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#### Club Notes

Today we entertain Exeter City for this, the first game of 1958. The last month of 1957 proved most unsuccessful on the part of the first team. Five points gained out of a possible twelve. May the results prove more satisfactory in the coming weeks. The struggle to obtain a place in the top twelve of the League, will become more and more desperate as the season progresses. After todays game we travel to Plymouth on 11th January, and then entertain Aldershot on 18th January, and Bournemouth on 25th January, so when we take stock at the end of the month may we still be in the promotion race.

It is at such times as this, that we need the help and support of all of you—the spectators. When things are not going well, encouragement on your part is most important. Please continue to attend the matches 15,000 against Port Vale was a large attendance indeed, and do please help the players. The way you cheered them on against Brighton on Christmas Day was magnificent. Undoubtedly the crowd won for us a point that day.

Our visitors today have just struck top form, gaining 6 points during the Christmas period, so we should see a very entertaining and hard game.

Congratulations to the Reserve Team on the magnificent victory at Plymouth. The Argyle have a large complement of players, and are always a difficult side to beat either at home or away. While the team as a whole played well, reports praise highly the work of Chandler—in goal and Jack—centre-half.

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#### Club Notes (continued)

On Monday, many of the players accompanied by their wives attended the Annual Dinner and Dance of the Supporters Club. It was very pleasing to see so many of them present at this happy little function, graced by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress. The manager was in fine form leading the Dance. We understand his lady partner needed treatment the next morning for badly bruised shins. Another casualty who reported for treatment on Tuesday, was our reporter, to whom we wish a speedy and complete recovery.

Finally a tribute to our friend Harry Ann. A great worker for, and true supporter of the Club for over fifty years. A short time ago he was made a Life-member of Swindon Town F.C. in recognition of his fine work. He will indeed be missed. To everyone connected with the Club Supporters—Players—Officials, and Sports Editors, we say "A Happy and Prosperous New Year". Shall we be playing in Division 2 in 1959?

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Mr. Ann came to Swindon as a boy and became a Supporter of the Town when matches were played on "The Croft" and remained a loyal supporter, and a worker until his death.

In the early years of this century there was formed what might be regarded as the first Supporters' Club although it did not go by that name. The members paid voluntary weekly subscriptions to assist the finances of the Football Club and also undertook duties voluntarily as gate stewards at matches.

Harry was one of the first members of this body and he remained a vountary gate steward for many years after the organisation had ceased to exist. He was also one of the earliest applicants for a share when the Football Club became a limited Company.

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In March 1931, the present Supporters' Club was formed. Mr. Ann once more was one of the founder members and an enthusiastic worker on the Committee until 1935 when he was elected to succeed the late Mr. J. Lock as Honorary Treasurer—an office which he held without interruption until his death.

Until the introduction of the present Competition he was also our Competitions Secretary and was thus associated with all the major money making efforts organised to carry out the various ground improvements for which we were responsible.

Apart from his enthusiasm Harry was a man of high intregrity and great sincerity and commanded the admiration and respect of all with whom he came into contact. The writer knew him for a number of years before becoming a worker for the Supporters' Club, and for the past ten years was in close contact with him. The Club's Auditors always spoke very highly of his work.

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A former Director of the Northampton Football Club was in conversation with the writer on one occasion and referred to Harry as a most remarkable man and said that if he were "for transfer" any Club would be glad to have him working on its behalf.

This is not the place to mention in detail his work for cricket, for various charities, and particularly for his Parish Church where he worked as indefatigably as for our own Club. Certainly he will be missed everywhere

On behalf of all members, we extend to his daughters our very sincere sympathy and our assurance that we shall retain very happy and grateful memories of their father and the work which he performed so capably, so loyally, and so enthusiastically for so many years.

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