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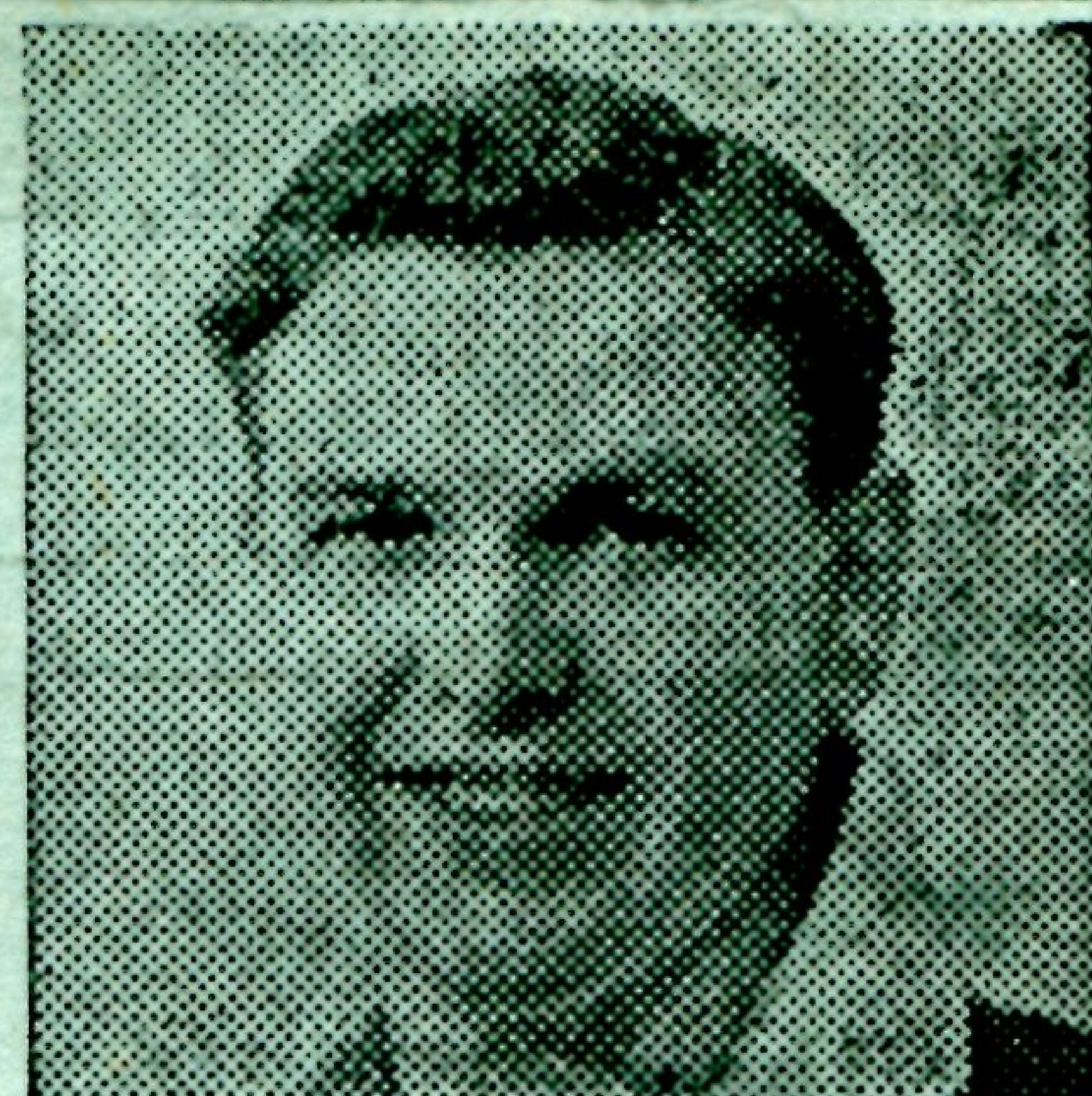


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**Saturday, Sept. 25th**

1948



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## NOTES AND COMMENTS



By THE EDITOR

Welcome to Neath, the vigorous and popular "All Blacks" of the West, who provide the opposition at the Cardiff Arms Park this afternoon in the ground's first Welsh inter-clubs struggle of the season.

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Since the war this match has always been a dour struggle, hard and unrelenting, but to-day's match promises an enjoyable contrast. Cardiff are still unbeaten, both home and away, despite a narrow escape with a weakened side at Stradey Park last Saturday.

Neath, with a young and speedy back division, are also enjoying a good start to the season. They defeated Llanelli two weeks ago, easily accounted for Penarth last Saturday, and defeated a strong British Police XV this week.

Thus the stage is set for a great game. With both sides playing the open game. Neath, with newcomer Frank Williams at scrum-half, should do well in attack for he proved a fine player with Swansea last season. Vivian Evans is at full-back again; Ken Maddocks, a track runner and final Welsh trialist of last season, is on the left wing, and his duel with Terry Cook of Cardiff promises to be the highlight of the afternoon.

W. D. Smith on the other wing is also a "flyer"; Leighton Davies a promising centre and Leonid Morgan a sprightly outside half. Between them they should take full advantage of a young and lively pack. The loss of three experienced front row forwards has not been felt as yet. Cliff Williams, Leslie Davies and Les Anthony left the club before the season started, but secretary Albert Freethy and

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his committee have succeeded in filling the gaps.

Neath have a reputation of never being beaten until the final whistle has blown. At home they are rarely beaten and to-day, at the Cardiff Arms Park, they will be supported by many busloads of their followers. Yes, the "All Blacks" are a force in the rugby world!

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Rees Stephens will not be playing to-day as he is not available. His position under the N.C.B. necessitates his travelling around South Wales relieving under managers of collieries. Until he has finished "relief" work and is appointed to one colliery he will be on the move and not able to appear regularly.

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Two interested spectators of to-day's match will be Messrs. Albert Freethy (Neath) and D. E. "Danny" Davies (Cardiff) who were elected to the Match Committee of the W.R.U. for this season. They will be watching many players with a view to the first Trial Match.

Cardiff's three invalids—Cliff Davies, Haydn Tanner and Bleddyn Williams—are on the mend, and the latter two are in action to-day. Cliff is recovering well from the operation for the removal of a knee cartilage and hopes to play again before the season ends.

The Club welcomes Mr. Brice H. Jenkins to the position of honorary secretary and feel sure that he will do all within his power to carry on in the traditions of the late Mr. Arthur Cornish.

The Hon. Secretary of the Club wishes to ask all members to do nothing with the portions of Season Ticket Booklets marked A, B, C and D. They are intended to assist in reducing the work during the balloting of International tickets. When the time comes for them to be submitted a special announcement will be made in the Press, this programme, and over the loud speakers on the Cardiff Arms Park—so please leave them intact in the Season Ticket Booklets—Thank you!

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## NEATH

Full Back	...	V. EVANS	(A)
Right Wing	...	W. D. SMITH	(B)
Right Centre	...	I. EVANS	(C)
Left Centre	...	LEIGHTON DAVIES	(D)
Left Wing	...	K. MADDOCKS	(E)
Outside Half	...	L. MORGAN	(F)
Inside Half	...	F. WILLIAMS	(G)

Referee:

Mr. G. J. RICHARDS  
(Llanfrechfa)



## CARDIFF

1	F. TROTT	...	Full Back
5	L. WILLIAMS	...	Left Wing
4	B. L. WILLIAMS	...	Left Centre
3	J. MATTHEWS	...	Right Centre
2	T. COOK	...	Right Wing
6	W. B. CLEAVER	...	Outside Half
7	H. TANNER (Capt.)		Inside Half

NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCH

**CHEPSTOW**

v. ATHLETIC

Forwards—

(H)	Dr. A. JONES
(I)	DON REES
(J)	F. JOSEPH
(K)	ROY JOHN
(L)	D. T. MEREDITH
(M)	M. THOMAS (Capt.)
(N)	D. T. JONES
(O)	R. LEY

Forwards—

8	W. G. JONES
9	RAY ROBERTS.
10	L. J. HAYWARD
11	W. E. TAMPLIN
12	ROY ROBERTS
13	ELVET JONES
14	R. M. GLOVER
15	G. EVANS

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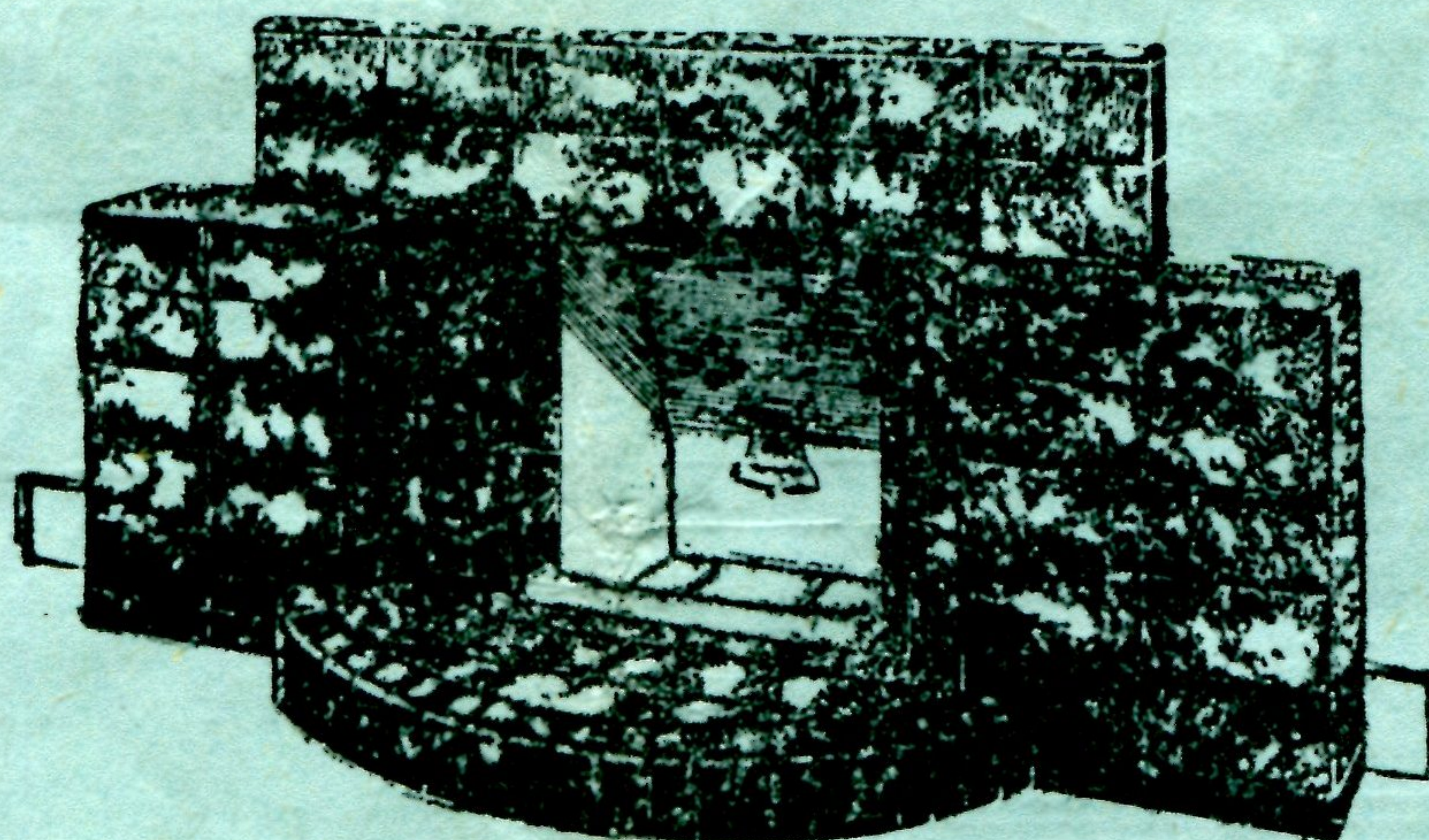
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,, 9	Gloucester ...	Home
,, 16	Swansea ...	Away
,, 23	Rosslyn Park ...	Home
,, 30	Bristol ...	Away
Nov. 2	Oxford U. ...	Away
,, 6	Penarth ...	Home
,, 13	Newport ...	Home
,, 20	Leicester ...	Away
,, 27	Llanelly ...	Home

The buses organised by the Supporters' Club for the Newport match next week will leave at 1.15 p.m. from the G.E.C., Kingsway, on Saturday, October 2nd.

### **RUGBY OFFICIALS, 1948-49.**

*Chairman Cardiff Rugby Club:*

S. G. CRAVOS.

*Captain 1st XV.*

HAYDN TANNER.

*Vice-Captain 1st XV.:*

BLEDDYN WILLIAMS.

*Hon. Secretary:*

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