

ST PHASE OF ETONBURY

Many Activities at New School

Two thirds of the new Etonbury School between Arlesey and Stotfold is now complete and the final block will contain principally the gymnasium, assembly hall and administration rooms and will give greater scope for the extension of school activities generally.

The Rural Studies Unit on the school garden is expected to be ready shortly. The accommodation provided will make it possible for livestock, other than hens and rabbits, to be reared and tended by the boys of the school. Meanwhile senior pupils have themselves erected a greenhouse to be used for the cultivation of tomatoes, cucumbers and other hot house crops.

"BROADCASTS"

By using a tape recorder in conjunction with the record player and radio system it has been possible to pre-record and later to "broadcast" programmes to the whole school. This has become a regular end-of-term feature. "Christmas Magazine" was relayed on the last day of the present term.

Flt.-Sergt. James of RAF Henlow has given a presentation shield to the school. Beautifully finished in brilliant enamels, it is a faithful reproduction of the school crest.

The School National Savings Group continues to flourish and average weekly collections have topped the £13 mark.

REGULAR READERS

It has been a very successful year for the school library—303 out of the 380 children in the school are now regular readers. The number of books in the collection is ever increasing. There are now about 1,000 volumes, 800 of which belong to the school, while the rest are on loan from the County Library.

The library is used by staff and pupils as a quiet centre of reading and study. Pupils use it to gather valuable information from the many reference books housed there.

The School now has 18 pre-

fects, nine girls and nine boys. Of these one boy and one girl is appointed Head Boy and Head Girl. The prefect's badge is a red shield, worn on the lapel of the blazer or the band of the cardigan. Each prefect also has two red braids round the cuff of each sleeve, while the blazers of the Head Boy and Head Girl have a blue braid between the two red bands.

The Head Boy reports that the tradition set last year in which prefects occasionally took a leading part in morning assemblies was extended to the last school term.

Apart from their duties in school the prefects act as stewards at out of door functions.

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