action is the order of the meetings and they terminate by 7.45 p.m.

The selected team are notified by post the same night, and a notice is posted up in the passage next to Mr. Birchall's shop in Bank Street. Mr. J. Birchell is the only agent we have to supply football shirts, etc., the colours of which are light and dark blue quarters with maroon collars and cuffs.

In conclusion our thanks are due to the President of the O.B.A., Mr. H. I. Piper, and also Mrs. Piper, for the use of "The Elms" for our general meetings., to Mr. Randall of the "White Horse," for the use of his room for Committee meetings, and to Mr. Williams for all his efforts to get the F.C. well on its feet.

Please remember to send all donations and subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Hooker, of 11 Grace Avenue, Maidstone, all are gratefully received and acknowledged.

All enquiries for membership, whether playing or non-playing (Supporters) should be addressed to me, Mr. E. Bowler, 349 Loose Road, Maidstone, and please enclose a 1½d. s.a.e. for replies.

E. Bowler.

OLD McCABIANS FOOTBALL FIXTURES, 1938-1939. League 3a.

Sept. 3. Barming Res. Home.	Dec. 17. O.P.A. Away.
Sept. 10. Town Malling ... Away.	Dec. 31. Len Sports Away.
Sept. 24. Mid Kent Util. Away.	1939.
Oct. 1. T.S. Motors Home.	Jan. 14. Corben Sports ... Away.
Oct. 15. Hosp. Cup, 1st Rnd. ?	Jan. 21. Medway Brew. Home.
Nov. 5. Town Malling ... Home.	Jan. 28. Barming Res. Away.
Nov. 19. Len Sports Home.	Feb. 11. Lees Holboro' Home.
Nov. 26. Lees Holboro' ... Away.	Feb. 25. Mid Kent Util. Home.
Dec. 3. Medway Brew. Away.	Mar. 11. O.P.A. Home.
Dec. 10. Corben Sports ... Home.	Apr. 8. T.S. Motors Away.

There are two fixtures yet to be made with Blue Bell F.C. This team was not represented at the fixture meeting.

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