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ASSOCIATION DIARY

Sunday—

Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.
Youth Club, 7.
Members' Dance, 7.30.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.
Whist Drive, 7.30.
Folk Dancing, 7.30.
Youth Club Drama, 7.45.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Boys' P.T., Barnfield School, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
B.O. Co-operative Guild, 2.30.
Dress Making Class, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Y.C., Ballroom Dancing Class (selected)
Problems of the Peace, W.E.A. Course,
7.45.

Watling Guild of Players, 8.

Wednesday—

Slipper-Making Group, 2.30.
Veterans' Club, 4.15.
Ladies' Ballroom Dancing, 6.30.
Dance, 7.30.
Over Twenty Club, 8.
Men's Club, 8.

Thursday—

Whist Drive, 2.30.
Young Wives' Club, 3.
Youth Club, 7.30.

14th Hendon Scouts, 7.

Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.

Friday—

H.S.A., 6.45.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
N.B.C.L.W., 8.

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
Social, 7.30.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14

Monday

6.30 Girls' Ballroom Dancing.
6.30 Wolf Cubs.

Tuesday

5.30-6.30 Girls, 8 to 12 years. Gift-making Class
Girls under 8—Games

Wednesday

5.30-6.30 Girls 5-8 years—Games.
6.30 Girls' Selected Choir.
7. 0-8. 0 Girls 10-14—Folk Dancing

Thursday

5.30-7. 0 Brownie Pack (girls 7-11 years)
5.30-7. 0 Girls' Handicrafts and Games
(12-14).

For other events see page 7

VICTORY CELEBRATIONS

The official date has now been given as June 8, but the proposition has met with a very mixed reception. Whilst many districts will be making local arrangements, others feel that the time is not opportune. It is now nearly a year since hostilities ceased, yet the world food shortage has set in motion another war—against starvation. The millenium seems to be receding instead of drawing nearer, and there is a very real danger that in the struggle for existence we may forget those who have completed their life's work in our midst and have passed on.

We, at the Centre, are determined to do all we can to perpetuate the memories of all such workers for the community, and we are working

steadily for the inclusion of the Memorial Room—tastefully and quietly decorated and furnished—in the enlarged Centre which is at present on paper, but which we all hope to see in material form before many years are over. It is hoped that these notes will be a reminder to all who have not so far contributed. Their donations—large or small—will be welcomed by the Treasurer at the Centre. Do you wish to remember especially anyone of your circle of relatives and friends, who will not be seen in this life again? Do not let this opportunity pass.

Recent donations have been received and acknowledged from the following.—Veterans' Club, £2 5s.; BM/NNAL, 5s. A.W.K.



Some Light on Fourteenth Century Hendon

As far back as Saxon times some part of Hendon or another had belonged to Westminster Abbey, and this ownership by the monks continued right down to the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII. Whether the pre-conquest charters recording the gift of the manor to the Abbey are authentic is not certain. I am sorry to say that some ecclesiastical foundations were not guiltless of the crime of forging charters, so as to make their land titles stranger. We still need a critical examination of extant Saxon charters, so as to establish which are authentic and which are not; but from the Norman Conquest at least down to the middle of the sixteenth century, the monks of Westminster had a clear title to the manor of Hendon though its extent varied from time to time.

It is a great pity that the Court Rolls for the whole of this period, and, indeed for a long time afterwards, have as we have already seen, been lost. They could have thrown an invaluable light upon life as it was lived in a medieval ecclesiastical manor.

Happily another source of information is available, in the annual accounts of the manorial officers, of all the receipts and payments, and of all the produce, from the land, whether of corn, cattle or wood, these accounts, or "Compoti" as they are called, go back to the early years of the fourteenth century, and a long series of them can still be consulted in the muniment room of Westminster Abbey.

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Hon. Sec. to the "Resident" Committee: C. FANTHORPE, 109 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware

Borough Council Notes

At St. James' Secondary School, air raid shelters are to be demolished and four prefabricated huts to accommodate 150 children are to be erected.

A portion of the undeveloped open space between the Silkstream Road and the school is to set aside for cultivation by the pupils and for other ancillary educational purposes.

The Wembley Educational Committee has asked the support of the Hendon Committee in a resolution expressing concern at the low number of qualified students being admitted to the Universities and University Colleges.

The erection of the two central school kitchens at the Abbots Road and Clitterhouse sites is to be expedited.

It has been recommended that the London Co-op. Society have the use of the Montrose Playing Fields on July 6th next for a fete, subject to the elimination of roundabouts, swings, etc.

The Mill Hill Swimming Pool is to be closed to the general public on Saturday, September 14th, in order to

allow the local Youth Committee to hold a swimming gala.

Permission for the Hendon Rate-payers' Association to hold general meetings at the Central Library has been refused.

The Ministry of Health has asked local authorities to allow land preserved for housing purposes and not for immediate development, to be used for agricultural purposes to alleviate the food shortage.

Tenants of Hendon Council houses can adopt an "all in rate" for electricity.

Residents on the Dole Street Estate have made application for a site to be allocated for a community centre in connection with the new building plans.

The Town Planning Committee of Wembley have suggested that the Welsh Harp and surrounding land should be developed as an amenity.

The local Youth Committee have applied for the use of the Gas Cleansing Station at the bottom of Orange Hill Road as a Youth Community Centre but the request has been refused.



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Are We Too Cliquesy?

By F. JOHN LAKE

We are very grateful to Miss Lawrence, who, as we all know, acted as secretary when Mr. Harris resigned. Among the things which, she said, had impressed her at the Centre, was the kindness and helpfulness of the people and the many friends she had made.

Two thoughts, she said, she would leave with us: One was that we should make the Centre more beautiful; people respected beauty. The other thought was that she had wondered sometimes if some of the sections at the Centre are a bit cliquesy.

These two thoughts coming from such a charming person as Miss Lawrence should make us take notice. Constructive criticism is good for us. As the poet says, "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever." We all have the divine spark in us. There is more good than evil in the average person. Unfortunately, that little bit of evil can do a lot of damage—if we let it.

We are all conscious of the cramped space at the Centre, but we can respect and endeavour to conserve what accommodation we already have. Some of the wanton destruction which goes on would not be tolerated in people's homes. We have other members of the family to consider. We wouldn't dream of going round the house knocking out window panes or pulling up railings, so why should we do it at the Centre, where we have a much larger family to consider? Which leads us to Miss Lawrence's second point: Are we inclined to be cliquesy?

Our new secretary, Mr. Molloy, said that one of the things which amazed him was the number and variety of activities which go on at the Centre. This is good, for new members coming to the building must find some activities which interest them, and in

which they can take part. But it is no use having a multitude of activities if when you attempt to join one you are met with a frozen face. It may be possible that some sections are cliquesy. Does the Rabbit Club hold itself aloof? Is the Guild of Players too aristocratic? The Veterans' Club a bit high-brow; or the Youth Club too selfish? Is the Bright Spots a water-tight concert party? There may be some truth in all these statements. Some members who have been in a group or section for some time get dug in and tend to think that the section belongs to them. They may possibly regard with suspicion anyone trying to join. If this weakness does prevail in any section of this community association we must eliminate it. The Centre was built for all of us, and all have equal rights to enjoy all it offers. To use the stage, play a game of darts, be elected to committees, and to help run activities. The friendly attitude engendered during the war years must be maintained in peacetime.

Many young people are coming back from the Forces. When they step into the Centre let them be greeted in a welcome atmosphere. They may have brains and talents which, if encouraged, would be of great benefit to the Association, but if the atmosphere is cold and possessive they will turn away and perhaps drift into an environment which may not be so beneficial either to themselves or to the community.

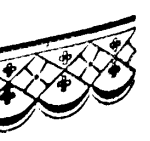


Women's Co-operative Guild

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The Men's Club

Owing to the greatly increased membership of the Club it has been decided to extend their activities by forming a Cricket and Football section. Chess is also to be a new feature of the Club.

Owing to catering difficulties the Club members' outing which is due to take place on July 14th, will be to Worthing instead of Maldon, as previously stated.

Knock-out tournaments in Darts, Billiards, Table Tennis, Dominoes and Shove-halfpenny are to take place within the next few weeks.

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Here is a full list of recently added books:—

FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS.

<i>Atkinson, M. E.</i>	Problem Party.
<i>Avrach, Joseph</i>	Old Dave's Hut.
<i>Blyton, Enid</i>	The Castle of Adventure.
<i>Dale, Norman</i>	The Best Adventure.
<i>Duff, Douglas</i>	Looking for Trouble.
<i>Dyer, E. Brent-</i>	Jo to the Rescue.
<i>Laverty, Maura</i>	The Cottage in the Bog.
<i>Mursden, Henry</i>	Morgan's Brood.

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN.

<i>Drake, Joan</i>	Wimpy on Holiday.
<i>McGregor, R. J.</i>	The Adventures of Grump.
<i>Trevor, E.</i>	Deep Wood.
<i>Williams, Ursula</i>	The Three Toymakers.



Scouts' Jumble Sale

The sum of £2 5s. 1d. was raised at a jumble sale recently organised by Mrs. Ward and her gallant band of helpers, comprising Scouts T. Collins, A. Bainborough, A. Coglan, D. Sutt, B. Ward, and Cub Bobby Ward. The money will go towards the 14th Hendon Camp Fund. Plans for camps at Fasels Wood, Mote Mount, Bourne End and Mad Bess Wood have so far been made, and it is hoped also to get a week-end in at Carpenters Farm, St. Albans. A tent pitching exercise held in the grounds of the Centre enabled us to find out missing parts, broken cords, etc., so that the tents can be renovated in time for camp. A Church Parade was held on Sunday, April 14. The Troop is still meeting on Thursday and Friday evenings. KIM.

May Diary—Other Events

Wed.	1	Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Thurs.	2	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m. Poultry Club, 8 p.m.
Wed.	8	T. & G.W.U., 8 p.m.
Thurs.	9	S.P.G.B., 8 p.m.
Fri.	10	Domino Club for the Blind, 2.30 p.m.
Sun.	12	Bricklayers, 11 a.m.
Wed.	15	Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Thurs.	16	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m. Poultry Club, 8 p.m.
Fri.	17	Council, 8 p.m.
Wed.	22	T. & G.W.U., 8 p.m.
Thurs.	23	S.P.G.D., 8 p.m.
Fri.	24	Domino Club for the Blind, 2.30 p.m.
Sun.	26	Bricklayers, 11 a.m.
Wed.	29	Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Thurs.	30	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m. Poultry Club, 8 p.m.
Fri.	31	"Resident" Social, 7.30 p.m.



Correspondence

Dear Mr. Editor,

Would you permit me to use your columns to express the thanks of all concerned to the Bright Spots Concert Party and Mr. Reg. Jamison, M.I.M., for the splendid voluntary efforts put forward by all at the Concert held at Wesley Central Hall on April 12. Also to the trustees of the Hall for waiving any charges for the use thereof.

As a result the sum of £5 has been shared between the two Funds, namely, Middlesex Association for the Blind and Methodist Church Rebuilding Funds. A. W. KAY.

5 Manor Close, Mill Hill.

Dear Sir,

In the April issue of the "Resident" Mr. Lee points out that one of his lads is now playing for our London League side—Tommy Graham. May I point out that Watling Residents are very much a part of what I humbly call "The local Senior Club."

Without boasting, the club has put Edgware district well on the soccer map, and, as a former Watling resident, I am proud to point out a few Watlingite players: Ted Hornsby, Arthur Langston, George Graves, who have joined the Forces recently. The present premier side includes Reg Scott, Eric Hardy, Johnny Wayman, Tommy Graham, and George Whytock, all of whom reside on the Estate. Several officials live there, and the club's chairman, Mr. George Palmer, resides in Colchester Road.

A large amount of our support comes from Watling every Saturday, and to these people I would say, our plans for 46-47 season are well advanced.

We have room for more Watling talent, and would welcome letters from players interested.

GEORGE M. STAGG,

Press Secretary.

Edgware Town F.C.

Scouts, Brownies & Cubs at Easter Service

A gathering of young people met on Sunday, April 14th, to attend a service at the Centre conducted by Miss Parkinson.

In the lovely morning sunshine the scouts under their Scoutmaster, Mr. F. H. Lake and Troop leader Reg. King. The Cubs under Miss Parkinson and the Brownies under Miss Hasler made a colourful show as they paraded in the grounds of the Centre.

The Common Room where the service was held was bright with Spring flowers tastefully arranged by the Brownies, and the speaker's table bordered by the Scout's flags, with a bowl of daffodils in the centre, looked quite impressive.

In the Hymn singing the voices of the young boys and girls blended joyfully. In a bright little talk Miss Parkinson told the story of a poor Italian boy living in the hills who became a famous painter.

After the service, it was suggested by the Scouts that the collection went to the local blind association, and the flowers, on the suggestion of the Brownies, were taken by two Brownies to the Children's Ward of Redhill Hospital.

Interesting plans are now being made for future services. KIM.

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The reeve was a servant between the lord and the man on the one hand, and a fair deal from his vassals on the other, protecting him from impositions by the lord. Nominally he served the Michaelmas to Michaelmas, and some manors, including the manor of Chaucer, might act for a manor. Chaucer speaks of the reeve's office "syn the twenty year of age" and was worth his weight in gold. He knew every man living in the manor, and bad. He was through and through

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The Reeve and the Sergeant

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The Hendon accounts were prepared sometimes by the "Prepositus" (or, to give him his Saxon title, the Reeve), and sometimes by the Sergeant ("Serviens"), and they covered the year from Michaelmas day to Michaelmas eve, i.e., the farming year. Another important officer of the manor was the bailiff, who was usually one of the monks. The Sergeant was usually someone from outside, employed by the monks as a paid servant, and was moved from manor to manor by his ecclesiastical employers.

But the Reeve was invariably a local man, living on the manor, and bound to the lord by service in villeinage. He was a bondman or "nativus," bound to the soil, as distinct from a free tenant. In Hendon and many other manors the other tenants had a voice in his election. They would nominate two or three from among those who were liable to reeve service, and out of these the lord would make his choice, much in the way that the King even to-day "pricks" the appointment of the sherriff (shire-reeve).

The reeve was a sort of middle-man between the lord and his serfs, seeing, on the one hand that the lord got a fair deal from his villeins, and, on the other, protecting his fellow serfs from impositions by an oppressive lord. Nominally he served for a year, from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, but in some manors, including Hendon, he might act for a much longer period. Chaucer speaks of a reeve who had held office "syn that his lord was twenty year of age." A good reeve was worth his weight of gold to his lord. He knew every field of his lord, every man living on the land, good and bad. He knew the village through and through. He was usually

drawn from the larger land holders. He might be a two-virgate or a one-virgate tenant (30 or 60 acres). From the later Court Rolls we know that particular farms carried the responsibility of providing the reeve. Thus in 1759 we read—"The Jurors also nominate and appoint Thomas Harris, owner of certain lands within this Court called Mullands, to execute the office of Reeve within this manor for the year ensuing."

The reeve's job was a hard and thankless one. Small wonder, perhaps, that an unscrupulous officer sometimes tried to take advantage of his position. Chaucer has a word to say about the dishonest reeve:—

"Ful riche he was astored pryvely:
His lord wel koud he plesen
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It appears that in Hendon, according to a survey of the manor made in 1321, commonly called the "Black Survey," which gives full details of all the Hendon tenants, both bond and free, that only three of the bond tenants were liable to service as Reeve. So we can understand that when, in the middle of that dreaded outbreak of plague which swept over Europe in 1349, which we know as the "Black Death," John Bonde or Bounde, (John the Bondman) became Reeve of Hendon, the Abbot of Westminster was glad to continue him in his office for no less than ten years. We have John's accounts for a whole decade successively, and I believe he held the office in other years also.

He was responsible for the running of the whole of the estate. Perhaps it was owing to paucity of men in the village able to discharge these responsible duties that a sergeant was so often brought into the manor of Hendon to supervise the farming opera-

tions and to submit the annual accounts.

We shall, as we come to examine these accounts, see how the organisation worked, but we may state briefly here what the reeve's duties were. Mr. H. S. Bennett, in his interesting book "Life on the English manor," reminds us that the reeve had to see that the farm servants turned out in good time and got to work quickly; he had to supervise ploughing, carting, marking (muck-spreading), seeding; he had to keep watch over the threshers in harvest, so that they did not waste nor steal the lord's corn; he had to superintend the care of the

live stock, and look after their well-being. It was the reeve who had from time to time, to issue to the farm servants their rations, and if any of them neglected their duties, he was responsible for seeing that they were brought to book before the Court of the Manor, using the beadle to act as policeman. It was his duty to see that all the farm buildings, and even the manor itself, were adequately maintained, and that all the agricultural implements were kept in good order.

Of a thousand and one things he had to keep an accurate record. Woe betide him if he should allow to slip through his fingers any money or any cattle without obtaining a proper receipt for them! This was usually in the form of a wooden tally. When the farm-year came to an end, he had to prepare an exhaustive account of it all—every variety of corn and its quantity, and on what fields it was grown—how much seed corn he had issued and how much harvest it produced. Every halfpenny spent, every egg paid in rent or produced on the farm: down it had to go in black and white on the parchment.

The accounts are written in Latin, but here and there, as we shall see, a good Anglo-Saxon word creeps in. I find it difficult to believe that the Reeve himself could have had more than a nodding acquaintance with Latin; and, sure enough, we find from the Hendon accounts that he employs a clerk to write them out in a fair clerkly hand. For this the scribe is paid an amount varying from 1/8d. to 2/- for the job.

And then, after Michaelmas, when the farming year has come to an end, and the accounts have been written and carried to Westminster to my Lord the Prior, who, under the abbot, has the care of all the manors belonging to the monastery, he must wait in suspense for a visit by the

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abbot's auditors; those men who with eagle eye would pounce on all the errors, the overcharges and omissions, and would not hesitate to cut out any item of unorthodox expenditure.

We can almost picture the grim satisfaction of these stony-hearted men, as they come across an error, striking it out, and writing down the correction, adding the words, which actually appear in one of the Hendon accounts—"by his own confession."



Garden Notes

Of the writing of books there is no end, notwithstanding the paper shortage. But some books manage to get themselves published. There have even been some good Garden Books issued during the war, one before and one after. Both books can be warmly recommended. They are written by a British lady who married a German before this war. Flora Klickmann.

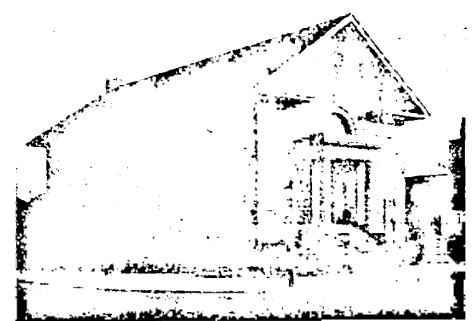
The earlier one is about the island of Rügen in the Baltic and is called "Elizabeth and her German garden." The title of the later one is "Between the Larch woods and the weir" and is about the Wye and its beautiful valley and flowers.

In looking at all this you are looking for the most part at the total worldly wealth of the cottager, wealth too, that has often been acquired by the genuine sweat of his (and her) brow. It may not seem much to you when you run your eye over it, but it speaks in a way that no city dwelling has ever attained to. Here is not merely shelter, or just a place to spend the night; it is the very centre of life to the inmates; the major portion of their food is either growing in, or running about, the garden. The potatoes, the onions, the

swedes in the greenhouse grew from their own planting; the big yellow vegetable marrows hanging up in the kitchen, and the pots of black currant and plum jam in the cupboard originated in the garden. The little plot is endeared to them because it provides them with the necessities of life, and the dwellers in the cottages live very close to the fundamental things that really matter, even though they may lack some of the items that over civilization has ticketed as the refinements of life."



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You are cordially invited to hear the following speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30

- May 5—Mr. J. W. LAING
- May 12—Mr. SCOTT-MITCHELL
- May 19—ROYAL AIR FORCE GOSPEL TEAM
- May 26—Mr. T. RENDLE (of Cambridge)

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Ballroom Dancing

The Centre Youth Club has taken great interest in the national Ballroom Dancing Competition organised by the National Association of Mixed Clubs and Girls' Clubs, particularly as one couple was picked out of the heats to go to the semi-finals in the Slow Foxtrot section.

The semi-finals were held at Lambeth on 8th April, and the two competitors and 7 enthusiastic supporters made the journey to see the competition. Unfortunately, our couple did not seem to catch the adjudicator's eye! But we could not help admitting that they were beaten in a fair fight, the winners putting up a magnificent performance of modern ballroom dancing. We congratulate all the successful entrants, and a party from the Centre Youth Club is going to the finals at Porchester Hall when Victor Silvester will be the judge. We shall be interested to see whether the provinces can produce better dancers than the London area.

Winners or not, there is no doubt that this competition, so well organised by the N.A.G.C. and M.C. has done much to raise the standard of ballroom dancing, not only in our own Club, but in others. The critics of this form of exercise often fail to see what might be achieved by ballroom dancing, well taught and well conducted. Lessons of control, poise, balance and co-operation,—to say nothing of etiquette!—may be learned via a dance floor. A dance may be the common meeting ground of young people from all walks of life in those years when to meet new people is an embarrassing experience, and to give Club members the training which will give them confidence amongst strangers may be the first step to confidence in other spheres.

MUROPA.

Housewives' Club

A welcome is extended to women readers by the local branch of the Communist Party to their Housewives' Club recently reformed and now meeting Thursday afternoons at 2.45 in the library at the Centre.

Programme for May:—

Talk from a Doctor on the
New Health Bill and
the Housewife's needs May 2
Dresses from Jackets .. May 9
The Nation's Food .. May 16
American Tea .. May 23
(Bring a Guest)
Bring and buy .. May 30

Besides meeting together we visit the theatre and other places of interest. We spent an afternoon at the Daily Herald Modern Home Exhibition. We are having an outing to the seaside in early June; seeing "Casey Jones" story of a railwayman at Unity Theatre, in fact we aim to make up for the last six years, not only a good time now, but a better time in the future.

ELLEN LEWINGTON.



"Cavalcade of Jazz"

The "Cavalcade of Jazz" was exceptionally good. Mr. Neal Arden was the Narrator, and he explained the beginnings of Jazz, where it started, who started it; but he couldn't tell us who was going to finish it—and we hope he never will. It was very interesting to listen to the music played by Duncan White and his band: they sounded like the real "Dixie Land" jazz band.

Then came the moment! Neal Arden introduced "Tony Short," famous Boogie Woogie pianist, and "Billy Jones," the Ragtime pianist, both of whom put up a good performance I think, and most of my friends will agree. There certainly ought to

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The Cavalcade of Jazz was a concert of jazz music, arranged by the London Union of Girls' Clubs and held at the Porchester Hall, Paddington, on 18th March. Alan Wills from the Centre Youth Club, had already taken part in a discussion with other Club members in "Radio Rythm Club," and he and two other Club members attended the concert, which was attended by "Jazz fans" from Clubs all over London.



Pump and Circumstance

Business kept me at home during the wife's absence on holiday, so I was rather pleased when Dimbleby offered to relieve the loneliness by staying the week with me at my country seat, as he facetiously calls my place at Watling.

All went well until one evening when my guest casually remarked "I think I'll have a bath to-night, old man."

Those lightly spoken words rather took me back. How little the simple fellow realised what he was letting me in for. However, I resolved to make the best of it.

"Oh-er-yes! a bath—of course, I'll have the copper fire going in a minute" said I, trying to look convincing.

"What, isn't there a geyser, then?" said Dimbleby.

"Geyser? I should say not. We've got something better than a geyser. You see this gadget here that resembles a cross between a fire alarm and

a beer engine? Well by means of this ingenious devise I am able to pump a copper full of boiling water into the bath upstairs. Cold water is then added to the temperature desired, and there you are.

"I see" said Dimbleby "but don't you have to get up rather early if you want a bath in the morning?"

"Personally I like my morning bath cold," I lied, "so that doesn't matter."

"Another advantage of this gadget is that one is able to use for fuel any rubbish that one wishes to dispose of. Thus it is both convenient and economical."

"Hm," murmured the doubtful one economical for the builders at any rate. Well fire away. I'll get some coal."

"Coal!" I cried. "Don't make me laugh, old boy. Any rubbish will do. Now those old slippers of yours—."

"No you don't!" said Dimbleby firmly. So in the absence of cheaper fuel it had to be coal.

"Here, what's this thing?" he said. "Doesn't it control the draught? Let's pull it out anyway."

"By nine o'clock," said I to Dimbleby, "you will be enjoying your bath. We will now leave the fire to look after itself while we adjourn to moisten our parched throats."

"Better look at the thing first," was the response. We did. It was out.

It then occurred to Dimbleby that his bath wasn't so important after all. It could wait, he said. I was now determined to demonstrate the qualities of our bathing arrangements, and once again set to, while the cause of the trouble escaped for a quiet smoke.

By dint of blowing and fanning, and the use of, many matches and much wood, the fire at last began to emit a little heat, but it was a very slow business. Never was there a fire so voracious in its appetite for fuel, and

I was kept busy chopping the wood and feeding the flames.

At ten o'clock Dimbleby strolled in to see how I was faring.

"Nearly boiling now," I said with an attempt at cheerfulness. "At least, it's got the chill off. Better wait a bit longer."

Eleven o'clock came and again Dimbleby made kindly enquiries as to the temperature of the water.

By this time I had exhausted my supply of wood to say nothing of my patience, as I decided it was hot enough and commenced to pump.

After one had been working the handle of this gadget for a few minutes one began to realise what a hard life barmaids must lead, but I did not tell Dimbleby this, and tried to make the task appear one of effortless ease. Judging by his foolish grin, I don't think I convinced him.

"There you are," I said, when the last drop of water had gone aloft, "you'll find everything you want upstairs, and I hope you enjoy your bath. Good night."

Dimbleby had not been gone a minute when I heard roars of laughter coming from above.

"What's the joke" I cried.

"Ha-ha-ha!" roared the idiot "excuse me laughing, old boy but ha-ha-ha!—you've left the blessed plug out!"

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W.G.P. Romance

Miss Winifred Chapman was married to Mr. George Flanders at Goodwyn Methodist Church on Saturday, March 23rd. The reception was held in the Church Hall and honeymoon was spent at Eastbourne.

Both were members of the Guild of Players. We wish the couple every success and happiness in their new life.

E.C.

Townswomen's Guild

The Ministry of Information gave a series of films to a good attendance of members of the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild at the monthly meeting at the Centre.

The competition for boiled potatoes was won by Mrs. Fitzgerald, novelty awards were won by Mesdames Ashford, Green and Dimond. A summer outing has been arranged for July 1st, when it is hoped that many members will be able to join us in a trip to Bognor.

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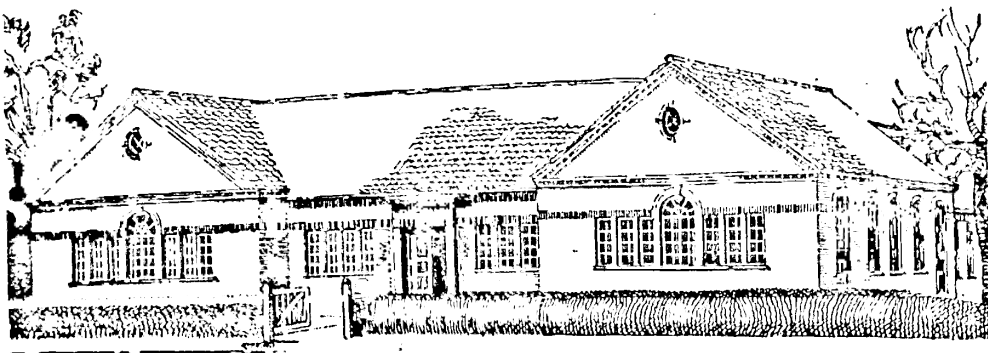
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Sunday—

Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.
Sunday School, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Members' Dance, 7.30.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.
Whist Drive, 7.30.
Folk Dancing, 7.30.
Youth Club Drama, 7.45.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Boxing, 8.
Boys' P.T., Barnfield School, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
B.O. Co-operative Guild, 2.30.
Dress Making Class, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Y.C., Ballroom Dancing Class (selected)
Watling Guild of Players, 8.

Wednesday—

Slipper-Making Group, 2.30.
Veterans' Club, 4.15.
Ladies' Ballroom Dancing, 6.30.
Dance, 7.30.
Over Twenty Club, 8.
Men's Club, 8.

Thursday—

C.P. Housewives' Club, 2.30.
Whist Drive, 2.30.
Young Wives' Club, 3.

Youth Club, 7.30.

Boxing, 8.
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.

Friday—

H.S.A., 6.45.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
N.B.C.L.W., 8.

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
Social, 7.30.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14

Monday

6.30 Girls' Ballroom Dancing.
6.30 Wolf Cubs.

Tuesday

5.30-6.30 Girls, 8 to 12 years. Gift-making Class
Girls under 8—Games

Wednesday

5.30-6.30 Girls 5-8 years—Games.
6.30 Girls' Selected Choir.
7. 0-8. 0 Girls 10-14—Folk Dancing

Thursday

5.30-7. 0 Brownie Pack (girls 7-11 years)
5.30-7. 0 Girls' Handicrafts and Games (12-14).

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Hon. Sec. to the "Resident" Committee: C. FANTHORPE, 109 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware

Victory Celebrations

Word has been received from the Hendon Borough Council regarding Victory Celebrations. Readers will be interested to learn what is intended in the Watling area.

Each school is to make its own arrangements for entertaining school children on a day during the week ending Saturday 8th June, such arrangements to include children attending private schools. There is a possibility that visits to cinema performances will be a part of these celebrations.

On Saturday 8th June there will be a band performance in Watling Park, from 6.45 to 9 p.m., followed by a Variety performance. There was to have been a fireworks display also, but that has not proved possible. There will be a display of fireworks in Hendon Park.

On Saturday 15th June there will be a special celebration for old folk, and those suffering from infirmity. Tea will be served to them at 4 p.m., followed by a Variety Show at 5 p.m. Those wishing to attend should notify their Ward Representative not later than 29th May.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED. Will you volunteer? For the Park celebrations on the 8th June stewards are needed. For the Special tea and Variety Show on the 15th June, waitresses and stewards are needed.

Will those willing to help please get in touch with the Ward Representative, Councillor C. R. D. Cope, 11 Arundel Gardens, Burnt Oak, or the Secretary of the Watling Community Association, at the Centre.



Centre Points

The Youth Club now have their own piano.

Some new members who have joined the Bright Spots Concert Party will be seen and heard during the Watling Week Variety Show.

To provide additional accommodation the A.R.P. Shelter in the Centre grounds is to be altered and adapted and the hut possibly pulled down and re-erected.

A caretaker's lean-to workshop, to be used for work in connection with the maintenance and repair of the Centre, is to be erected at a small cost.

Some of the principal guests to be invited to the Watling Week dinner are the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Harris, Mrs. Grey Skinner, Miss Lawrence, Douglas Martin, representatives from the Middlesex County Council and from the London County Council.



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Y.H.A.

The Youth Hostels which meets at the Thursday evening, is going up its numbers again. The ages of members are not so young as usual, but older members are coming back to balance the younger ones. Len Clark, a keen and active member, will be specially welcomed on his return in the near future. The Club magazine has not been published well owing to war-time conditions, but it is hoped to get it going again. There was a break in membership some time ago, when some members left to form a separate unit, still called the Y.H.A. Centre, but they are now back and both clubs engaged in various Youth activities such as cycling, dances, sports, etc. of the Y.H.A. go to various parts of the country to visit Youth Hostels and de-requisitioned.



Boxing

Some old and some new members are coming to the Centre Boxing Club, which was started during the war. Mr. Lodge, who was in the club in the old days, is now interested and enthusiastic. He is soon to see boxing in the new Club established at the Centre.



Scout

The St. George's Scout Parade at Mill Hill was held on Sunday by Scouts and Cubs. Over 400 boys in uniform took part in the first week-end at Farnham. Reg. King was very successful in whetting the boys' appetite for the next week-end.

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Y.H.A.

The Youth Hostels' Association, which meets at the Centre every Thursday evening, is gradually picking up its numbers again. Since the war the ages of members have been lower than usual, but older members are now coming back to balance things up. Len Clark, a keen and active member, will be specially welcomed on his return in the near future. The Y.H.A. Club magazine has not been doing so well owing to war-time conditions, but it is hoped to get it going again. There was a break in membership some time ago, when some members—now the Edgware Rambling Club—formed a separate unit, still meeting at the Centre, but they are all good friends and both clubs engage in splendid Youth activities such as rambling, cycling, dances, socials, etc. Parties of the Y.H.A. go out at times to various parts of the country to renovate Youth Hostels which have been de-requisitioned.



Boxing

Some old and some new friends are coming to the Centre to start up the Boxing Club, which lapsed during the war. Mr. Lodge, who did much for the club in the old days, is still interested and enthusiastic and hopes soon to see boxing once more established at the Centre.



Scout News

The St. George's Day Church Parade at Mill Hill was well attended by Scouts and Cubs from the Centre. Over 400 boys in all turned out, led by the band of St. Mary's Scouts. The first week-end at Fasels Wood led by Reg. King was very successful and whetted the boys' appetite for further

camping. A welcome visitor to the camp was John de Boer, our ex-A.S.M. Further camps will take place during the summer, finishing up with a week's seaside camp at Deal. We could do with the services of a young man as assistant Scoutmaster, as the many activities of scouting entail a lot of hard work on our present leaders. There must be many young men coming out of the Forces who would find great interest and enjoyment in Scouting. If anyone has a small tent to hold about for boys, we should be pleased to buy it. We still meet on Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Centre.

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Rabbit Club

It gives great pleasure to find that there has been a popular demand by members for the commencement of our Club article again.

By the time these notes appear we will have had and enjoyed our Outing to Brighton, and another stage in our social life will have been reached, for now that the war is over I am sure that the committee has plenty of plans to improve the social side of our Club. History will be made by the Club this year, when it entertains the Metropolitan Rex Club at our Young Stock Show during Watling Week on June

23rd. Our guests are putting up plenty of specials, including two Blue Ribbons; so come along members and get those youngsters into condition for this event.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Croft for winning the Points Cup this year. This couple have certainly been a model of consistency to all members on how to turn out a really good Rabbit.

Finally, may I remind members that at our June meeting first nominations for officers for 1946-7 will be made, so please make a special effort to attend.

S. G. ABBOTT.

June 4. Special General Meeting, 7.30.

„ 18. Open Show, Mr. Maynard.

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Youth Leader

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association Miss Parkinson ("Parky"), formally tendered her resignation to take effect on the 1st September. Members and all others associated with the work of the Centre will echo the regret of the E.C. at her going. Her sterling services have not been confined to the Youth Club—the Juvenile and Women's activities have benefited considerably from her counsel and energy. She was, and still is in fact, much more than a Youth Leader, she is a friend of the Association.

Steps are being taken to appoint a successor.

Weightlifting

This club is resuming activities under the supervision of Mr. Booth and Mr. Cox, and all those interested in physical culture should start right now and get into shape.

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Wed.	12th	Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m. C.P., 8.0 p.m.
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Iris Cole

On behalf of the Watling Resident Committee and, we are sure, of the Watling Association and friends of the Watling estate we extend to Mr. and Mrs. Cole our heartfelt sympathy over the sad loss of their daughter, Iris, who passed away on Monday, May 13th.

A Day Will Come

A DAY will come when war will seem as impossible between Paris and London as between Rouen and Amiens, between Boston and Philadelphia.

A day will come when bullets and bombs shall be replaced by ballots, by the universal suffrages of the people, by the sacred arbitrament of a great sovereign Senate, which shall be to Europe what the Parliament is to England, what the Diet is to Germany, what the Legislative Assembly is to France.

A day will come when a cannon ball shall be exhibited in our museums, as an instrument of torture is now shown, and men shall marvel that such things could be.

A day will come when we shall see those two immense groups, the United States of America and the United States of Europe, in face of each other, extending hand to hand over the ocean, exchanging their products, their commerce, their industry, their art, their genius clearing the earth, colonising deserts, and ameliorating creation under the eye of the Creator.

To you I appeal, French, English, Germans, Russians, Slavs, Europeans, Americans, what have we to do to hasten the coming of the great day? Love one another!

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MEMBERS' DANCE

Fred Cole's Band.

M.C.: Mrs. Nyberg.

Admission: 1s. 3d.

Friday, June 21st. At 8 p.m.

The Centre Bright Spot's New
Show,

VARIETY AND REVUE

SKETCHES AND SONGS.

Produced by Tom Allen.

Admission: 1s.

Monday, June 24th. At 7.30 p.m.

GRAND WHIST DRIVE £5 Top

Admission: 2s.

Saturday, June 22nd. At 7.30 p.m.

CARNIVAL SOCIAL

M.C.: Mrs. Lily Nyberg.

Fred Cole's Band.

Admission: 1s. Children: 6d.

Miniature Drive at 7.30

Admission: 6d.

M.C.: Mr. C. Fanthorpe.

Tuesday, June 25th. At 2.30 p.m.

ANNUAL BABY SHOW

Entry Form, Page 12.

Organised by Neighbourhood Guild.

Also at 8 p.m.:

The Watling Guild of Players Presents

ACACIA AVENUE

Three-Act Comedy by Mabel and Denis Constanduros.

Admission: 2s., 1s. 6d., and 1s.

Wednesday, June 26th. At 2.30 p.m.

SPECIAL SOCIAL WHIST DRIVE

M.C.: Mrs. Crowe,

Assisted by Mrs. Mayland.

Admission: 6d.

Also at 7.30 p.m.:

COMBINED SOCIAL

By the Neighbours, Men's, Bowls, Rabbit and Youth Clubs.

M.C.: Mr. G. Abbot.

Fred Cole and His Boys.

Organised by the Neighbours.

Admission: 1s.

Thursday, June 27th. At 2.30 p.m.

SOCIAL WHIST DRIVE

M.C.: Mrs. Crowe.

Admission: 6d.

Also at 7.30 p.m.:

YOUTH NIGHT

GAMES, COMPETITIONS, DANCING.

Organised by the Youth Club and Y.H.A.

Admission: 9d.

Friday, June 28th.

At 8 p.m.

ANNUAL SUPPER AND DANCE

Fred Cole and His Boys

M.C. for Dance: Mr. Jack Radley.

Catering by Mrs. G. Lodge and her Nippies.

Tickets: 4s. 6d. each, must be purchased before June 24th.

Saturday, June 29th.

At 3 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS

At MONTROSE PLAYING FIELDS.

Entry Form on Page 12.

To be handed in at the Office not later than June 28th.

Also at 7.30 p.m.:

OLD TIME SOCIAL

M.C.: Mrs. Lily Nyberg.

This is the Night You All Go Gay.

Fancy Dress Invited.

Admission: 1s.

Sunday, June 30th.

At 7.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' DANCE

Fred Cole's Band.

M.C.: Pte. Cyril Nyberg.

Admission: 1s. 3d.

Also at 7.30 p.m.:

SEA AND BREEZY NIGHT

with JACK RADLEY

MAKE THIS A BUMPER NIGHT

The draw for the Gold Watch will be made

Admission 9d.

We are now having a break owing to lack of accommodation.

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Wednesday, July 3rd.

JUVENILE
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At ST. ALPHAC
Teams from Local
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Admission: 2s., 1s.
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Saturday, July 6th.

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At ST. ALPHAC

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Wednesday, July 3rd. At 7.30 p.m.

JUVENILE DANCE COMPETITION

At ST. ALPHAGE HALL.

Teams from Local Schools of
Dancing.

Admission: 2s., 1s. Children half-
price.

Saturday, July 6th. At 7.30 p.m.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE OF 7.30 REVUE

At ST. ALPHAGE HALL.

Admission: 1s.

Friday, June 14th.

At 7.30 p.m.

FOLK AND OLD TIME DANCE NIGHT

Organised by Miss Parkinson.

Admission: 9d.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR

Draw Ticket

for the

Gold Watch?

SEE PARTICULARS BELOW

Watling Association and District Rabbit Club

SCHEDULE

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| 1 Beveren, 1946 Bred. | 17 Breeders' Fur, 1946 Bred. |
| 2 Beveren, under five months. | 18 Breeders' Fur, under five months. |
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| 7 Dutch A.C., 1946 Bred. | 23 Pairs Fur, under 13 weeks. |
| 8 Dutch A.C., under five months. | 24 Pairs Fancy, under 13 weeks. |
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| 12 A.O.V., Fancy, under five months. | 28 Fancy Challenge. |
| 13 Rex Ermine, 1946 Bred. | 29 Rex Challenge. |
| 14 Rex Ermine, under five months. | 30 Ladies' A.V. |
| 15 Rex A.C., 1946 Bred. | 31 Members' "Dallas" Bowl Class. |
| 16 Rex A.C., under five months. | 32 Grand Challenge. |

Draw for Gold Watch

The draw is, this year, organised by Mr. C. Deacon. Please give him your support.

"Watling Week" was in the early days organised to raise funds to build a Centre. We have also always endeavoured to make it an opportunity for all our Sections and Affiliated Organisations to co-operate in the raising of funds. "Watling Week" continues because, so successful have been our endeavours to create an active Association with a wide range of activities that our present building is too small. We ask your support in the raising of further funds so that we may build a better and bigger building where we can all enjoy ourselves.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce for their generous support and presentation of prizes. Also we should like to thank another old friend, Mr. John Biddal, the Showman, who is opening with his Fair on Montrose Playing Fields from 22nd to 29th June.

Lend us your support to make this first post-war "Watling Week" a record week. Come along and enjoy yourself and help assure a Grand New Watling Centre.

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A. R. LODGE. *Organiser.*

CHILDREN'S SPORTS

EVENTS

1. 50 Yards Handicap. *Girls* 5 or over and under 8.
2. 75 Yards Handicap. *Girls*, 8 or over and under 11.
3. 100 Yards Handicap. *Girls* 11 or over and under 14.
4. 75 Yards Hurdles. *Scratch*.
5. Obstacle Race.
6. Skipping Race for *Girls* under 8.
7. 50 Yards Handicap. *Boys* 5 or over and under 8.
8. 75 Yards Handicap. *Boys* 8 or over and under 11.
9. 100 Yards Handicap. *Boys* 11 or over and under 14.
10. 75 Yards Hurdles. *Scratch*.
11. Obstacle Race.
12. Sack Race.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be sent to
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find s. d. as Entrance
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ENTRY FORM FOR THE ANNUAL

BABY SHOW

Class A.—Under 9 months.

B.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

C.—Over 18 months and under 2½ years.

The above three classes are limited to Watling Residents and Associate Members of the Watling Community Association.

The following three classes are open to all:—

D.—Under 9 months.

E.—Over 9 months and under 18 months.

F.—Twins under 2 years.

Ages as on day of Show.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25th.

Birth Certificates to be produced.

Entrance Fee: 6d. per baby.

No baby can enter more than one class.

ENTRANCE FORM to be filled in and returned with fee to Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, before June 22nd.

I wish to enter.....

(Full name of baby or babies in BLOCK LETTERS.)

for the Baby Show.

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Co-operative Woman's Guild

- June 4th. Business and Reports.
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New members would be made welcome. The Guild meets each Tuesday, 2.45 p.m.

★ Gay Girls

The Harrow Blind Club were entertained on Saturday, May 18, by a visit from the Gay Girls. Artists taking part were Mesdames Durant, Lake, Richardson, Artis Dimond, Nyberg, and Betty Nyberg.

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 With regard to the five blocks of flats which are to be built on the site opposite the Savoy Cinema, the L.C.C. Director of Housing said that a contract would be entered into before the end of May. If the contractor has sufficient labour available, work will begin simultaneously on all five blocks, if not on as many blocks as there is labour for. The building will begin at the Bald-faced Stag end of the site.

Edgware Rambling Group

During the past two months, members of the Edgware Rambling Group have continued their programme of outdoor activities with great success.

The Easter tours, in which two parties rambled through the New Forest and over the Berkshire Ridgeway, were among the most popular. In addition a map-reading contest was held in March, and week-ends to Youth Hostels in the home counties were arranged fortnightly.

At Whitsuntide, members will be visiting Canterbury and Oxford Youth Hostels, exploring the towns and surrounding countryside, whilst others will be camping.

The Group continues to meet every Wednesday in the Annexe of the Watling Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. The evenings are spent in a variety of ways, games, play readings, discussions, etc., and future outings are planned.

Members interested in rambling and the countryside should contact the secretary, Miss Dorothy Fuller, Watling Community Centre.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES—MAYBE

WEIGHTLIFTING.—The Weightlifting Section lapsed during the war. With the return of members from the Services activities are being resumed under the leadership of Mr. Booth and Mr. Cox.

ARCHERY.—Two newcomers to the Association, Mr. Cheshire and Mr. Hopkins, are willing to help organise an Archery Section. Initial cost would be about £1 for bow and arrows. Other charges would be very light. Here is an excellent opportunity to partake in one of the oldest of sports.

BOXING.—Mr. Dave Ramsey now leads the Boxing Class on Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m., at the Centre. Newcomers welcome.

Enquiries have been received regarding various activities and—what is equally important—volunteers have come forward for the undermentioned prepared to help organise should sufficient support be forthcoming. If you are interested in any or all of these activities please get in touch with the Secretary at the Centre. You can also do your friends a good turn, and help the Association, by making them known.

ORCHESTRA.—By general agreement an orchestra would be an invaluable asset to the Association and its activities at the Centre. Mr. Wilkinson, an old friend, is willing to help in the formation of an orchestra. If you can play an instrument, however well, and would like to join, please let us know.

Those Were the Days

THE Veterans' Club, as is generally known, is an exclusive organisation! You must be not less than 65 years of age before you can become a member!! It was, therefore, with "much-sinking-in-the-ooze" feeling that a mere lad of 36 summers faced such a formidable audience—and he even had the presumption to compare the "good old days" with the present!!! But bless their hearts there never was a kinder audience, and if you youngsters think the Veterans a mere collection of "has beens" let me assure you that a more lively, critical and interested group would be hard to find—particularly at the Centre.

We were principally concerned to compare the changes in the family and the way people have lived during the lifetime of the audience, rather than the vaster changes that have taken place in commerce, industry, inventions, and politics. My purpose now is not to write up the talk I gave, but to present some of the conclusions, and finally to ask, "What do you think, chums?"

We were agreed, of course, that families are much smaller, the commonplace of 8 to 12 children giving way to the small family of one or two. Mother is no longer the family lackey, but the helpmate; father not the stern disciplinarian, but the friend of the family. Daughters of middle-class families are no longer trained to be ornamental and helpless, and daughters of all classes are expected to-day to "earn their keep"; working-class daughters previously trained and expected to enter domestic service have revolted and now prefer to work in shop, factory, or office. Sons have not changed so much, they still tend to "follow in father's footsteps" when they leave school, but hours and conditions of work have much improved.

Middle-class houses fifty years ago

were larger and more inconvenient than those built to-day, with servants sleeping in the attic, and working in the basement, and on the trot between the upper and nether regions all day. Working-class houses to-day are generally speaking larger and better built and more convenient. Interior furnishing has also changed, but the older generation was not sure whether for the better. The stuffed fruit, anti-macassars, heavy curtains, dull prints, mirrors and shelves, and horse-hair sofas are replaced with lighter furnishings of all kinds—easily cleaned and allowing more time for leisure.

It was agreed that pleasures of yesterday—outings and holidays—were fewer, but that the family enjoyed them as a unit very much more than to-day, when the family tends to disperse at holiday times, Johnny and Mary going camping and hiking, and Mum and Dad going to the seaside. Dances of yesterday, such as the Barn Dance, Lancers, Polka, and Waltz, were incomparably better than those of to-day. Jiving and Jitterbugging were utterly scorned.

Similarly the songs of yesterday like "Come into the Garden, Maud," "Follow the Van," and scores of others had much more vitality than those of to-day with their continual harping on "June" and "The Moon," and "The Blue" and "You." It was agreed, too, that the old Music Hall artists such as Marie Lloyd, Dan Leno, and Little Tich, are, and will continue to remain, in the memories and affections of the people much longer than Flanagan and Allen, Tommy Trinder, and even "two ton" Tessie O'Shea.

Education, housing, health services, working conditions, have all improved tremendously. Two votes were taken. On the first it was almost unanimously agreed that broadly speaking life in its material aspects was better and easier to-day. On the second vote it was

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Townswomen's Guild

At the meeting on May 2nd a special welcome was afforded Mr. Molloy, who gave a most interesting talk on Educating our Masters, in which he pointed out how alive we

should be to all activities dealing with Local Government.

We should all be conscious of our responsibilities, and our share and duty in the Government we put in to rule us: not to be led away by propaganda, but to study and think for ourselves. The chairman, Mrs. Knight, expressed the Guild's sincere appreciation of Mr. Molloy's talk.

A competition to see how many articles it was possible to get into an ordinary match box was won by Mrs. Lake, with 84 articles.

Mrs. Seddon was appointed delegate for the Annual Council Meeting, held in May, at the Central Hall, Westminster.

After business was disposed of, Mrs. Knight welcomed old and new members and presented membership cards.

MRS. FRANCIS.
Hon. Sec.

41 Littlefield Road.



Fellowship and Sunday School

The Fellowship meetings, which in future are being held at the Centre on the first Sunday in each month at 3 p.m., have taken an interesting outlook, as they have become the joint interest of various groups at the Centre, including the newly-formed Sunday School Committee, which is under the leadership of Miss F. Maskell. The children meet every Sunday at 3 p.m., and it is hoped to interest parents and all other members in the bright and cheerful Fellowship, the next meeting of which will be on Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m. The meeting is open to all, so come along and join us. A good speaker, bright and cheerful hymns, and a solo artist help to make a pleasant helpful hour.

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Friendship

ONE of the essential facets of a healthy Community spirit is "Friendship." In its simple state, this is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the welfare and happiness of each other. Though the pleasures and advantages of friendship have been largely celebrated by the best moral writers, and are considered by all as great ingredients of human happiness, we very rarely meet with the regular practice of this virtue in the world of to-day. Each person expects many virtues and good qualities in a friend, but few make an effort to cultivate these same virtues in themselves.

The first principles of friendship are love and esteem, and if either of these is wanting, the friendship is imperfect. Friendship banishes envy under any of its disguises. A man who can doubt whether he should rejoice in his friend being happier than himself at once shows how little worth is to be placed on his friendship. Moreover, the friendship which makes the least noise is more often the most useful. The quietness and confidence of the true friend excel the boisterousness of the "Hail-fellow-well-met" type. In a friendship between two people of like or unlike sex, it is by no means essential for their minds to work in parallel grooves. It is, of course, useful to have some points of common interest, but some of the finest friendships recorded in history have been between people who appear to be totally unsuited to each other. Yet, in such comradeships, there must be a sense of interlocking of ideas. It takes all sorts of people to make a world. Some folk have an uncanny air which causes people to bridle against them. Others have a personality which makes a friendly appeal at the first meeting. Yet, of the two types, the former might turn out to be the more sincere, once

the inexplicable prejudice has been overcome, whereas the latter might develop into a "butterfly" mind. The value of the former could only be developed by schooling oneself to look for all that is good in a fellow man, and taking less note of—but not ignoring—any obvious faults. This attitude needs to be worked out on a larger scale in a Community Centre such as ours. There is the first advantage of a common meeting ground of ideas, in that the gregarious instinct has caused us to come together for purposes of entertainment, social welfare and education. The cultivation of a spirit of co-operation and goodwill one to another will do more to foster the Community Sense, than will all the advertising, fund-raising and similar efforts, excellent though these may be in their place. Many have found that the more one puts into the work, the greater are the fruits thereof.

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Bows and Arrows

Providing sufficient members are interested, it is hoped to form an Archery Club. Bows and arrows can be purchased at small cost, and this old sport, which develops strength, grace and a keen eye, will be a new feature with great possibilities for sport and social intercourse.

Leaders: Mr. Cheshire and Mr. Hopkins.



Helpers' Social

All helpers of the Watling Association are invited to a special Social to be held at the Centre at 7.45 on the last Friday in each month: Bring a friend.

There will be no H.S.A. on Friday,
28th June.

IN 1924, the London County Council decided to establish an estate in north-west London. It used compulsory powers, aided by a Government grant under agreement, obtained in 1922, to acquire of approximately 390 acres, which originally formed the Manor of Hendon. The work was begun in February 1925, and by April of the following year some 4,021 houses and cottages had been completed, some residents having been rehoused about the earlier housing of the neighbourhood. What was like before their housing was destroyed. Who owned the land was an interesting association of people, but that is another story.

The account that followed, supplied the answers to the questions and may, it was hoped, help to stimulate an interest in the history. While it mentioned famous names and it was hoped it will enable the reader to see how a notable house has a connection with a rural England that has remained undisturbed and unchanged. The Name of Watling

In the absence of local name with which estate, the L.C.C. called the highway that originally ran from Dover to Wroxeter was constructed by the Romans about 20 years ago. Although it is now used in part as a portion of the London in a north-south direction and passing close to the Estate is, of course, no longer Edgware Road. Watling was not in use till the late 18th century, but left this country, before the time of the Roman conquest at least 1,000 years ago.

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The Story of Watling

IN 1924, the London County Council decided to establish a housing estate in north-west London and by compulsory powers, aided by purchase under agreement, obtained possession of approximately 390 acres of land, which originally formed part of the Manor of Hendon. Constructional work was begun in February 1926, and the first houses were completed in April of the following year. Now some 4,021 houses and flats are occupied, some residents have wondered about the earlier history of their neighbourhood. What was the place like before their houses were built? Who owned the land? Had it any interesting associations?

The account that follows will, it is hoped, supply the answers to these questions and may, at the same time, help to stimulate an interest in local history. While it may not deal with famous names and important events, it will enable the reader to understand how a notable housing development has a connecton with scenes typical of a rural England that remained undisturbed and unchanged for centuries.

The Name of Watling.

In the absence of any predominant local name with which to identify the estate, the L.C.C. decided upon the name of Watling, from the famous highway that originally extended from Dover to Wroxeter and was reconstructed by the Romans nearly 2,000 years ago. Although this name is still in use the portion of this road leaving London in a north-westerly direction and passing close to the Watling Estate is, of course, known as the Edgware Road. Watling as a name was not in use till the Romans had left this country, but its origin dates from the time of the Saxon invasions, at least 1,000 years ago.

In the Watling Estate to-day two natural features are still in existence

for all to see, and these give a clue to the appearance of the land before it came into the possession of the L.C.C. I refer, needless to say, to the wealth of magnificent trees and to the Silkstream which pleasantly flows through permanently preserved open spaces. To Mr. G. Topham Forrest, the architect responsible for the lay-out of the Estate, special praise is due for the retention of these features, the absence of which would undoubtedly have caused the many roads to appear as mere bricks and mortar instead of the pleasant thoroughfares we use to-day. The Manor of Hendon.

Several early Saxon charters (dated more than 1,000 years ago) have mentioned Hendon, and in the famous Domesday Book, compiled in the year 1086 for William the Conqueror, is recorded beyond all doubt "The Abbot of St. Peter's (Westminster Abbey) holds Handone." In addition, the particulars of ploughlands, woods, meadows, etc., are mentioned and from the details given it is obvious that a large portion of the manor must have been forest land, part of the ancient forest of Middlesex.

This connection with Westminster Abbey continued until 1550, when Edward VI granted the manor to Sir William Herbert, afterwards Earl of Pembroke, in consideration of the latter's "good and faithful services." In due course the property passed to the Duke of Powis, but that nobleman, being a devoted adherent of James II. fled with his king in 1688, and the estate was forfeited to the Crown. His son, Lord Montgomery, did not follow his father's fortunes, but remained in England, and in 1694 successfully petitioned the Crown to grant him a lease of the Hendon estate, the rental of the manor at that time being worth over £1,200 per annum.

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Among subsequent lords of the manor the most notable was undoubtedly David Garrick, the famous Shakespearean actor, who paid £13,381 for the estate in 1756.

It is not always realised that since early time fields have had names of their own. In country districts during former centuries when buildings were few and fields were many, it was necessary to distinguish between the various fields belonging to an estate, and in this way local names came into use. In rural districts little change took place during the passage of years and so these names became permanent and acquired historical interest. In the manor of Hendon there have been seven surveys dated as follows: 1321, 1574-6 (for Sir Edward Herbert), 1632-5, 1685-7, 1754, one by Isaac Messeder, the other by James Crow, 1796, by Cooke; 1828, by Wishaw. These manorial surveys were usually recorded on a contemporary map and the original plan of the manor of Hendon in 1754 is preserved in the Hendon Central Library. In this survey no less than 1,496 field-names were mentioned and, where possible, these names are being preserved in present day roads and houses.

LOCAL NAMES.

Having recorded these brief facts concerning the manor of Hendon, let us return to the district known as the Watling Estate. Before 1926 few houses were to be found between Mill Hill and the Edgware Road. Most of the land belonged to a large farm, Goldbeaters, of which only part of the garden and orchard remain. However, the Mill Hill Historical Society has collected and recorded the history of this estate.

A walk through the Watling Estate will enable the observant to locate some unusual names, such as Silkstream Road, Orange Hill School, Burnt Oak Station, Barnfield School,

Deans Lane, Goldbeaters Grove, Blundell Road and Bunns Lane. Do these names mean anything? Have they been in use for long?

The name Watling has already been discussed but pride of place, on account of its antiquity, must be given to *Burnt Oak*. Although to-day this name indicates the Watling Estate's own railway station, its origin dates most probably from a well-known Roman custom of burning one side of an oak tree situated on a boundary line. We know that Watling Street (Edgware Road), was a Roman highway and Burnt Oak was, presumably, the site of a Roman boundary mark.



Crest Football Club

Many readers will remember the Crest F.C., news which has not appeared under the usual heading "Another Crest Success." This was due to the fact that all the playing members of the club have been away this last six years serving their country in various spheres and theatres of war.

The time has now arrived when the lads are returning to civilian life.

I know that changes have taken place, but I feel that these lads, of whom I had the honour of being President prior to the disbandment, have asked me to revive the spirit and support which they previously enjoyed.

I shall be pleased, therefore, if all the old supporters of the club, whether players or supporters, will communicate with me at the above address.

In conclusion, I am very anxious, in view of the fact that several new clubs have been born during the war, that these lads who have returned shall have a fair chance of challenging all comers in the same way as they did for the Allied Cause.

C. COPE.

Councillor.



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Sunday School, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Members' Dance, 7.30.

Monday—

Women's Adult School
Whist Drive, 7.30.
Folk Dancing, 7.30.
Youth Club Drama,
Poor Man's Lawyer,
Boxing, 8.
Boys' P.T., Barnfield

Tuesday—

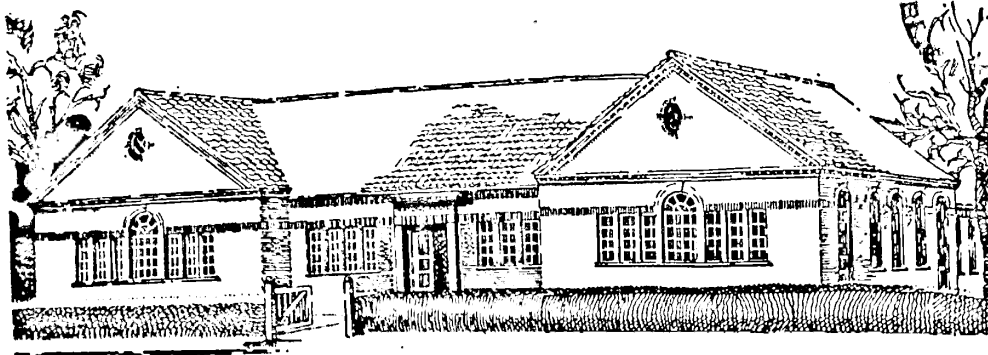
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Watling Guild of Players, 8.

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Dance, 7.30.
Over Twenty Club, 8.
Men's Club, 8.

Thursday—

C.P. Housewives' Club, 2.30.
Whist Drive, 2.30.
Young Wives' Club, 3.

14th Hendon Scouts, 7.

British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.

Youth Club, 7.30.

Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.

Boxing, 8.

Friday—

H.S.A., 6.45.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
N.B.C.L.W., 8.

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
Social, 7.30.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14

Monday

6.30 Girls' Ballroom Dancing.
6.30 Wolf Cubs.

Tuesday

5.30-6.30 Girls, 8 to 12 years. Gift-making Class
Girls under 8—Games

Wednesday

5.30-6.30 Girls 5-8 years—Games.
6.30 Girls' Selected Choir.
7. 0-8. 0 Girls 10-14—Folk Dancing

Thursday

5.30-7. 0 Brownie Pack (girls 7-11 years)
5.30-7. 0 Girls' Handicrafts and Games
(12-14).

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Jotting

The Youth Club has had three of its girl members join the Forces. Rene Hasler and a man have joined the Army and write enthusiastically about the new work they are doing. It has been accepted that they are doing well. Orderly in the W.A. luck to them all.

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The Centre Cub Pack has elected Akela—Rene Hasler—Land Army. The Cub Scouts and although they are young, they can give speeches, several of them in their own words.

In her place, we welcome the new girl who has just come to the Centre Youth Club before joining up. "Good Hunting" with the Cub Scouts look forward to its coming under her leadership.

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The London Union held a garden party at the Centre Youth Club on 22nd June. Mr. Billings and Jean sold; two young men made 50 pots. Ruth Sumner crocheted and coat-hanger-covers.

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Jottings

The Youth Club has recently lost three of its girl members to the Forces. Rene Hasler and Joyce Rudman have joined the Women's Land Army and write enthusiastically of the new work they are doing. Iris Powell has been accepted as a Nursing Orderly in the W.A.A.F. Best of luck to them all.

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The Centre Cub Pack has lost its Akela—Rene Hasler—to the Women's Land Army. The boys will miss Rene's patience and good humour, and although they are not yet at an age when they can make "pretty speeches," several of them expressed their appreciation of her work with them in their own way.

In her place, we welcome Miss Hill, who has just come out of the Land Army and who was a Cub Master before joining up. We wish her "Good Hunting" with the Pack and look forward to its continued success under her leadership.

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The London Union of Girls' Clubs held a garden party at Lambeth Palace on 22nd June. Members of the Centre Youth Club made goods to be sold: two young members, Kathleen Billings and Jean Marvis between them made 50 powder puffs, and Ruth Sumner crocheted kettle holders and coat-hanger-covers, as well as

making attractive little brooches. Other members made balls, and Mrs. Williams, an adult friend of the Youth Club, sent some delightful felt necklets and posies which she had made. Club members and members of the Over-20's gave help on the stalls and side-shows.



The 4th Watling Brownie Pack is closed to new members. The children are very enthusiastic and several of them are well on the way to getting their Second Class badges.

A party of 20 Brownies, with one Pack Leader and Brown Owl in charge, visited the Science Museum in South Kensington, on Friday, 14th June, and enjoyed working the various models in the Children's Section, then the whole party went by tube to St. James' Park station, walked through the park and made friends with the Horse Guards' horses, before embarking on the little motor boat at Westminster Pier. The trip down to Tower Bridge and back was greatly enjoyed, and gave an opportunity for seeing many things of interest without using up much energy! The party returned by underground from Charing Cross, a weary family, very grubby, but thoroughly happy!

The Brownie Pack will not meet during July or on Thursday, August 2nd and 9th. It will open again on Thursday, 15th August.

Youth Club

This group has been formed from members of the Centre Youth Club, but it has been agreed that membership shall be open to any members of the Association who are not members of the Youth Club.

Its aim is to provide week-end outings for young people who are interested in getting away from their everyday home surroundings and to provide a chance to see the country and places of interest around London. Arrangements have been made to have a cycle run every fortnight with a ramble in between each run and it is also planned to have two or three coach outings during the summer. A log book is being kept of all outings.

Club repair service: We have our own club mechanic and repair service where members can have repairs and punctures mended in a short time.

Club photographer: Another interesting point of the club is that we have our own club photographer. Photographs are taken of each outing and are ready for sale the following Thursday. Proceeds from the photographs go to club funds. A club album is also being kept of all photographs, this together with the log book can be seen at the Centre.

Club finance: It has been agreed that each member will pay an enrolment fee of 2/6d. and that members and friends shall pay 3d. each per run. Various other methods of raising funds have been suggested and agreed to, including the organising of group dances.

I would like to thank Miss Parkinson for making it possible to organise this group and for the valuable help and advice she has given. Also our club mechanic, Bert Shaw, who on the first Friday after his election was busy all evening repairing members' bicycles, and for his work on minor repairs on the road. "SKIPPER"

Annual Show

The Watling Horticultural and Allottees Society are holding their annual fruit, flower and vegetable, etc., show at Barnfield on Saturday, July 20th, and again on September 28th, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The awards for the July show will be presented by Mrs. Barbara Ayton Gould, M.P., and for the September Show by his worship the Mayor and Mayoress.



A Hindu died a happy thing to do
When twenty years united to a shrew.
Released, he hopefully for entrance
cries

Before the gates of Brahma's paradise.
"Hast been through purgatory?"
Brahma said.

"I have been married"—and he hung
his head.

"Come in, Come in, and welcome,
too, my son!

Marriage and purgatory are as one."
In bliss extreme he entered Heaven's
door,

And knew the peace he ne'er had
known before,

He scarce had entered in the garden
fair,

Another Hindu asked admission there.
The self-same question Brahma asked
again:

"Hast been through purgatory?" "No
—what then?"

"Thou canst not enter!" did the god
reply.

"He who went in was there no more
than I."

"All that is true, but he has married
been,

"And so on earth has suffered for all
sin!"

"Married? Tis well; for I've been
married twice!"

"Begone! We'll have no fools in
Paradise!"

ANON.

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Youth Club Cycling & Rambling

On Whit-Sunday, 26 members, 12 boys and a trial cycling run to R. Starting from the Centre reached the Watford found we had lost Bert very worried, especially female member of the pedal Bert had stopped was called at the Busy tandem was sent back Bert but without succeeded our journey with getting lower and before we reached Bert, who had taken joined us again and P once more.

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Youth Club

Cycling & Rambling Group

On Whit-Sunday, 26 Youth Club members, 12 boys and 14 girls started a trial cycling run to Rickmansworth. Starting from the Centre at 10 a.m. we reached the Watford By-pass and found we had lost Bert. Polly was very worried, especially as it was a female member of the party whose pedal Bert had stopped to fix. A halt was called at the Busy Bee café and a tandem was sent back in search of Bert but without success. We continued our journey with Polly's spirits getting lower and lower but just before we reached Rickmansworth Bert, who had taken the wrong road, joined us again and Polly was happy once more.

Arriving at the Oasis Café we found we had done the run in 1½ hours. Tea was all ready for us as the tandem had gone on ahead and ordered it.

After tea we made our way to the Aquadrome where two brave members of our party, Trevor and Len, had a dip in the cold water.

At the boating pool we had a wet time as the girls were doing all the rowing (shame!) A gondolier and guitar would have made an appropriate setting for two of our members—Mary and Ron.

Tea was a great success. This had been previously ordered and the long well laid tables were a welcome sight—lashings of bread and butter, dishes of jam, plates of water cress, and a good helping of currant cake. Two of the girls, Pat and Floss, acted as mother and did the job well. The repast was rounded off with a tune at the piano by two of the girls. After some fun with a tennis ball we headed for home with plans in our minds for the next outing.

The Men's Club

The club is becoming very popular, the attendance on Wednesday evenings being about double compared to last year.

The Darts Tournament is now nearly at its close, the fourth round now being played.

On May 22nd the Club paid a visit to Braincroft Fire Guard and Wardens' Social Club, Wealdstone, from which they emerged the victors after spending a very enjoyable evening in their company.

The competitions were comprised of darts and table tennis.

The first annual outing takes place on July 14th. Satisfactory arrangements have been made regarding luncheon, etc., at Worthing, and by all accounts the members intend to have a good time, despite the fact that the ladies will accompany them.

It has been suggested, and in fact carried into effect, that a Benevolent Fund should be attached to the club, for the benefit of members who may be in temporary financial difficulties.

L.V.H.



Join the Over 20 Club

This is to remind readers that there is a club for people over 20 years of age. The aim of the club is to broaden the social outlook of life by organising various activities.

So far we have been able to go to Rickmansworth, Chessington Zoo, and Southend, and I assure you a very enjoyable time is had by all. We meet at the Centre on Sundays and Thursdays where we have dancing, table-tennis, billiards, darts, chess and draughts, etc. Also from time to time we hold discussions on everyday subjects. Why not come and give us a try-out. Believe me, you'll be welcome.

ALAN E. WILLS (Secretary).

Oh! Those Youngsters!

I have been asked by the Secretary, Mr. Molloy, to write this article as a member of the Youth Club to give the point of view of Youth.

The first impression one gets when visiting our Youth Club is the row everybody seems to kick up, and naturally the elder members of the Association who have learnt through the medium of hard experience how enjoyable a little peace and quiet can be, immediately rear up and say, "Can't anything be done to keep these youngsters quiet?" "Of course something can be done." "What?" ask our elders. "Simply give us what we want?" we say. And that is a truthful answer. After all, what amount of equipment can be put into use on a Club night? Two table tennis tables, one billiard table and one dart board. I ask you is this going to occupy the minds of forty to fifty young people at once? Take the case of a youngster of say, fifteen. Suppose he finishes work at five o'clock, he comes home, washes, has his tea, gets himself ready and sets off for the club, where he arrives about a quarter to seven. Right now, supposing he plays a game of snooker which lasts approximately twenty minutes, and then has a game of table tennis say for another twenty minutes. What happens now? He meets up with a couple of his pals who are also in the same plight and for the sake of something to do they go out on to the open space at the back of the building and play about, and, in a very sort space of time something is broken. Naturally, as with every youngster they will not admit they were at fault, but that is another argument.

The point I want to get at is this—**ACCOMMODATION!!!** If we had the accommodation we would instal more equipment, keep more people occupied, decrease the amount of

damage done by Youth Club members and increase our membership, in fact, we would be proving ourselves more beneficial to the Association.

The second grouse that comes from the elder people is the supposed lack of discipline. Well, I think the only way to instil discipline in our club is to have a rigid enforcement of club rules. But what happens if you do that. Immediately there will be hatred between club and committee members, and directly this shows itself the club will become more rowdy than ever. So what are you to do? I say leave the Youth Club to look after itself. You'll find it can.

JOHN F. DILLINGER.

Edgware Rambling Group

The Group's activities during the past month have included week-end rambles in East Kent, from Canterbury Youth Hostel, across the North Down from Holmbury St. Mary, and the Chilterns from Ivinghoe. Day rambles have also been held in Epping Forest, the Chess Valley and other districts.

Future activities include plans for August Bank Holiday, another map reading contest, as well as the usual number of weekend and day rambles.

The group meets every Wednesday, in the Annexe to the Watling Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. Anyone interested in rambling the countryside should come and visit us at the Centre, or contact the secretary, Miss Dorothy Fuller, 39 Greencourt Avenue, Edgware.

Co-op. Women's Guild

July	2nd	Business.
"	9th	Mrs. Norris, Sectional Speaker.
"	16th	Congress Report.
"	23rd	Congress Report.
"	30th	Whist Drive.
August closed.		

L. WILKINS. Assist. Sec.

THE WATLING RESIDENT Burnt Oak Town Guild

At the monthly meeting of the Centre a most interesting paper was given by Mrs. Wharfedale. The subject being: "This reminder of some interesting incidents of travel and the story of souvenirs collected." Mrs. Knight presided.

Knightley expressed thanks for the Guild to the speaker. The competition for reasons why I belong to the 'womens' Guild,' was won by Mrs. Titmus. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at the afternoon

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Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild

At the monthly meeting at the Centre a most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Wharhurst, her subject being: "This reminds me," which covered some interesting experience of travel and the sentimental history of souvenirs collected.

Mrs. Knight presided and Mrs. Knightley expressed the appreciation of the Guild to the speaker.

The competition for the "Four reasons why I belong to a Townswomen's Guild," was won by Mrs. Titmus. A most enjoyable time was spent at the afternoon social when the

Mill Hill Townswomen's Choir gave a selection of spring songs compered by Mrs. Spruce.



July Diary—Other Events

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| Tues. 2nd | Domino Club for the Blind, 2.30 p.m.
Rabbit Club, 8 p.m. |
| Wed. 3rd | Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
T. and G. W. U., 8 p.m. |
| Thurs. 4th | S.P.G.B., 8 p.m.
Poultry Club, 8 p.m. |
| Wed. 10th | Oddfellows, 8 p.m. |
| Thurs. 11th | Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m. |
| Tues. 16th | Domino Club for the Blind, 2.30 p.m.
Rabbit Club, 8 p.m. |
| Wed. 17th | Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
T. and G. W. U., 8 p.m. |
| Thurs. 18th | S.P.G.B., 8 p.m.
Poultry Club, 8 p.m. |
| Wed. 24th | Oddfellows, 8 p.m. |
| Thurs. 25th | Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m. |
| Tues. 30th | Domino Club for the Blind, 2.30 p.m. |
| Wed. 31st | Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m. |

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The Art Exhibition

By Mauricle Hussey

The Exhibition hired from the British Institute of Adult Education, and displayed at the Watling Centre from May 22nd to May 30th, aroused a great deal of interest.

Watling certainly contains a number of ardent art critics, and I very much hope that they will ask for more exhibitions of pictures, and develop the local appreciation of Art of which there is already so much evidence among all sections of the Watling community.

For those who did not see it, I may say that the Exhibition was called "Picture-Making." It aimed at showing a variety of pictures, most of them modern, and many in full colour. They were mounted on large cards, and incorporated explanations and diagrams to show why the different artists approached the subjects as they did.

Some artists are primarily fascinated by the solidity of what they see, and try to convey this, perhaps by over-emphasis.

Another artist such as Van Gogh sees the beauty of waving lines in a field of corn, or twisting tree trunks,

or the brilliance of some natural arrangement of colour pierces him so that he wants to cry aloud to others to notice these beauties around them. His pictures may therefore be startling, but are arresting,

Design is of primary importance to the artist, who cannot begin to paint or draw till he sees in his subject an inter-related whole. This, as the interested members of Watling Centre were quick to notice, means at times some distortion of line or form. Sometimes distortion seems necessary to the artist to convey his meaning, where so-called accuracy of a photographic kind would seem to him useless.

I found a tremendous variety of taste in pictures among the Watling residents. Nearly every picture shown appealed to someone. A Corot, a John Nash, and the Van Goghs were those most generally appreciated.

If a further Exhibition is shown later on, and I am anywhere in the vicinity, it would give me great pleasure to pay a visit, and act as "guide" to the pictures again, thereby renewing the many friendships I made at Watling.

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Memorial Fund

A further meeting of the Committee has just been held, and estimates of cost of making and illuminating the Memorial Book have been considered. A final decision has yet to be made regarding size and finish, but it is clear from the report given by Mr. A. I. Jones that the makers are experts in this class of work, and, in due course, should be able to produce a Book worthy of an honoured position in the Memorial Room, when our Centre is enlarged.

It is generally—almost nationally—considered in these days that the best memorial to those who have passed on, would be of beauty and usefulness, instead of the inert blocks of carved stone favoured by former generations. In some cases, avenues of trees are being planted, and after all, these living things are more in keeping with the belief held by most of us that our loved ones have crossed the uncharted sea called "Death" and have entered into a fuller "Life." In the case of a Community Centre, it was surely a happy inspiration to suggest that the "Common Room" of the enlarged building should be looked upon as our tribute to all who have served the community on this Estate and passed on. The intention is to include in the Memorial the names of all Service personnel who have made the Supreme Sacrifice, and also civilians whose passing has been the result of enemy action during the war which ended just a year ago. The names are to be entered in the Book already referred to. The decoration of walls and ceiling of the Memorial Room, and the style and finish of the furniture are to be in keeping with the idea, and it is hoped that anyone who is mourning the passing of a member of the family circle will feel led to make a donation toward the cost of, say, an

article of furniture. Even the smallest donation, will, however, be welcomed by the Treasurer, Memorial Fund, Watling Centre.

These notes are written prior to the celebration of Watling Week, but the Committee would like to thank Mr. A. R. Lodge and all who are helping him during that period, for having agreed to allocate part of the proceeds to the Memorial Fund. A.W.K.

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Dear Editor,

At the conclusion of last month's "Resident" "Those Were the Days" invited comment. Her

In the first place, there been as good as they days.

In this article no doubt have been reached as better for the family holidays (by the way now, we ramble).

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Those were the Days

Dear Editor,

At the conclusion of the article in last month's "Resident" entitled, "Those Were the Days," you rashly invited comment. Here is mine.

In the first place, things never have been as good as they were in the old days.

In this article no decision seems to have been reached as to whether it is better for the family to split up for holidays (by the way, we don't hike now, we ramble).

I feel that any form of dancing is good, provided it is enjoyed, but I agree that English Jive is horrible, if only because no one ever seems to really care about what they are doing. Perhaps when some of our youth of this country cease to copy the feather-brained youth of America they will enjoy their dancing a little more. Anyway, there is still plenty of life in the old dances.

Spiritually, I am quite sure that people are very little different. Education has made differences in outlook, but not in character, although I believe that most young people are far more conscious of their responsibility to the community than formerly.

Anyway, next time you feel like condemning us, Veterans, don't forget that we are only what you have made us. You are the ones who are responsible for our upbringing, and our world.

DOROTHY FULLER.

* * * Old Folks' Party

Dear Residents,—Many of us who attended the old folks Rectory Party, which was held at Wesley Hall on 15th June, would like to thank all those residents who so kindly helped to make the party a success. We all had a very happy time with old friends, and we thank Councillor C. R. Cope, the organiser, who made us all feel so very much at home. It was a happy thought that the Council decided to help the old folks as well as those attending the school celebrations, so thank you all for a grand time. Now that the celebrations are over I sincerely hope that the young people will do all in their power to see that there is no need for another old folks' victory party.

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N.F.C.A. Conference

The first Annual Conference of the National Federation of Community Associations was held on 25th and 26th May, and Messrs. Durant and Molloy were the Watling delegates.

An interesting feature of the conference was the preview of the "Living in Communities" Exhibition. The room at the R.I.B.A. building was too small to accommodate the exhibition but despite the somewhat cramped appearance it was most impressive. Watling folk were featured in several photographs illustrating Community Centre work, and a good showing of Watling handicrafts was also to be seen. To digress a moment: when the exhibition was transferred to County Hall for its public showing a great change in lay-out was effected. At the preview emphasis was very much on

the work of community centres, but at County Hall greater emphasis was placed upon the place and work of local authorities. With all due respect to the latter, the change was regretted.

At the opening session of the conference, Mr. David Hardman, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education, spoke on the new prospects in education. If his hopes are realised in the spirit as well as in the letter then indeed the prospects are golden, but one still fears that practice will tend to fall short of precept. Community Centre work cannot be tied to a close formula such as is demanded for grant earning classes and similar activities. It is none the less valuable for that, but unless education authorities are prepared to discard the usual grant earning yardstick we shall still continue to struggle along on meagre finances and cramped conditions.

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The evening session was devoted first to a brief, but brilliant, address on Discussion Groups by Mr. Francis Williams, of the newly formed Bureau of Current Affairs. One point particularly is worth noting—asked what assurance could be given that the Bureau would not be subordinated to high political ends, Mr. Williams merely pooh poohed the idea with "Bogey, Bogey, Bogey." The fear expressed by the delegate that asked the question is widespread and pooh poohing will not dispel it. Further this watchfulness and scepticism is one of the corner stones of the Democracy for which so many of our kin have fought and died.

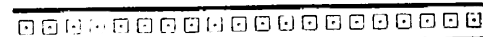
A "Brains Trust" session followed. It appeared to lack the vitality and depth of thought of a properly considered agenda, and no vital points emerged.

Sunday morning was a business session. Only the magnificent chairmanship of Mr. Sewell Harris prevented chaos. As it was there had to be an extension of an hour in order to get through the agenda. Watling had instructed its delegates to seek the amendment of several paragraphs of the E.C. Report. The amendments were designed to assure the sovereignty of the Council and not the Executive. They were well received and accepted by the conference. Annual reports were given verbally, which, together with pressure of time, meant that they were not properly considered or discussed. Finally at the very tail of the Conference when delegates from all over Great Britain were thinking more of their lunch and trains, we were presented with an important memorandum

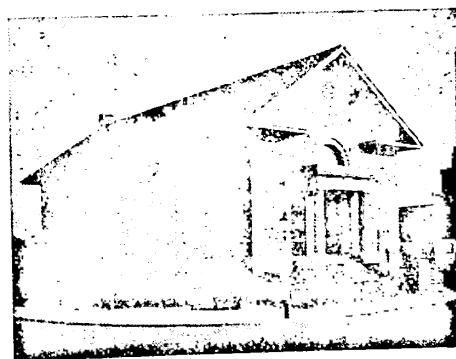
dealing with the relationships of youth clubs to community centres. Conference was unable to deal with it, and the matter was shelved. Again a pity. The evening "Brains Trust" session could well have been used to greater advantage if it had been devoted to this question.

To sum up, it was a successful conference, and if the criticisms are unduly harsh it is regretted. The Federation is young—"mewling and puking"—yet to grow into sturdy, independent, manhood. If the lessons of the first conference are learned that will be both a justification for it being held and an assurance for the future.

"PIP EMMA."



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A Trip To Southend

One Wednesday night when the Over 20 Club were having a good old "natter" over a cup of tea, some bright spark suggested an outing, and without further ado it was agreed that it would be to Southend.

So on Sunday, June 9th, we congregated outside Burnt Oak Station at 8 o'clock. How we did it we haven't fathomed out yet. Anyhow, armed with copies of the weekly scandal we made our way to Fenchurch Street, where we embarked upon the 9.30 fast train (?) to Southend. Though where the L.N.E.R. got the fast part from I have yet to find out. The thing stopped at every station.

When we finally got into Southend the first thing we did was to buy ice-cream. Then we proceeded to the beach where we ate our lunch. Then five of us tried our hardest to make ourselves seasick on a bob trip to the end of the pier and back.

We then turned loose upon the Kur-saal, where we spent the rest of the afternoon—and our money!

On arriving back in London we had a good look at the flood-lighting and then joined a queue for the tube and embarked for home at the end of a perfect day.

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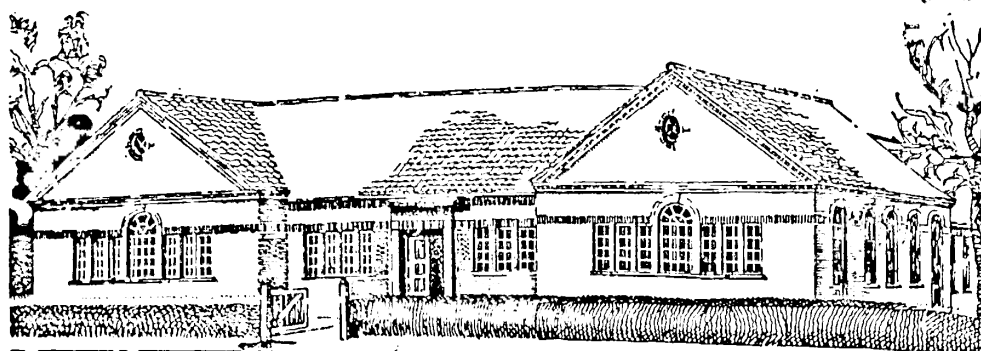
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Dance, 7.30.
Over Twenty Club, 8.
Men's Club, 8.

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C.P. Housewives' Club, 2.30.
Whist Drive, 2.30.
Young Wives' Club, 3.

14th Hendon Scouts, 7.
British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.
Youth Club, 7.30.
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.

Friday—

H.S.A., 6.45.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
N.B.C.L.W., 8.
Orchestra, 8.30.

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
Social, 7.30.

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7. 0-8. 0 Girls 10-14—Folk Dancing

Thursday

5.30-7. 0 Brownie Pack (girls 7-11 years)
5.30-7. 0 Girls' Handicrafts and Games (12-14).

For other events see page 11

Centre Youth Club Cycling and Rambling Group

The first cycle run of the month was an evening jaunt to the San Marino Café at South Mimms, Hertfordshire, where once again we managed to persuade the management into giving us the private use of the swimming pool.

The following Sunday we spent the day at Chingford Lakes, where our members participated in boating and various unorthodox forms of athletic entertainment. Luckily enough we were able to witness the London Road Championship Cycling Race which was 73 miles of non-stop cycling. After tea we took a bus to Larkwood Swimming Pool where we spent the rest of the day swimming and lying about and also listening to gramophone records which together with a portable gramophone was carted about all day by two of our members.

On July 9th we held another evening run to Shenley where we spent the evening swimming and repairing various mechanical faults that had mysteriously appeared on our machines.

On Thursday 11th a party of eight gave themselves a special treat by going to see the B.B.C. show "Pleasure Beach," the tickets for which were supplied by our club photographer, Mr. W. Kennedy.

After laughing our heads off at the antics of Fred Emney and Claude Hulbert we went for a walk around Leicester Square, Whitehall, Buckingham Palace and various places of interest. But the crowning glory was the fact that we finished up in the Public Gallery of the House of Commons listening to a debate on Cable and Wireless, Ltd.

Sunday the 16th July we set off for Runnymede amidst great doubts as to

whether we would see any sunshine or not.

Upon arriving at Runnymede our chief "Wolf" spotted an ownerless football which was immediately commandeered by the male members.

We had a very successful tea at the Woodview Café, Runnymede, and a nice run home where we arrived in time for the Sunday Night Dance.

In all, this has been a very successful month during which every member has enjoyed their selves.



A Dance

On Friday, the 12th July, The Cycling and Rambling section of the Youth Club held their first dance which was a great success with a good variety of prizes donated by the members. There was a display of all the group photographs that were taken on various outings. There was also an Advertisement Competition which was won by Miss Watson and her fiancé who were specially invited guests. During the latter part of the evening a Mock Auction of surplus prizes was held, thus raising a considerable sum for group funds. Included in the prizes were a leather purse and a brooch sent by Miss Parkinson.

Several members of the group officiated in the canteen and several group members added a variety of cakes to the usual canteen menu.

In attendance were Fred Cole's Band and "Skipper" who officiated as M.C.

We are now meeting a demand from members for more of these dances and we look forward to our next dance on August 10th.

We received with regret the resignation of our treasurer, Miss Mary Nicholson, who was unable to attend owing to personal difficulties.

(See page 8 for August programme).

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COMMUNITY JOTTINGS

By "PIP EMMA"

The Hall, Committee Room and Library have been re-decorated at a cost of £90. The colour scheme for these rooms is now, for the walls light green paint to dado height, cream distemper from dado to ceiling, and white ceilings.

A gate is to be hung on the large entry, by the Annexe, in Orange Hill Road, and another on the opening in Deansbrook Road. The gates will normally be kept locked, and thus, it is hoped, prevent a great deal of the unauthorised entry into the grounds, leading to a lessening of the wilful damage done to windows, tiles, and the fabric of the building.

A Caretakers' workroom is to be erected adjoining the Common Room at the rear of the building. This will enable the agglomeration on the steps behind the screen facing the main entrance to be cleared, and permit of a great improvement in the appearance of the entrance hall.

Fifty yards of Penfold 3ft. Chain Link Fencing, 2in. mesh, is to be used to enclose the front gardens of the Centre.

Members of the Over 20 Club have undertaken the re-decoration of the Annexe. They intend to strip the dark three ply panelling, make good

the walls, and distemper walls and ceilings. The present worn out stove is to be replaced by an Anthracite burner.

There has been a very big disappointment in the plans to increase the accommodation at the Centre. Estimates had been obtained for the restoring of the wooden building at the back of the Centre at a cost of £350. When completed it would have given us two more rooms, one 30 ft. by 30 ft., and the other 30 ft. by 20 ft., and would probably have permitted the re-erection of the full-sized billiards table. Despite the fact that practically no new materials would have been needed the Ministry of Works have refused the Building Permit.

The Middlesex County Council Education Committee have been asked to appeal on our behalf against this decision.

The preliminary selection of candidates for the post of Youth Leader has now been made. It is hoped the final appointment will be made shortly.

There is in the Office a number of books available for loan to members of the Association. They are all well written, and in most cases illustrated. The Arts and Crafts section contains



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There is also a limited selection of books for general sale which are: "English Seaside" by Bryant, also "Samuel Pepys in the making" by the "Press, Parliament and People" by Francis Williams; "Reformation" by Paul Winterton; and "The British People" by Barker.

If you would like to know all you have to do is call and enter your name on the borrowed in the borrowed.

The rough ground at the Centre is being levelled and hoped to transform the ground into pleasant.

Photographs of the Week Annual Supper given at the Centre. ordered at the office—5/- mounted.

Copies of the 1945 "Resident" are urgent. If you have a spare copy let the Secretary have it.

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Pastor Craven is at the Wesley Centre. The Estate having completed service here. We all he has done for the seeds of goodness are sown will bear fruit.

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If you would like to borrow a book all you have to do is call at the office and enter your name and the books borrowed in the borrowers' notebook.

The rough ground at the back of the Centre is being levelled, and it is hoped to transform the present waste ground into pleasant lawns.

Photographs of the 18th Watling Week Annual Supper can be inspected at the Centre. Copies may be ordered at the office—3/- unmounted, 5/- mounted.

Copies of the 1945 June and July "Resident" are urgently needed. If you have a spare copy will you please let the Secretary have it.

The Watling Association Orchestra has now started to practice. Mr. Wilkinson has declared himself very well satisfied. New players are welcome. The Orchestra meets every Friday night at 8.30 p.m.

Pastor Craven is leaving his work at the Wesley Central Hall and on the Estate having completed his year of service here. We thank him for all he has done for us and hope the seeds of goodness and service he has sown will bear fruit.

"The Socialist Party States its Case"

In his address at the Centre on Friday, July 5th, Mr. Turner made a brief survey of the origins of the Socialist Party of Great Britain; its breakaway from the Social Democratic Federation, its stand for the removal of capitalism and the establishment of socialism as against the Labour Party's policy of gradualness. Such a policy of endeavouring to get socialism by degrees or to express it another way, to reform the capitalist system rather than abolish it must end in failure.

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is the impetus individuals must go by the board. Despite the well-known stories of "poor boy makes good," this can rarely happen under capitalism as the worker is only paid sufficient to reproduce his energies and kind whilst his master pockets the surplus. When slumps occur which are periodic under capitalism meagre doles are given in order to keep a reserve army of unemployed in existence until the next boom or war occurs. The latter are inevitable under a system which constantly strives for new spheres of influence in which goods may be sold and the population exploited.

Mr. Turner stressed the frustration

of life under capitalism and the feeling of failure in the individual because he can neither find work which gives some measure of self expression or any feeling of permanent security. True happiness is rarely possible in such a world.

Mr. Turner then mentioned the other parties in existence in this country and the Socialist Party's antagonism to them. In explaining how control of the machinery of government would be obtained he stressed the importance of the Parliamentary method as against seizure of power by a minority with resultant bloodshed. When all workers understand and consciously desire socialism its achievement would be simple. The present task of the party was more difficult, to get the workers to differentiate between reforms offered by the Labour, Tory and Liberal Parties.

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The Men's Club

A day of keen enjoyment was spent by the Men's Club on the occasion of their first Annual Outing to Worthing by coach on July 14th. Although the rain made its appearance it did not damp the spirits of our members who were out to make the best of everything.

The outing being composed of Men only, it was quite appropriate that they should have their luncheon and tea at Manns Restaurant to the complete satisfaction of our members.

Unfortunately quite a few of our members were unable to go on account of being away on holiday, but it is hoped that at the next Outing which they would like to have before the season closes, that there will be enough members to fill two or even three coaches.

The Committee should be complimented on their preliminary arrangements which ensured such an enjoyable day.

L.V.H.

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A Short

There has been too much damage to the Centre nearly 40 windows and hundred chairs need and glasses are broken and roof tiles nearly are determined to put as an officer of the Association special responsibility which includes your matter. You have before, therefore, on Association I suspended Association activities Youth Club, for four are not to come near enter its grounds, if shall consider expelling. When you come back watched, and if you not improve we shall consider what action.

"Very Good Sir group of youths in and left the office in

No one could say it, somehow they grow into a plan of accord. Cigarettes supply again, and Sweet coupons too pending. Allied with obtain cigarettes with strong desire to show not afraid of Him. He! What they want the Centre to go to during teen days they didn't if they couldn't go to they would pay H another way.

The Centre was closed for the light in the darkness. The youthfully through the balcony welcome shadow of the boiler house, an

"TOUGH GUYS"

A Short Story by "Pip Emma" (Pat Molloy)

There has been too much wilful damage to the Centre. There are nearly 40 windows broken; over a hundred chairs need repair; crockery and glasses are broken every night; and roof tiles nearly every week. We are determined to put a stop to it. I, as an officer of the Association have a special responsibility to the members, which includes yourselves, in this matter. You have been warned before, therefore, on behalf of the Association I suspend you from all Association activities, including the Youth Club, for fourteen days. You are not to come near the building, nor enter its grounds, if you do then we shall consider expelling you entirely. When you come back you will be watched, and if your behaviour does not improve we shall again have to consider what action we must take.

"Very Good Sir" muttered the group of youths in ragged chorus, and left the office in a sheepish file.

No one could say who first suggested it, somehow the idea seemed to grow into a plan of action of its own accord. Cigarettes were in short supply again, and they had none. Sweet coupons too had all been expended. Allied with the desire to obtain cigarettes was the equally strong desire to show that they were not afraid of Him. Expel them would He! What they would do without the Centre to go to during the next fourteen days they didn't know. All right! if they couldn't go to the Centre then they would pay Him out for it in another way.

The Centre was closed, and except for the light in the office all was in darkness. The youths slipped stealthily through the back gate into the welcome shadow of the trees, round the boiler house, and along the gully

at the side of the building. Fear and defiance was in their hearts, fear of being caught, fear of father's belt, fear of being expelled from the Centre. Each was afraid. Each gained courage from his companions. Each could not say to the others, "Let's turn back," and so they went on.

The Canteen window was above them. The window was quickly but noisily broken, and then a crouching palpitating huddle in case anybody had heard, each ready to run like fury, and devil take the hindmost. A twist of the latch and then the agonising scramble one by one over the window sill. All in, and now for the fruits of the daring! Cupboard locks were easily forced. None contained that for which they had dared so much. Despair, fear, and fury, surged within the group and communicated itself one to the other. Don't let's stand staring at one another—do something. Anything is better than doing nothing but to stand there thinking. Thinking made them realise what fearful little boys they really were—fearful and mean. Then they began: packets of custard powder, blancmange, cornflour, soap powder, were emptied into the middle of the floor, vinegar, cordial, and water, poured in. Hats, coats and aprons were taken off the pegs thrown on top and stamped in with tremulous feet. There that's better. That's action. That will show Him!

Out of the window and back the way they had come, into the road and away home shaking with the strain of it all, but still afraid, for there may yet be awkward questions to answer when they got home. Together they had had the courage to go on. Together they could create the illusion

of being tough and unafraid, of doing something grand, of getting their own back. But as each went their separate ways, as each lay in their bed, they felt mean and cheap, and none quite knew how they would look Him in the face when next they saw Him.



Youth Club

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August Programme.

21st July, 8.30 a.m.

Ramble to Ruislip Lido.

23rd July, 7.15 p.m.

Evening cycle run. Destination to be announced later.

4th August, 8.30 a.m.

Cycle run to Walton-on-Thames (return in time for dance).

5th August. Not Meeting.

11th August, 8.30 a.m.

Ramble to Boxhill.

18th August, 8.30 a.m.

Cycle run to Marlow (please take special notice of posters).

25th August, 8.30 a.m.

Ramble, destination undecided.

ALAN E. WILLS.
Vice-Chairman.



The next Fellowship meeting will be held on Sunday, September 1st at 3 o'clock. Come and bring your friends.

Children's Competition

How many different trees growing on the Watling Estate can you name? The trees must be visible from the roadway and the exact location described, for example: Oak tree, Orange Hill Road, opposite Convent; Elm tree, Blundell Road, near No. 24.

Send your entries to the Editor, Watling Centre.



A Visit to Birmingham

On May 28-29 Eversfield Women's Adult School with 2 members of Burnt Oak Adult School, Mrs. Fairbairn and Mrs. Griffin, paid a visit to Geo. Cadbury's House at Birmingham.

Mrs. Harris met us at Birmingham Station in the pouring rain. However, after a hot meal at Primrose Hill we felt much brighter and then all went to Lickey Hills the beauty spot of Birmingham. As one stood on the hill the view was glorious. We could view 8 counties.

We all spent a very enjoyable time and look forward to repeat the visit at a future time.

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Watling's Week

Watling Week No. 28 opened with a grand dance at the White Lion Hotel on Thursday, June 20th. Visitors were the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon, Mr. Arthur Brown (Chairman Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce), Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Calman, Mr. W. R. Foster (President of Burnt Oak Business Men's Club), Mr. Roland Brown and Mr. P. N. Molloy.

The Mayor paid a warm tribute to the Association for its good job of work at the Centre. He admired the people of Watling in their endeavours to build with their own money, rather than rely on some Lord or authority to provide the cash, and expressed thanks to the B. O. Chamber of Commerce for their help, and to the proprietors of the White Lion for free use of hall. He hoped all would pull together in making the week a success and get others interested.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor was given by Mr. Molloy.

Spot prizes at the dance were won by: Mrs. Keen and Mrs. Starnes, Mr. J. C. Dick and Miss R. Redman.

Winners of the Raffle were: Miss J. Preston, Mrs. Starnes, Miss B. Judge.

The Whisky prize was given by Leslie Green.

The Whisky and Port prize was given by the Manager of the Stag.

The Ladies' Compact by Mrs. Brown, the Electric Iron by Mrs. Calman and the mystery envelope (£1) by Mr. Calman.

M.C. Mr. Calman.

Friday:

The "Centre Bright Spots" with their Variety and Revue drew a large following, the hall being packed with very satisfied audience who had an enjoyable evening.

The raffle was won by Miss Sum-

ner, a brown leather zip powder compact.

Saturday:

The Carnival Social was a great success with 100 in attendance. All had carnival hats and enjoyed a very good evening with Mrs. Nyberg, M.C., and Fred Cole's Band.

Miss B. Judge and Miss Betty Nyberg entertained this social. Spot prizes were won by Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Bond. Raffle was won by Joan Harvey and Mrs. Klein.

Monday:

The £5 top whist drive was well attended as also was the miniature. The lucky winner was Mrs. Ellis.

Tuesday:

Many bonny infants were seen at the annual baby show organised by the Women's Neighbourhood Guild at the Centre on Tuesday afternoon. The judges were Dr. Cuthbert, of Redhill Hospital, and Dr. Stevenson, of Canons Park, with Sister Rigby in attendance.

Best Baby on Estate, Patricia Reynolds. Best Baby in show, Sally Ileen Church.

The awards were given and presented by Mrs. Lilian Reed.

In the evening the Watling Guild of Players staged a three act play "Acacia Avenue." This was well supported and enjoyed. A good laughable evening.

Wednesday:

On Wednesday a whist drive was held with Mrs. Crowe as M.C., assisted by Mrs. Myland, and in the evening there was a combined social by the Women Neighbours, Men's Bowls, Rabbit and Youth Clubs, organised by the Neighbours (Women's Club). M.C. Mr. C. Abbot. Neighbours supplied the catering. Several novelties such as guessing weight of Rhubarb, guessing weight of Pie.

Youth Night:

An enjoyable evening was had by

the Youth Club and Y.H.A. commencing with a dance and then a short play (I want to be an actor). Jimmy Stevens, Miss Parkinson, Miss B. Judge and Bash caused a good deal of fun. Miss Lily Draper obliged with a couple of songs, and Trinder and Billy gave us some lively Swiss songs accompanied by a piano accordion.

Table Tennis under 16 was won by B. Kennedy. Darts: A. Jackson. Snooker: S. Jones. Table Tennis over 16: Reg Salmon.

M.C. Mr. Craswell.

Friday:

The Annual Supper and Dance was a festive occasion attended by many old friends and distinguished visitors. Toasts were proposed by Mr. A. I. Jones, President of the Association, Mr. Sewell Harris, Mr. Molloy, Mr. Durant and Mrs. Lilian Read.

Great credit is due to Mrs. Lodge and her band of helpers for the catering arrangements also to Mr. Bouchard who ably M.C.d the dancing.

There were many entrants for the children's sports held at Montrose Playing Fields and some excellent performances were made.

The Old Time Social organised by Mrs. Nyberg was greatly enjoyed by young and old with entertainment by Joyce Bouchard, Betty Nyberg and Ken Acott, and to wind up the Watling Week festivities there was a members' dance on the Sunday, M.C.d by Cyril Nyberg, and in the adjoining Common Room a Sea and Breezy night where during a spell from the jollifications the draw for the Gold Watch was made, the lucky person being Mrs. Holland.

For the second year in succession the Redwood Steppers were winners of the Watling Association Perpetual Silver Cup in the annual juvenile dance competition held at St. Alphage Hall. Miss Joan Redwood received

the trophy from Councillor C. R. D. Cope.

A further splendid effort towards the Extension Fund was made at the St. Alphage Hall by the "7.30" Revue under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkinson and the large cast are to be congratulated on their performances.

The Years Between

Quite recently, a film with this title has been exhibited at the local Odcon, and, most probably, this has been seen by a good many of our readers. Briefly, the story is based on the difficulties which arise in a family, when, the husband returns after several years in a prison camp, during which time he was presumed "killed in action, through his aircraft crashing." The situation, not very common in fiction is even rarer in real life, and although in some cases there have been "returns from the dead," there are many instances where hope of a return must now be abandoned. Who can imagine, the anguish in a mother's heart, when the child she has reared, is reported "killed in action," and later she receives a photograph of the spot where his (or, sometimes, her) mortal remains are laid to rest. Or even the agony of the young wife, who has become a widow so shortly after that great day in her life when she took her man, "for better or worse." Those outside the family circle may soon forget the sound of a voice now stilled. We, on the Watling Estate, however, are determined to have a worthy and useful memorial to all who gave their lives in the war which ended last year. You are invited to take a share in this by forwarding a donation to the Treasurer, Memorial Fund, at the Centre. The Hendon Borough Council has already been approached for an extract from the official Borough list of those who gave their lives, and we have been

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given a name two or three times,
rather than that any one name,
worthy of inclusion in the Memorial
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August Diary

Other Events

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| Tues. | 6th | Rabbit Club, 8.0 p.m. |
| Wed. | 7th | Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m.
T. & G. W. U., 7. 30 p.m. |
| Thurs. | 8th | Townswomen's Guild,
2.30 p.m.
S. P. G. B., 8.0 p.m. |
| Sat. | 10th | Youth Club Reopens, 7.0 p.m. |
| Wed. | 14th | Neighbourhood Guild,
2.30 p.m. |
| Thurs. | 15th | Youth Club A.G.M., 7.0 p.m.
Poultry Club, 8.0 p.m. |
| Fri. | 16th | Domino Club for the
Blind, 2.30 p.m. |
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SELLERS WANTED to work for
an hour or so once a month to take
a few copies of the Watling Resident
round a street of the Estate. A good
walk and a good turn at the same
time.

Spare a Bulb

Many appeals are made, and per-
force many go unanswered. Here is
an appeal the novelty of which we
hope will touch your heart and com-
pel your answer!

It has been said that the Centre in
cleanliness, and orderliness, to say
nothing of beauty, should be the
equal of the best kept houses on the
Watling Estate. A lovely garden is
as much a part of the house as the
front parlour. We want by next
spring to make the grounds—the
Centre's garden—a thing of beauty.
As part of our plans we intend to
plant this autumn as many flowering
bulbs as possible—the greater the
quantity of bulbs the more lovely the
display of blossoms in the Spring.

Bulbs will be more plentiful, and
we hope cheaper, this ear. Will you
buy one or more and present to the
Association? We need, to plant in
natural surroundings, snowdrops,
crocuses, aconites, anemones, and
daffodils. Bulbs may be left at the
office.

"Spare a bulb, kind lady (or sir).
Thank you!"



To Drivers

An average of 33 street accidents
occur in Hendon each month.

This number CAN be greatly re-
duced if drivers of all vehicles:—

Drive with particular care.

Examine their vehicles for faults
and remedy them.

Give signals clearly and in good
time.

Take no chances.

Watch for the errors of others.

Approach traffic lights at such a
speed that it is easy to stop when
the "amber" light replaces the
"green."

When reaching a "pedestrian cross-
ing" let the pedestrian cross!!!

- Regulate your speed according to all the circumstances.
- Keep well to the proper side of the road.
- Make sure it is safe before overtaking.
- Exercise discretion and consideration in use of horn.
- Avoid needless inconvenience to others when changing direction or reversing.
- Try to avoid "dazzling" other road users.
- Park their vehicle so as to cause the minimum inconvenience to other road users.
- Be certain they are physically fit before driving.
- Obey the rules, regulations, and by-laws.
- Appreciate the courtesy accorded by others.
- Remember that the SAFETY of the public comes FIRST.



Watling Horticultural and Allottees' Society

Four coaches left Burnt Oak Station soon after 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 14th, on a trip to Margate. A pleasant journey through the English countryside took us through Kentish hopfields, cherry orchards and miles of undulating woods and fields, soon we joined up with more coaches of different shapes and sizes, cyclists, hikers and motorists, all happy and going some place. At a brief stopping place baskets of cherries were ordered, to be picked up on the way back. Word went round that there was little beer in Margate, so a stop was made at a village this side of the town and thoracic lubrication was guzzled with great satisfaction.

Lunch was already arranged for at the Pier Pavillion, and there the party broke up to go their own sweet ways, to promenade, paddle, swim, or eat

ice cream, of which there was a good supply—lumps of it for a tanner. Time flew by and after one long sniff at the sea we regretfully made our way to the Dreamland Car Park. All the favourite songs of to-day and yesterday were sung on the way home, and the youngsters cheered as we passed other coaches, and lo and behold! we were back at Burnt Oak. But, we'd seen the sea again. FRED LAKE.



An Apology

Mr. Hogan who has faithfully sent in reports of the doings of the Men's Club for a considerable time, is bowing his head in shame because an article which he sent in last month contained a sentence of which he was not the author. The offending sentence appeared in his report on the Men's Club outing to Worthing which said "by all accounts the members intend to have a good time, despite the fact that the ladies will accompany them?" This was not what friend Hogan wrote.

Mr. Hogan is exonerated from all blame. The editor takes full responsibility for the error.



MR. DURANT our chairman is, at the time of writing, ill in bed, in fact we have been informed that he has been having M. and B. tablets. Mr. Durant is a hard worker for the Association and we hope that by the time this appears in print he will be out and about again.

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FOLK DANCING is now very popular at the Centre. At first, with our usual British shyness we were reluctant to take up this enjoyable form of recreation but now there is not only a group for grown-ups but also a children's group.

The Challenge

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The Challenge of Peace

The gravity of the challenge presented to our generation by the harnessing of nuclear energy and its dedication to the ends of war needs little emphasis now. Man is rapidly perfecting the means of his own destruction and presenting himself with the stark and urgent choice between total peace and total war. The moment envisaged in the Atlantic Charter when "all nations . . . for realistic as well as spiritual reasons must come to the abandonment of the use of force," is at hand. Either peaceful co-operation or co-operative suicide. There is no third choice.

Only a positive response, however, to the challenge will suffice. Fear of the atom bomb is not enough, nor even international control of its destructive possibilities. Peaceful co-operation must be made a reality—first in the spirit of man and then in all the forms and institutions of human society, both national and international. World unity becomes, indeed, a clamorous necessity, and the building up of the common life of the world the most urgent and practical of tasks.

The National Peace Council has special responsibilities and qualifications for leadership in this endeavour. The Council has been foremost in recent years in directing public attention to the fundamental nature of the world crisis and to the need for a radical and constructive approach to the problems of peace. The Council has contributed notably to public understanding of the spiritual, economic and political conditions of an enduring peace.

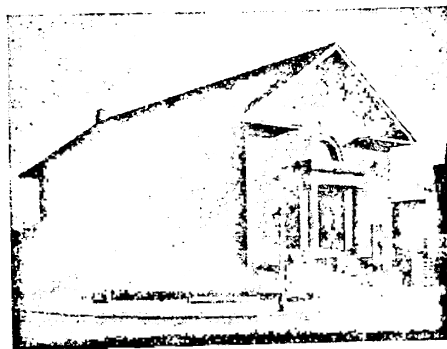
This work is now to be greatly strengthened and enlarged. The information services of the Council are to be extended; new machinery is to be established locally and nationally to

achieve a more effective co-operation between all the groups and organisations working for world community and world order. Above all the Council is to seek to build up throughout the country a body of individual associates who will utilise and make known its publications and informational services.

These plans necessarily involve a substantial increase in the Council's expenditure and all who cherish the cause of constructive peace are invited to make some contribution to the *additional* £3,000 of annual income which is needed to give them effect.



WOODCROFT HALL BURNT OAK



*You are cordially invited to
hear the following speakers
on Sunday Evenings at 6.30*

- Aug. 4—Mr. MARK KAYAN
- Aug. 11—Mr. C. F. STOKES
(Missionary from Northern Rhodesia)
- Aug. 18—Mr. P. O. ROUFF
- Aug. 25—Mr. H. THORP

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The *Burnt Oak Housewives' Club* welcomes all-comers, you need not be a member of the Watling Association or any other movement to join us. We meet in the Library at 3 p.m., if fine, we sit on the green at the rear of the Centre.

We have discussed topics like Housing, Bread Rationing, the Increase in Rail and L.P.T.B. fares, Soapless Soap, The needs of Mother and Child, The Peoples Co-op. Press, The Watling Community Association, The Nation's Food, The Health Bill. We have sent resolutions arising from these talks to John Strachey Minister of Food, Ernest Bevin Foreign Affairs, against Trade with Franco Spain, A. Barnes Minister of Transport, The Hendon Borough Council and our M.P. Mrs. Ayton Gould.

After the talk on the Community Association several of our members joined the Association and became "Resident" sellers. A number of our women had never been inside the Centre till they joined our Club. We are taking up the questions of more mothers' helps, sitters in, summer camps for school children, afternoon creches, to give mothers a break while they shop or attend women's meetings like ours. We claim to be the only Local Women's meeting active on the above needs of the people. See you Thursdays, 3 p.m.?

ELLEN LEWINGTON.

CENTRE • POINTS

By LEO

A letter is to be sent to the appropriate quarter to protest about the increase in rail and bus fares.

A superannuation scheme for social service workers including the staffs of Community Centres is under consideration.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

The Centre's publicity poster which occupies a site on the down line at Burnt Oak station is to be much larger.

A competition is to be opened to choose a design for the poster.

Mr. Molloy is to be our representative to the Arts group of the London Council for Social Service.

Sections and organisations holding meetings at the centre are being asked to provide their own stewards for the meetings.

THE FOLLOWING TRADERS SUPPORT

THE WATLING RESIDENT

Alfreds, Ladies' Outfitter

15 and 16 Silkstream Parade,
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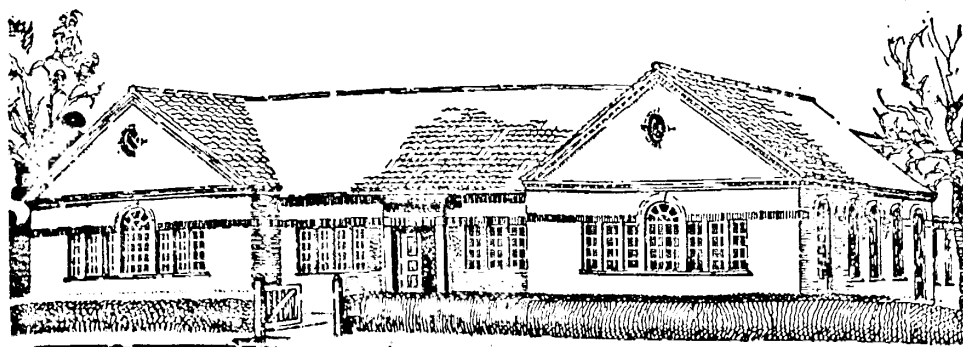
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 Folk Dancing, 7.30.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
 Weight Lifting, 7.30.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
 B.O. Co-operative Guild, 2.30.
 Dress Making Class, 2.30.
 Youth Club, 7.
 Y.C., Ballroom Dancing Class (selected)
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.

Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.
 Ladies' Ballroom Dancing, 6.30.
 Dance, 7.30.
 Weight Lifting, 7.30.
 Men's Club, 8.

Thursday—

C.P. Housewives' Club, 2.30.
 Whist Drive, 2.30.
 Young Wives' Club, 3.
 Whist Drive, 7.30.

British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.
 Youth Club, 7.30.
 Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
 Over 20 Club, 8.

Friday—

H.S.A., 6.45.
 Scouts, 7.
 The Neighbours, 7.30.
 Men's Club, 8.
 N.B.C.L.W., 8.
 Orchestra, 8.30.

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
 Social, 7.30.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14

Monday

6.30 Girls' Ballroom Dancing.
 6.30 Wolf Cubs.

Tuesday

5.30-6.30 Girls, 8 to 12 years. Gift-
 making Class
 Girls under 8—Games

Wednesday

5.30-6.30 Girls 5-8 years—Games.
 7. 0-8. 0 Girls 10-14—Folk Dancing

Thursday

5.30-7. 0 Brownie Pack (girls 7-11 years)
 5.30-7. 0 Girls' Handicrafts and Games
 (12-14).

For other events see page 11

DANCING

ANCIENT and MODERN

By F. H. LAKE

Old Time dancing is enjoying a revival all over the country, and of course the Centre—always abreast of the time, is having a go on Saturday nights. Mrs. May is an expert in this form of dancing and gives very helpful tuition. Much fun is had in the Lancers and other set dances, and it is surprising how soon people learn the different steps. A few more people, especially men, would help to make the evening more successful. Some of the younger generation would no doubt contest the suggestion that old time dancing has come to stay, but there is no doubt that there is more fun and sociability even if more vigour in old time dancing. People get together more. They feel they are in the party; whereas modern dancing is more solo work. Some of it is graceful I don't deny. It is, perhaps, more sedate but more disdainful, with never a smile, you feel they are afraid to laugh in case they get thrown out. Even in the jitter-bugging, their expression is of grim determination; as if they are having a bout of all-in wrestling, as indeed they are. There is plenty of jolly laughing in old time dancing and more romance. The gentlemen bowing and paying compliments to their partners—the ladies, in their swishing skirts, curtseying in the most charming manner. You can understand a young man leading his partner on to the moonlit verandah and proposing to her; the very atmosphere tends towards it. Is there the same inspiration in modern dancing? I doubt it.

Jottings

Adult Patrols are to be appointed to watch dangerous crossings.

By F. FANTHORPE

There is quite a lot of discussion in the Centre lately as to the virtues of old time dances as compared with those of modern style. In defence of my ideals, my opinion will be based on the fact that I am an enthusiast of modern dancing.

From what I have seen of Old Time dancing, it would seem that it is made up primarily of short foot movements, which make it impossible to gain the grace and poise which is prominent in say the modern slow Fox Trot, Tango or Waltz. The difference between the two types of dancing is based on movement of the body in each case. To the young person it is very satisfying to be able to glide very gracefully round a ballroom, but could this be done in the very sharp movements of the old time waltz?

Our friend Mr. Lake suggests that the old dances are far happier than the Modern. Personally, I can't see that dancing is judged on entertainment value, and surely it is not necessary to show everyone else that you are enjoying yourself. It is, after all a dance not a floor show. He also suggests that—it is very nice to be able to take a lady on to the verandah (as a custom of Old Time Dances) to propose to her. This being due to the atmosphere of the dance. Surely dancing should *not* be judged from its matrimonial aspects. What do you think?

Have you contributed your bulb towards the Centre's garden?

Fellowship don't miss the next meeting on Sunday, September 1st, at 3 o'clock at the Centre. Come and spend a bright and cheerful hour. You will be welcomed.

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Have you contributed your bulb to the Centre's garden?

Don't miss the next meeting, September 1st, at the Centre. Come and enjoy a cheerful hour. You are invited.

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Are you a secretary? If so, please send us news of your section's doings. We are all interested to hear of your activities.

We are also grateful to receive items of news from any reader. So if you have any complaints, ideas or scandal send 'em along.

It will cost £720 to repair the Cressingham Road, Playing Field Pavilion which was damaged by fire, the cause of which was unknown.

On and after 6th August, 1946, milk for drinking, supplied by Local Education Authorities to pupils in attendance at maintained schools shall be free of any charge to the parents.

The Ministry of Food is to join, on certain conditions with Local Authorities in relieving occupiers of private dwellings of charges for work of destroying rats.

An improvement in street lighting is under consideration by the Borough Engineer.

Important shopping centres are to be kept lighted from dusk to dawn.

Those interested in World friendship should contact the Secretary at the Centre.

In London shortly there is to be a discussion on Youth Clubs and Community Associations.

The Bright Spots are staging a new show in September which will contain one or two surprises.

It is hoped soon to open a Community Centre at Wembley. Committees have been formed and interested organisations such as Youth movements and Tenants' Associations are making plans for the Community Association's early formation.

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The third annual show of Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers, at Barnfield Road School in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital was well stocked with entries both from members of the society and in the open classes. Competition was very keen and there were some remarkable exhibits in all classes; in fact some of the vegetables were almost perfection. The show was opened by the Mayor of Hendon (accompanied by the Mayoress). The judging was by H. Bayfield, Esq., F.R.H.S., and J. E. King, Esq. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Barbara Ayrton Gould. Many fine bargains were had when the produce was auctioned.



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Burnt Oak Housewives' Club

We extend a warm welcome to readers of the "Resident," or any women who realise that Socialism will not be achieved only by voting at elections. We must all be vigilant, ready to learn and prepared to become active, to be able to go forward towards Peace and Prosperity.

We sent two delegates to the British-Soviet Friendship Conference because we know that the peoples of these powers must show their deep feelings and understanding to each other if wars between the Western Capitalist countries and the Eastern Socialist countries are to be prevented.

Our delegates also attended the Nursery Conference called by the London Women's Parliament and the Day Nursery Association.

Many women Councillors, Doctors, Matrons of nurseries attended as well as working class mothers, they aim to obtain more day nurseries, nursery schools as well as "sitters-in" and Home Helps so that the women can receive assistance and relief in bringing up the country's children. Other members of our Club attended our Borough Council meeting at Hendon Town Hall.

The Council minutes reveal that some 70 odd children are waiting to enter Day Nurseries in Hendon.

Why wasn't the Watling Avenue Nursery utilised? instead of being dismantled. We were pleased to note in the said minutes that the only working-class daily paper "The Daily Worker," can now be read in all the Borough's Public Libraries.

This Publication has been formed into a Co-op. Society, anyone can become a part owner and member with voting power and a say in the management of same.

Our women are planning to help run a Xmas Bazaar to assist the "Daily Worker" to give the people news and information of value to them in the struggle for a better life.

Our Club is determined to obtain arrangements for school children during school holidays. We think the Borough Council should provide play-centres, organised sports and games in our parks with summer camps in the country, during these school breaks. We feel that the call for the "Children's Theatre" should be speeded up in Hendon or aren't our council concerned about artistic talent in the Borough?

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"Holidays"

"I shall have to charge you extra for this," remarked the lorry driver as we swung through the respectable side streets of Sandown on the way to the station. He was referring to the noise issuing from the back of his lorry.

"We don't want no more of Sandown Camp.

"Gee Ma! I want to go home—
—two-three-four"

Twenty lusty voices roared out the words. All the way along the Front, people had looked up at the gay tune which belied the sentiment of the song, for although the holiday had

not been perfect in all respects, it was certain that there was no great eagerness to be going home. New friends had been made, new places visited; adventures, official and unofficial, had added much spice to life for one brief week, and the idea of returning to the hum-drum life of "work on Monday," did not meet with great approval from the party.

That is one of the grand things about a Club holiday. A total of thirty individuals went away; a group came back. It is so difficult to get to know people well when one only meets them on, say, two evenings per week; but living together in a holiday atmosphere teaches one many things about one's friends!

Perhaps one of the things most appreciated by the crowd from the C.Y.C., was the ability to make new friends from different clubs. Invitations were exchanged and already we have welcomed to the Centre, Sandown friends from clubs in Carshalton, Earls Court, Uxbridge and Paddington. Plans are being made for exchange visits and for these new friends to join us on cycle runs and rambles. One thing is certain, whenever old Sandowners meet, someone is sure to say, "Do you remember?"

Well, what *do* you remember? The lines of brown tents against the green field, which could be seen from the middle of Sandown itself; the sound of the sea at night, when the camp was quiet; the view across Sandown Bay from outside our tents, with the Radar Station pylons on Boniface sometimes standing gaunt and grim and sometimes appearing and disappearing in trails of grey mist, or glowing with red lights through the night. The miniature golf course, and the proud array of blue pencils worn by the "regulars"; the boating lake, and how warm it was in the evening, compared with the sea! The "Bubbly-

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I have other memories, too. The girls, arriving fresh from London and spending unlimited time and trouble on hair and face "do's"—until about Tuesday! From Tuesday to Friday, lipstick and hair curlers were less evident, but on Saturday morning, there it all was again! The boys, desperately searching for cigarettes. If there had not been a cigarette shortage, probably many of them would not have seen much of the Isle of Wight!

And—but no! Those memories are not for publication. We who are members of the Sandown Gang know what is implied by remembering fish cakes, the store tent and probably even the milk churn! Within 24 hours of arrival back in Burnt Oak, the loudest singers of "Gee Ma! I want to go home" were on their way back to Portsmouth, on bicycles, in the hope of getting back to Sandown just for the weekend. But they were unlucky.

And already the question is being asked: "Where will the Club be going for next year's holiday, Parky?"

Goodbye, Watling!

A Club member once remarked to me: "You know, Parky, you must be old—but you don't *seem* old!"

I feel very old just now, for already

I belong to the past where the Centre is concerned. Can I take you back over these past two years, and let you see things through my eyes for a space?

Truth to tell, I wasn't very thrilled about coming to Watling. After nearly three years in the heart of some of England's most beautiful country, Middlesex as typified by Watling Estate, did not look so good. Besides, there were doodle-bugs and rockets around in those days, and I had had very little experience of such phenomena and was heartily scared of the thought of them! Do you remember the one that fell in Methuen Road? That was in my first week at the Centre and my knees still feel wobbly when I remember it!

Mr. Lodge introduced me to the Club. Would I ever be able to sort them out? The Joans and Jeans, Freds and Bills—they were very different from the boys and girls I had left behind in Sussex, and often I thought back longingly to those others. Those were friends, tried and true. Watling folk seemed distrustful, and during those first few weeks I felt very much a stranger in a strange land. For one thing, I couldn't speak the language!

But as the weeks went by, I found myself better able to fix the right name to the right person. No one but a newcomer to an organisation such as this can realise how much one depends on Committees. The members of that first Club Committee were the people I learned to know best for some months, and probably that is true of all the Committees during my time at the Centre. I should like to say how much I have appreciated their backing, collectively and individually, during my time here. I feel sure the new Leader will have the same experience.

Gradually Watling wormed its way into my affections. Members of sections other than the Youth Club

showed a kindly interest in me and the work I was doing. Somehow or other, the members of one of the children's groups started calling me "Mrs. P.", and Club members found my old childhood nickname of "Parky" was an easy handle and helped to make a friendly feeling. I felt very pleased to be greeted by either of these names as I cycled round the estate!

It was really only after the Club Christmas Social that I felt "accepted." Then during the Spring and Summer of my first year the members and I learned more of one another; camps and our first holiday helped considerably. I wasn't quite sure for a long time that I should stay; an important and rather exciting job had been offered to me and I wondered whether to take it or not. But there was much to do in Watling, so I decided to stop and hoped to be here for a longer time. Last winter was a busy time; children's groups developed and the Club prospered. "The Centre Youth Club" was "on the map" amongst London Clubs, and members were, I think, beginning to feel that the Club was not just a place for cheap amusement. To be a member opened doors to other interests.

The decision to leave this work was a hard one to make, for since taking up my first appointment in May, 1940, the scope of Youth Work has in-

creased. They have been five very happy years — almost the happiest of my life. Perhaps there is a significance in the accident which caused me to start this work in the Spring, the time of planting, and to leave it when harvests are ripening. The future will prove whether the harvest is good.

There will be many times, I know, when I shall long for the noise and bustle of the Centre; when I shall be lonely for the teasing of Youth Club members. But just at present, the prospect of spending seven evenings each week indoors, with the wireless for company and an arm chair to sit in is a pleasant prospect!

Thank you, Watling, for all you have given to me during these past two years! May you go on and prosper in all your activities.

M. R. PARKINSON.

Scout News

At the time of writing, boys of the 14th Hendon are anticipating a trip to Deal for a week's camp. A party of 14 all told will be going on Saturday, August 24th, accompanied by their Scoutmaster, Mr. F. Haig. It looks as if we might be losing Reg King shortly, as he may be going into the Forces. He has done valuable work with the Troop and we hope another good man will soon come along to take his place.

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Youth Club Dance

On Friday, 18th August, the Hall was packed with members of the Youth Club who had turned up to support the second dance run by the Cycling and Rambling Section.

The first arrivals, at 7 o'clock, lent a hand arranging the hall ready for the expected rush of hopeful ticket holders.

At 7.30 the band arrived and posed for a flashlight photograph taken by the Cycling and Rambling Group's photographer, Mr. W. Kennedy.

By 7.45 the dance started in real style and members were turning up in large numbers. Then at long last our special guests began to arrive. They came from Uxbridge, Chelsea, Paddington, Kensington and Carshalton.

After everybody had got acquainted the dance went on as a good dance should, thanks to "Skipper's" able work as M.C.

Then came the great event of the evening, when amidst such cries as "fiddle!" "wangle!" and the like, the raffle tickets were drawn.

Well, it turned out pretty even, some of our guests walking off with some prizes. The winners were as follows:

N. E. Sharpe of West Drayton Youth Club, Uxbridge; Les Wallace, Sentry Club, Carshalton; L. Pope, West Drayton; Hazel Armistage, Cromwell Youth Club, Kensington; Reg Glencross, Irene Streeter, Len Taylor, Reg Tourney, William Cowley, all of the Centre Youth Club.

A special prize was awarded to the Group comedian, Bill Cowley.

After the noise had subsided Fred Cole struck up the old Sandown camp song, "Gee Ma I want to go home," and it seemed as though the roof was being taken off.

But like all good things, it just couldn't last, and so, with "Auld Lang Syne" we bid everybody "Au Revoir."

Watling Weightlifting Club

The above named club is now reopened, and men over the age of 18 years are cordially invited to join the "Iron Game."

New members will find as old members know, that Scientific Weightlifting is a means of Physical Culture, a sport and a hobby.

We train at three meetings a week: Mondays and Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. to 10.15 p.m., and on Sunday morning, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Club is affiliated to the Health and Strength League and the British Amateur Weightlifters' Association. Club teams will be entered into the London and District Weightlifting League. So members will get plenty of competition.

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Autumn Days

You will no doubt remember the report, in the June issue of the "Resident," of the visit paid to the Veterans' Club. So much did they enjoy recalling the life of their younger days that they were gracious enough to permit me once again to address them. Our intention had had been to review the National Insurance Bill and assess how well, or ill, it made financial provision for retired persons. As the Bill was not then law it was agreed that we would postpone that enquiry. We took, therefore, as our subject for discussion the needs, other than financial, of the older person that ought to be met to enable the living of a full and happy life.

Our approach was that a man and his wife, both of retired age, who had contributed to the general wellbeing of the nation were, by right, entitled to an income and environment that freed them from all possible anxiety and contributed to their physical and mental enjoyment. Let us develop the point a little more—the normal family is a man, wife, and children. Father probably started out to work when he was 12 to 14 years of age. At 65 he has contributed over 50 years of labour and skill to the wealth and prosperity of the nation. In addition he has probably been called upon no fewer than three times to defend this country against the aggressor. He is likely to have fought in the Boer War, the Great War, and worked like fury to help win the 1939-45 war. His wife has made no lesser contribution. She has tended to the needs of her husband, and thereby kept him fit for both work and war. She has played a major part in raising the next generation, and has probably likewise spent part of her time in industry, commerce,

or domestic service. Thus we have the minimum contribution husband and wife have made to posterity, enough in itself to have earned an easy old age. It is perhaps as well to state too that the contribution of bachelor or spinster is not less—only modified by different circumstances.

To return to our brief—as before, a short historical sketch was given tracing the provision made through the ages for the care of the aged. It was easy to prove that for the working class at least, it had never been adequate; and that with the passing of the years the problem has become more not less acute. According to the Beveridge Report, persons of pensionable age at the beginning of this century were 1 in 17 of the population; in 1931 they were 1 in 10; in 1961 they will be 1 in 6. Coupled with the ever rising proportion of older persons, there is a decline in the number of children. In 1901 there were more than five children under 15 years, of age for every person of pensionable age. In 1961, there will be only one such child for every person of pensionable age, and ten years later children will be outnumbered by pensioners. Put bluntly we are rapidly becoming a nation of old people. This means that in planning the future we must make greater provision for the older person than so far we have ever thought of doing.

One point made which the Veterans did not quite seem to appreciate was that because they have votes, and because proportionate to the electorate as a whole they are increasingly great in number, the greater their power to demand from those who angle for their votes the reforms and amenities they need. It is really quite simple. This country is a parliamentary democracy. The programmes of

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As on the previous occasion the audience were urged to express their point of view rather than they should listen to the innocent babblings of their juniors. To those who are concerned about old people's welfare some interesting conclusions emerged. Because of the limitations we had imposed upon ourselves and lack of time they were almost wholly concerned with housing. First and foremost there is no simple approach to the fulfilling of the Veterans' needs. Veterans, like us all, are persons, and they are keen in their likes and dislikes. Not many would like groups of houses reserved for the aged, not with all the pleasant gardens, and seats, and guest house services you may care to provide. As one of them put it, "I am old myself but it would give me the 'willies' to live only among old people. I want to mix with the young. I like to see and enjoy life." At most they would accept two or three specially designed houses for old people mixed in with ordinary homes. Some would like bungalows, some would like houses, and some would like flats. Few would like communal dining rooms, but rather more would appreciate common rooms for the aged. They were unanimous in the view that when persons were not able to look after themselves entirely (crippled as as they sometimes are with rheumatism and other ailments) the answer was not necessarily the institution—no matter how sweet the name. They should be reserved for the chronic

sick. No, the answer, in their view, laid in the provision of home helps.

Nothing so clearly emerged as the spirit of independence the Veterans displayed and all planners and politicians had better take note of it.

Footnote.—Granny Lee has a special place in all our hearts so I am sure readers will forgive the private joke when I now ask whether she thinks this issue of the "Resident" an improvement on the last. P.M.

September Diary

- Tues. 3rd Rabbit Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Wed. 4th T. & G. W. U., 8.0 p.m.
- Thurs. 5th Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
- Poultry Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Wed. 11th Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 12th S. P. G. B., 8.0 p.m.
- Fri. 13th Domino Club for the Blind, 2.30 p.m.
- Tues. 17th Rabbit Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Wed. 18th T. & G. W. U., 8.0 p.m.
- Thurs. 19th Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
- Poultry Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Wed. 25th Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
- Thurs. 26th S. P. G. B., 8.0 p.m.
- Fri. 27th Domino Club for the Blind, 2.30 p.m.

E. Sewell Harris, writes—

Dear Mr. Lake,

I can't write and thank you every time I get a good issue of the "Resident," but I have just read the August number which came this morning and want to say how much I have enjoyed it. It's a great pleasure to learn what is happening and what good progress is being made. Please thank Mr. Fanthorpe for his trouble in sending it to me.

With best wishes.

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At the August meeting of the Council the Secretary, Mr. P. Molloy, opened a discussion on "The Relationships of Youth Groups and Community Associations." Mr. Molloy began by stating that the general conception of a Community Centre, had in the past been that of the provision of facilities for Societies and Associations that individually they could not provide for themselves. Further, Community Centre provision was often thought of in terms of adult needs only. If ever that had been the dual conception at Watling, it had in the light of experience proved inadequate. Provision was now made for the needs of individuals, and groups, almost literally from the cradle to the grave.

Dealing with the provision of facilities for Youth Groups in particular Mr. Molloy stated that Watling had shown itself receptive to the needs of youth. In addition to making provision for independent Youth Groups it had of its own free will created the Youth Club as a Section—in other words it had seen the need and endeavoured to fulfil it. He thought, however, that when the needs of youth were under discussion the tendency was to think only of the Youth Club, but, he stressed, we should always remember the other groups such as the Scouts, Y.H.A., Y.C.L., and Ramblers.

He had made a rough calculation: the period when youth, in common with others, made most demands on the Centre, was from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., there were five rooms available for use, seven days a week, this meant total evening usage was 105 hours. Use by Youth, including the Wednesday and Sunday dances which were almost entirely patronised by them, amounted to 30 per cent. This, he thought, was a very fair proportion.

Youth Groups, other than the Youth Club presented no particular problem. The Youth Club was the most boisterous, most destructive, and most noticeable of the Centre's activities, and in addition was the only Section to demand the services of a full-time leader. A great deal of outside criticism of the Centre arose from the Youth—that could be borne. What was not endurable was the unenlightened criticism from within the Association from persons that could rightly be expected to have a broader outlook.

On the other hand, Mr. Molloy said, that from the purely utilitarian point of view the Youth Groups provided by far the greater number of customers at the canteen, for sweets and cigarettes, and of the Social Committee's biggest money raising efforts—the dances. All this custom meant profit, or funds, whereby the Association could maintain itself. But he preferred to look at it from an entirely different point of view. Youth was still in its formative years, and perhaps for no other section of the Community could we render greater service.

Youth Groups were an integral part of Community Centres. The Watling Centre was unable to provide proper facilities. There should be a Youth wing, but he stressed, what he was after was insulation, not isolation of the Youth Club. Another urgent need was for a Committee to whom the Youth Leader could turn. At present there was only the Executive Committee of the Association and the Youth Club was only one of its many problems. At present the Youth Leader played very much a lone hand. There should be an active Youth Club Management Committee. Again the need had been recognised and such a committee was in the process of being

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At the July meeting Mrs. Lacy spoke on the subject as planned today. She gave a varied menu, pointing out the value of the members' interest in cooking projects. Mrs. Knight expressed to Mrs. C. her thanks for her talk and had great regard for her old friend. The scone was won by a Civics Group. A September and October nominated leader promised to attend the meetings. Mrs. Lake took the leadership of the Federation Report. Seddon. In future the Guild year will be The Chairman and new members would find interest in the activities. Mrs. Lacy at the Social Association and competitions in one accord in the future. Mrs. Din give more of the sure. The next one, members of the committee.

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Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild

At the July meeting, Mrs. Graham Lacy spoke on the subject of cooking as planned today. The talk covered a varied menu, pointing out each food value. Members always show keen interest in cooking and household subjects. Mrs. Knight, the chairman, expressed to Mrs. Graham Lacy sincere thanks for her talk and said members had great regard towards her as an old friend. The competition for scones was won by Mrs. Francis. A Civics Group is being formed in September and Mrs. Chapman was nominated leader. Mrs. Morgan has promised to attend the first four meetings. Mrs. Lake has accepted the leadership of the Drama Group. The Federation Report was given by Mrs. Seddon. In future the end of the Guild year will be September 30th. The Chairman welcomed many old and new members and hoped they would find interest in the Guild's activities. Mrs. Dimond entertained at the Social Afternoon with games and competitions. All members were in one accord in the pleasure it had been. Mrs. Dimond will be asked to give more of these afternoons I am sure. The next meeting is an open one, members entertaining the committee.

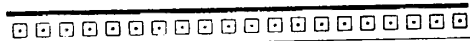
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Owing to other urgent calls, Miss Parkinson has got to leave us, and, soon after this appears in print, the new youth leader will be installed. The position of Youth leader is not so easy as it may appear. The leader is constantly on duty. Even in the "leisure" hours, ideas and activities have got to be planned and put into action. Not only have you got to give youth what is good for them but also what they like, and the art of leadership is to

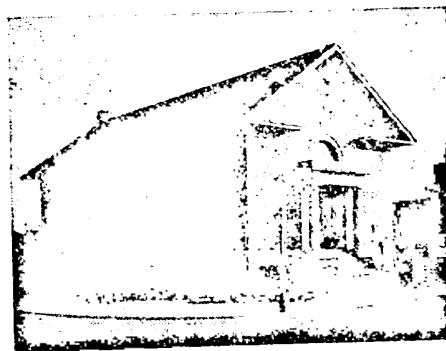
make a harmonious mixture of the two. As the editor of the "Resident" I personally thank "Parky" for her generous contributions to the magazine and for other small but useful assistance in other directions. I am sure I can thank her on behalf of readers of the *Resident*. She undoubtedly brought some good items to the Association. We hope she found good soil and we are confident her work will show good results. Good luck "Parky." Don't entirely forget us.

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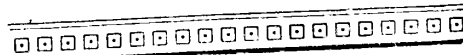


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- SEPT. 8—Mr. H. YOUNG
- SEPT. 15—Mr. R. W. McADAM
- SEPT. 22—Mr. P. T. SHOREY
- SEPT. 29—Harvest Thanksgiving Service
—Mr. R. REDENHAM GUYATT



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Is it to be only once a year that we renew the above promise to all those who have given their lives for the furtherance of peace and security in this country? Are we to be so held down by the cares and worries of this post-war world that we can give no thought to those who have given their all? Every right-minded person will answer with an emphatic "No". After having passed through the shadows of the recent war, when, from time to time we heard of some who had paid the supreme sacrifice, either in this country or in a foreign land, we vowed that their memories would live on in our hearts. As these notes are written, the raucous noise of the pneumatic drill is heard, at work on the demolition of the street shelters, and as these temporary war-time landmarks disappear, so it becomes more difficult for us to recollect our promises to those whose sacrifice has made this land, once more, a peaceful one, leaving us free to follow our normal pursuits.

It is surely, therefore, a happy thought which first led to arrangements being made for the "Common Room" in the rebuilt Centre to be looked upon as a Memorial to all those who, in the prime of life, have been taken from our midst through the agony of war. It has already been decided that, when it becomes possible to carry out the rebuilding, the design and decoration of the Memorial Room will be in keeping with this idea, as also will be the style and finish of the furniture and fittings.

The centre-piece is to be the "Memorial Roll" now in preparation, and to ensure that a complete record is kept, you are asked to send in the name and particulars of anyone known to you, who gave his or her life for our sakes in the second world

war. The Roll is to include the names of civilian as well as service folk. While the matter is fresh in your mind, do drop a line to the secretary at Watling Community Centre, and if you feel that you wish to send something along for the Memorial Fund, do so, and rest assured that, in due course, this will be used for the purpose intended and for the good of the Watling Community as a whole.

A. W. KAY.

YOUTH

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ing formed. Mr. Molloy appealed also for more voluntary workers, and for a conscious endeavour on the part of adults to become acquainted with Youth Club members.

Discussion was excellent. Mrs. Judd voiced the general desire for a Common Room where all could meet. Mr. Cole expressed the need for proper canteen provision, and in a later contribution put the whole problem in perspective by relating it to the national field. Miss Gunderson, in a most able contribution underlined the need for greater understanding of one another by both adult and youth. Mr. Bishop related his own experiences of making contact with Youth. He was supported by Mr. Bouchard. Mr. Stokes supported the contribution of Miss Parkinson, that what adults regard as bad behaviour on the part of youth was often the inarticulate cry of frustration and the failure to provide for their proper needs. Mr. Leach posed the question whether part of our difficulties were due or not to the fact that the Youth Club was a mixed one, and suggested that it might be worthy of a full debate. Mrs. Colman gave expression to the tremendous benefit derived from belonging to the Association and playing an active part.



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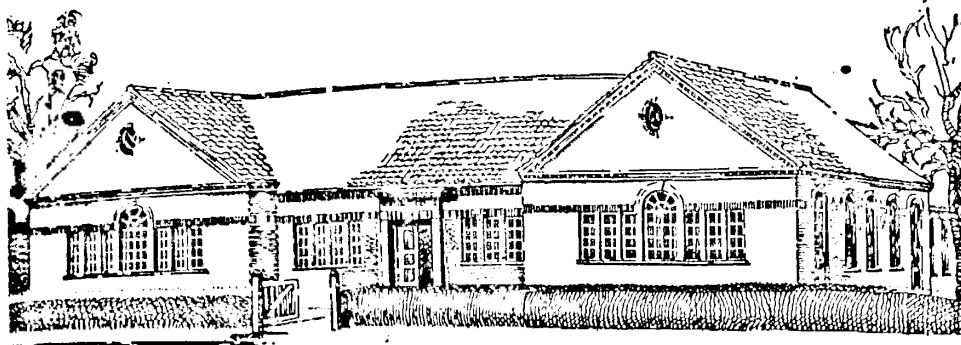
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 Over 20 Club, 8.

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Women's Adult School, 2.30.
 Folk Dancing, 7.30.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
 Weight Lifting, 7.30.
 Discussion Group, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
 B.O. Co-operative Guild, 2.30.
 Dress Making Class, 2.30.
 Youth Club, 7.
 Y.C., Ballroom Dancing Class (selected)
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.

Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.
 Ladies' Ballroom Dancing, 6.30.
 Dance, 7.30.
 Weight Lifting, 7.30.
 Men's Club, 8.

Thursday—

C.P. Housewives' Club, 2.30.
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 British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.

Youth Club, 7.30.

Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
 Over 20 Club, 8.

Friday—

H.S.A., 6.45.
 Scouts, 7.
 The Neighbours, 7.30.
 Men's Club, 8.
 N.B.C.L.W., 8.
 Orchestra, 8.30.

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
 Social, 7.30.

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Monday

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 6.30 Wolf Cubs.

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5.30-6.30 Girls, 8 to 12 years. Gift-
 making Class
 Girls under 8—Games

Wednesday

5.30-6.30 Girls 5-8 years—Games.
 7. 0-8. 0 Girls 10-14—Folk Dancing

Thursday

5.30-7. 0 Brownie Pack (girls 7-11 years)
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Jottings

The Watling Orchestra is to be asked to undertake a series of three concerts.

Tentative plans for the reforming of the Watling Association choir are now being made. Will all those interested please leave their names in the office at the Centre.

A conference on the post-war needs of Watling; is to be held and the matter is now under consideration with the Post-war Development Committee.

If the Local Government elections are contested in November, the candidates will be invited to address the public at the Centre. The suggested title for the subject of the meeting will be "Who will serve us best?"

The Discussion Group.

Future suggested meetings on International affairs should include talks on "Palestine," "India," "America" and "Russia."

It is also hoped to experiment with an "In Town To-night" feature.

Attempts are to be made to form a Film Society.

The boiler has been out of service since March when one of the plates

cracked. It appeared likely that it would not be repaired for some time yet, and visions of shivering members trying to keep a cheerful countenance might have been reality. We are informed, however, that the necessary parts have been put on rail so we should be assured of such warmth as fuel rationing will permit.

Writing after the third complete failure of the lighting system in recent months, it is an opportune moment to state that all electrical wiring and fittings are to be overhauled, and tenders obtained for improvements in lighting.

The Over Twenties having stripped the walls of the Annexe ready for re-decorating, the Weight lifters have finished the distempering and making good the walls. A Community effort for which we are grateful.

The work of levelling the land at the rear of the premises is in an advanced state, and it is hoped that, weather permitting, much of it will have been put down to grass before these notes appear.

We are grateful for all the hard work put in by Ruth Sumner, Stan Lambert, Sid Jamieson, and "Bash" Wills. It is their help that has assured such good progress.

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As already pointed out in these columns it was our intention to have 'The Hut' completely restored, and brought into use again, mainly for Youth Club purposes. The Ministry of Works rejected our first application for a Licence, and the Middlesex County Council, at our request, appealed on our behalf. A visit was paid to the Centre by one of His Majesty's Inspector's of the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry was prepared to back our application. We were confident that the Licence would be granted this time. And now—disaster! and the frustration of all our hopes and intentions.

It is still not too late to make your donation, in either cash or kind, of bulbs for the garden. Further donations have been received from the Men's Club, 10/-; Veterans' Club, 5/-; Eversfield Women's Adult School, 6/6; Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, 3/6. As a result of all the generous donations nearly 1,000 bulbs will be planted. To all concerned our grateful thanks. We shall all enjoy your generosity next Spring.

Have you any Primrose roots to spare? If you have, please let the Secretary have them. They too can be planted in the Centre grounds.

The young grass veiling the levelled ground at the rear of the Centre building is the first promise of new and pleasant lawns. Levelling work is by no means complete, but the hard work of Stan Lambert, Sid Jamieson, Ruth Sumner and 'Bash' Wills, has made such good progress possible. Any more volunteers!

Mr. Bouchard has promised to find volunteers to help him rough dig the plot of ground in front of the office.

Ere these notes are in print it may have been done.

Gates have been hung at front and back of the Centre grounds. Except for the main entrance the whole area is enclosed, this, with the restored exterior lighting, we hope will ease the task of supervising the outside of the building.

The Good Neighbours

There are fine examples of the community spirit among groups at the Centre. Some sections carry on their activities in each other's houses. The "Gay Girls" have done this for quite

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a time now and another section of the "Bright Spots" rehearsing a play, have held rehearsals in each home of the five members of the cast. Even if we ever do get all the accommodation we want at the Centre we hope that this friendly form of groups visiting will continue.

The Socialist Party of Great Britain

Mr. R. Ambridge speaking at a meeting at Watling Centre, said that the relationship between the members of modern society was based on the production and sale of commodities for profit. It had not always been so. This particular form of society was preceded by feudalism, where the relationship was based on the ownership of land. It was with the advent of power driven machinery that society underwent a revolution from the old feudal system to capitalism.

Society was now ready for another change. There existed a situation in the world today where politicians were faced with recurring problems of an apparently insoluble character, and all they had to offer was promises of reforms and palliatives of every description, anything in fact but the one thing that would provide a solution and that

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is, the removal of the cause of the trouble.

In order to end poverty and war it was necessary to eliminate the cause, and this could only be brought about by a complete change in the basis of society from that of private ownership of the means of production to one of common ownership.

In the same way that the present ruling class had used working class support to obtain parliamentary power with its control over the police and armed forces, so it would have to be the task of the workers to organize politically for the purpose of taking over the powers of government.

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There was no need for a revolution. The Socialists job was to assure workers that this is not the best of all possible worlds, and to show them the way to a better one.

Something to Interest You

The winter education programme has been launched. We cannot say yet what the success will be, but maybe a few notes about the November part of the programme will help.

On Sunday, 3rd November, the Watling Orchestra, restarted about three months ago, will give the first of a series of three concerts. These concerts really are designed to appeal to the ordinary listener. Light music, but good, is the keynote. On another page will be found the programme of the first concert. An enjoyable evening is assured.

On Friday 8th November, the first of a series of joint meetings with the Edgware and Burnt Oak Branch of the United Nations Association will be held. The subject is "The Problem of Palestine," and the speaker Mr. B. Ashkenazi. Mr. Ashkenazi was educated at Tel Aviv University, and in England, and is a Barrister-at-Law. He is an exceptionally good speaker. He is not a Zionist, nor does he believe that the Jewish problem can be solved at all by the creation of a National Home. His solution is much more fundamental. He believes that we must rid the Jew of his Jewish status. Come and hear this thought provoking speaker.

The "In Town Tonight" programme is an attempt to combine amusement with instruction. We hope each month to present two interesting personalities and subject them to twenty minutes impromptu questioning designed to give the audience a background of experience and opinion, followed by thirty minutes free for all discussion. There

will be a break for refreshments between interviews.

On Sunday, 17th November, the first 'victim' will be the Hon. Julian Holland-Hibbert. Centre users will remember Mr. Holland-Hibbert as the young man in the wheel chair who spent a few days at the Centre some time ago. He served as an officer in the Guards during the war, and received a wound that has left him paralysed from the waist down. Studying at the London School of Economics he is endeavouring to promote a £190,000 scheme to assist war comrades suffering from similar disabilities as himself.

Our other 'victim' will be Subaltern Miss Mary B. Martin, of the New Zealand Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Miss Martin came to England with the New Zealand Victory Parade contingent. At home she is a Physical Welfare and Recreation Officer. She is a charming person, and will have much of interest to tell us. Her opinions are forcibly expressed, and the comment here quoted is typical: "I never really knew what slums were until I came to England. The Houses, in what we call slums, are often better than many on your working class estates." You want to hear more? Then make "In Town Tonight" a date!

The Discussion Group will be discussing "Has the Church Failed" with the Rev. Ronald Ward, a Congregational Chaplain serving in the Army; "Is Youth a Problem?" with Mr. Frank Griffiths, Hendon Borough Council Youth Organiser; and "Does Crime Pay?"

A Ladies' slipper-making class was started on Tuesday, 29th October, and will meet weekly. It is by no means too late to join if you are interested. 3 p.m. at the Centre on a Tuesday afternoon will assure you a pleasant and instructive session. By December 25th you will have made all your Christmas presents!

Mill Hill Social Service Committee

The cutting out of red tape and the speedy relief of distress is the key note of the above committee, said Mr. Stanley G. Shaw, O.B.E., J.P., the retiring chairman at the annual meeting.

The new chairman is Mr. G. O. Lett. The hon. secretary is Mrs V. E. Wharhurst.

The treasurer reported that £1,300 had been given in relief during the year, and £2,135 had been raised. Advice was given to 3,356 cases and relief at Christmas last to 205 families. This was an increase of roughly 1,000 cases on the previous year's work. This would have been impossible without the loyal help and support of Mrs. Milborrow at the Burnt Oak office.

The committee had undertaken some 20,667 cases since its formation in 1933 and there had been few countries where the effect of its work had not been felt. They had carried out investigations for the War Office, Royal Navy, the R.A.F., and the women's services and had assisted many regarding old age pensions, widows' pensions, dependents' allowances, war service grants, etc., and

had helped in connection with utility furniture forms, lost ration books, and an amazing collection of official forms. They had supplied references, secured reductions in medical, dental and hospital fees, bargained with landlords and hire purchase firms, found employment for men and women, loaned invalid chairs, arranged hospital treatment and convalescence, dealt with income tax, helped with funerals and in some cases raised the money to meet the cost. The committee had also made it possible for wives and mothers to visit their menfolk in many parts of the country and in some cases enabled relatives to visit graves of friends killed in the service of their country. They had been able too, to help members of the Allied armies and their families. The secretary expressed deep gratitude to the women of Canada, U.S.A. and South Africa for their gifts. Much help had also been received from John Grooms Crippleage. They had raised money for removals, for maintenance of children in nurseries, and for special needs of wounded and disabled men and assisted many women who broke down in health through overwork. The report thanked the churches and many organisations for their support.

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Report on Federation Breakfast

The N.W. Federation at Heath Street, Hampstead, held its annual Breakfast, Sunday, October 6 at 8.45, a very excellent spread it was.

Five members from Eversfield Women's School and some from Burnt Oak attended.

The speaker, Barrington Whitlow, gave a very interesting address on the Future Peace.

We all thought it worth while even though it meant early rising on a Sunday morning.

Alice M. Jones.

Pres. Eversfield School.

Burnt Oak Women's Co-op. Guild

Nov. 5th Lecture. Mr. Padley.

" 12th Business.

" 19th Lecture. Mr. Padley.

" 26th Speaker. (Political).

L. WILKINS. Assis. Sec.

Veterans' Club

Despite wet weather our Veterans had a good time when they went on their second outing this year. This time it was Southend-on-Sea, by coach, and it would have taken much more than frequent showers to damp their spirits.

Some made their way to the Pier Head and watched the fishing, while others chose the Kursaal and ventured forth on the "Bumper Cars," or tried their luck at the side shows.

Tea was provided at a well-known restaurant on the sea front.

The old folks are now busy preparing for their stall in the Xmas Bazaar, which will be held at the Centre in December. They are past masters in the art of running a stall at these functions and held the record for the highest takings at last year's Bazaar.

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At the time of writing there is activity in Parliament in connection with a Bill for the erection of a statue to the late President Roosevelt, and the improvement of the garden round the site at Grosvenor Square. The estimated cost of this runs into many thousands of pounds, and a subscription list is to be launched so that all who desire may contribute to a maximum of 5/- per head. The list will probably be over-subscribed quickly as multitudes realise the debt we owe to this statesman when we were fighting with our backs to the wall. Before Pearl Harbour, and in spite of the great Isolationist element then existing in America, he was instrumental in rendering us invaluable assistance through the Lend Lease system. Although we feel that Right must conquer Might, the 1939-45 war would not have been over, in our favour, had we not received the help which F.D.R. gave us unstintingly. None the less, it is only natural that we should feel the loss of a loved one, or even a near-neighbour much more keenly than when we grieved at the passing of the man, who, tragically crippled from youth, reached the heights of the President's chair of the U.S.A. and was destined to play such a leading role in the History of the World.

Those who went from the factories, the offices, the mills, the farms, etc., and gave their all, played less spectacular but, none the less, very important parts in events since 1939. Those who went from our Estate (and a first list of these was given in last month's notes), are to have their names inscribed in a Memorial Book, to be carefully preserved in the Common Room when the Centre is rebuilt, on an enlarged plan.

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Every one of us who has survived the war owes a debt to these men, one which could never be repaid in money, yet, if every person on the Estate contributed a shilling to our Memorial Fund, we could be certain of the means of furnishing the new Memorial Common Room in a worthy style, and keeping this in first rate condition for as long as the building stands.

It is hoped that an initial start in this way will be made by friends reading these notes. Do not wait for your neighbour to start, but send right away to the Treasurer, Memorial Fund at the Centre.

Correction. In last month's notes the name of Norman E. Grant was given as serving in the R.A.F. at the time of his passing. This should have been Fleet Air Arm.

Addition:

Len Bicknell (R.A.F.) formerly of 43 Blundell Road.

Bazaar.

Our thanks are due to the Bazaar Committee for its decision to make a first charge of 20 per cent. of the proceeds for allocation to the Memorial Fund.

Fuller details are given elsewhere regarding date, etc., so please give this effort your fullest support.

A. W. KAY.

Help the Young Idea

One reads in the Press the intense enthusiasm that the local football club can manage to stimulate in the area. To run a couple of football teams on Saturday afternoons there are required team managers, trainers, secretary, groundsmen, press secretary, and committee, etc.

Also hundreds of supporters are willing to do any job required, apart from running dances, and so on, for funds.

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Well, you will ask, what is wrong with that? The reply would be nothing, but please read on.

Youth clubs and scouts in the area are all in need of adult helpers. To help the adolescent boy, or girl, to take their proper place in society, this is surely well worth while. During this period in a boy's or girl's life, the club can help considerably to organise the activities, which will help to build the future citizens.

The clubs and scouts try to arrange football, cricket, cycling, athletics, camping holidays, music, handicrafts, etc., and they would very much like your help and support.

So perhaps after we have bought our rattles and shouted ourselves hoarse on Saturday afternoons, we might pause to consider this little matter. Many of these lads receive their training in these youth clubs. So you will be helping the local football club by showing your keenness in our junior boys and girls.

H. G. LEE.

November Diary

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| Sun. | 3 | Watling Orchestra Concert. |
| Tues. | 5 | Rabbit Club. |
| Wed. | 6 | Housewives' Guild. T. & G.W.U. |
| Thurs. | 7 | S.P.G.B. |
| Fri. | 8 | Public Meeting. |
| Wed. | 13 | Drama Festival. Oddfellows. |
| Thurs. | 14 | Drama Festival. S.P.G.B. Townswomen's Guild. |
| Fri. | 15 | Domino Club for the Blind. Drama Festival. |
| Sun. | 17 | "In Town Tonight." |
| Tues. | 19 | Rabbit Club. |
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| Thurs. | 21 | Poultry Club. |
| Wed. | 27 | Oddfellows. |
| Thurs. | 28 | Townswomen's Guild. S.P.G.B. |
| Fri. | 29 | Domino Club for the Blind. |

Classics v. Jazz

Monday, 14th October, heralded the opening of our New Discussion Group. The topic was one which invariably causes much comment, and as was expected, a fairly good number of members, from the Youth Club, and the Association turned in.

Our speaker was Mrs. J. H. Liley, L.R.A.M., M.R.S.T., who is the wife of our Youth Club Leader.

Mrs. Liley is well acquainted with her subject, and a few minutes passed eight everyone was listening eagerly to the introductory remarks.

She spoke of music in its various forms and told how some of our present pieces of music dated back several *hundred* years. She concluded this little introduction by telling her audience to listen carefully to a record, which was then going to be played. She asked them at the end of the recording what they had noticed. Several answers given were very good and to the point.

A discussion followed, and after a short period another recording was tried. The speaker now told her audience of several points to watch in judging music. Another record of jazz was put on, and after this had been played a rather hectic discussion arose.

Questions were flying fast and furious but the speaker was able to give as good as she got. So many members enjoyed the discussion that it is proposed to ask Mrs. Liley to come again soon, and carry on this rather vexed question of classics versus jazz.

Watling Association Weight Lifting Club

The above named club is affiliated to the London District Weight Lifting League and the following dates have been decided upon for the home matches to be held at the Watling Centre.

WATLING I.

v. FORRESTERS

6th Nov. (Wed.) 8.30 p.m.
(North Kensington).

v. BARKING

20th Nov. (Wed.) 8.30 p.m.

WATLING II.

v. LEYTON

13th Nov. (Wed.) 8.30 p.m.

I should like to see the home club get plenty of supporters. All are welcome. We have not a strong team at present but we are going to put the Watling Club on the map for weightlifting.

R. W. CALROW.
Hon. Sec.

Youth at the Unity

At Burnt Oak Station recently a group of Youth Club members earnestly discussing every topic from horse racing to classical music. "Yes!" we were about to set off for the Unity Theatre at Kings X to see, "Gold is where you find it."

On arrival at Kings X we went careering along to St. Pancras Town Hall and eventually arrived amid such cries as, "Up the Watling!" and "Gorblimey what a dive."

From the Town Hall we went marching boldly around the corner only to stop dead in our tracks for immediately in front of us was a small gateway with the heading, "Unity Theatre."

Some bright spark commented, "No, it can't be!" and the reply was, "well let's find out." And so we proceeded to find out and believe it or not—it was!

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Unity Theatre itself as we found out wasn't much to look at but the particular comedy we went to see really was good, and believe us we sat in our seats and laughed our heads off at the antics of the Unity Players.

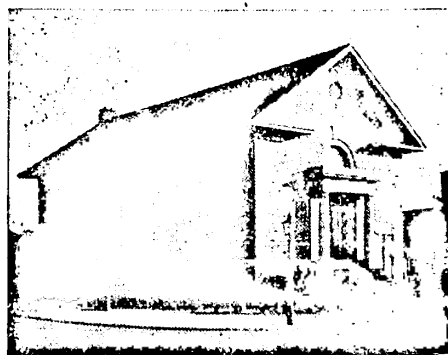
Well, like all good things it had to come to an end, and so reluctantly we got on the Underground and returned once more to the remoteness of "Little Moscow." But, even so, in the club you can still hear, "Do you remember that bloke at the Unity Theatre?"

JOHN F. DILLINGER.

Estimates for the fencing of Watling Park, Silkstream Park and Montrose Playing Fields have been accepted.

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*You are cordially invited to
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Nov. 3—Mr. J. B. WATSON

Nov. 10—Mr. MARK KAGAN
(Remembrance Service)

Nov. 17—Mr. E. S. CURZON

Nov. 24—Dr. C. WHITE

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There has never been a satisfactory definition of what constitutes a gentleman. I have been called one myself. The dictionary says, "a gentleman is a chivalrous, well-bred man; a man of good social position." But, has social position anything to do with it? There are many gentlemen on the Watling Estate—no doubt you've met them. And you can find them wherever you go. Some of the world's greatest gentlemen were born in poverty. It's not a question of being blue blooded; in fact a biologist reports that the only living creatures that are really blue blooded are snails, oysters, and lobsters. There is, however, no doubt about it that if you make money, the whole world will contrive to call you a gentleman.

People have various ideas as to the qualities which go to make up a gentleman. Confucious said, "A gentleman is one who expects much from himself but little from others." Then there is the cynic's definition: A gentleman is a man who is never rude intentionally. Or this: a gentleman is a man who does not count his change.

The schoolboy meant well when he said in his essay: "A gentleman is a man who offers a lady his seat in a public convenience." You no doubt remember the woman in the police court: "My husband is no gentleman, he puts on his trousers before his socks."

A fine definition of a gentleman was when Captain Scott the famous antarctic explorer wrote in his diary of Captain Oates who, being sick, and rather than be a hindrance to his comrades, staggered out at night into the blizzard, never to return. "A very gallant gentleman."

Then more recently, Geoffrey de Havilland the famous airman of whom it was said, "He was a very fine Eng-

lish gentleman. He died for the future of England."

Education begins the gentleman, but reading, good company and reflection must finish him. The taste for beauty and the relish of what is decent, just and amiable reflects the character of the gentleman.

What is a gentleman? Is it not one, Knowing instinctively what he should shun,
Speaking no word that can injure or pain,
Spreading no scandal and deep'ning no stain,
One who knows how to put each at his ease,
Striving incessantly how he shall please.

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One afternoon we are to visit the "Britain Can Make It" Exhibition, and twice during the summer we had a happy trip to Scotland.

During the early part of the year Miss Elizabeth Fordham, L.R.A.M., gave us three afternoons of delightful music. Other friends to whom we are grateful are, Mrs. Wharhurst, for a lovely talk on "Memories"; Mrs. Currie-Martin, who spoke on "Friendship"; Mrs. Lesty on Local Government; Miss Littleboy on "Wm. Penn"; alas Miss Parkinson whose friendship we are going to miss very much.

Mr. Molloy has spoken on Local Government, and recently provoked an interesting discussion when speaking with understanding on "Woman's Work, Past and Present."

He have welcomed Mrs. Molloy whose subject was "The Uses and Misuses of Psychology," and were very much charmed by Mrs. Molloy's friendliness and we hope she will come again.

Thanks are due also to Mrs. Nyberg, our Secretary, also to Mrs. Durrant and Mrs. Guy who have contributed to our education and entertainment.

Our members are to be responsible

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for a cake and home-made stall at the Christmas Bazaar to be held on 14th December.

Won't you come and share in our happy activities?

It Occurs to Me

BY LEO

During the war we could turn out bombers like shelling peas, but now that the war is over, can we turn out houses at the same rate.

The construction of a bomber is a very intricate and expensive job, it is a mass of delicate wires, nerves and gadgets, and yet, we turned them out in thousands.

It is a strange paradox that in comparison to a bomber a house is quite a cheap and simple matter. A row of homes could go up for the cost of one bomber. Why can't we build houses? Is it for the same reason that we seem to find it simpler to spread disease and misery in the world than to create health and happiness. The lack of houses and accommodation was the fundamental reason for the squatters taking possession of vacant buildings. There is a crying need for buildings of any sort. Buildings to live in, shops, factories. Buildings to gather in. To hold meetings in, and yet, it is heartbreaking when we know that there are some crazy minded people who have deliberately set buildings on fire.

The Scout's hut off Watling Avenue, which was burnt down a little while ago, thus, for the time being stopping some valuable youth work, and now the hut at the Centre which was so urgently needed, and which it was hoped to restore with the object of starting fresh activities to make life happier for Watling people. There are many people who gloat at the punishment of the Germans. We've got to educate them they say. There are some people in England who need educating.

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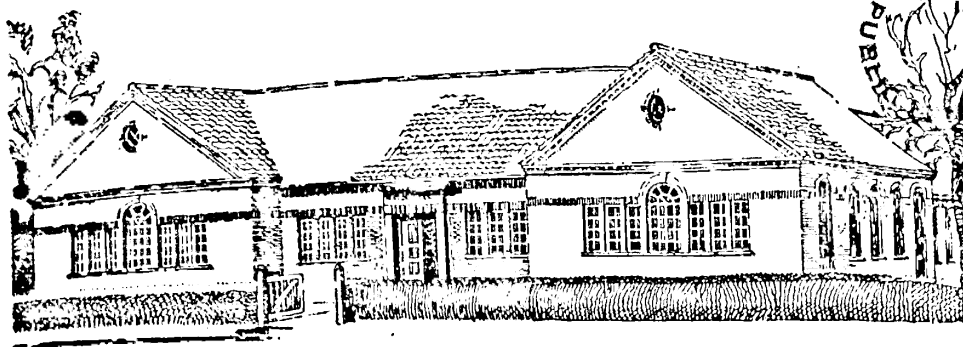
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CENTRE • POINTS

Stanley Lambert was called up in December. He is now in the Navy and enjoying it. Stan was not only one of the most active workers at the Centre, he was also Chairman of the Youth Club, and a Member of the Executive Committee.

"Taffy" Evans has been elected Chairman of the Youth Club.

Mr. Verrill, members' Representative on the Council, has resigned owing to pressure of other duties. His place has not yet been filled.

Peggy Gundersen has been elected to the Executive Committee in the place of Stan Lambert.

The appointment of Mr. Norman Craswell as "Resident Secretary" was confirmed at the last meeting of the Council.

Work on the Pavilion to convert it into additional temporary accommodation is now in an advanced state.

A new slow combustion stove has now been fitted in the annexe. We hope the recent Antarctic cold experienced there will not be repeated.

The Orchestra is now rehearsing for its next public performance at the Centre, which it is hoped will take place sometime in March.

The new stage lighting and equipment has now been installed and is

undoubtedly a great improvement on anything we have had before.

The new Guide Company was started under the leadership of Mrs. Sofaer on Friday, 17th January. There are still vacancies and any girl between the age of 11 and 14 years living on the estate will receive a warm welcome. Meetings, Fridays at 6.30 p.m.

The recent posters advertising events at the Centre displayed on the Hall notice board are entirely the work of Mr. Bouchard, and every word of praise called forth has been well and truly earned. Watch for further developments in poster work.

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By "Pip Emma"

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"Have you any sweets, please?"

"Yes, certainly. Come in. Yes, we have. Just a moment, and I will attend to you. Sorry! no cigarettes. No! not even under the counter. Let's see when did you last pay?"

"I can't remember."

"All right, I'll look it up. No, sorry we have no chewing gum."

"May I have the key of the Annexe, please?"

"Yes, just a moment. Ah! here we are. Mrs. Nylon—July 31st. How many weeks has your group met since? Wait a minute and I will check it. Here's the key. Tell the lads I'm sorry it has been so cold over there, but we are doing the best we can." Lollipops are tuppence the big ones, and a penny the small ones. The big ones are one ounce, and the small ones half-an-ounce. No! no cigarettes. Sorry, Mrs. Nylon, now we'll check your rent. Licquorice is ha'penny a piece, four for two ounces. No! no milk chocolate. Let's see, you didn't meet in August."

"Nor did we meet on the 13th September."

"That's true, but you never gave me proper notice, but we won't argue about that. Sorry, you can't have one lollipop and one piece of liquorice unless you want to loose an ounce off your sweet ration. These coupons are all two ounces."

"May I have the canteen keys please?"

"Excuse me, Mrs. Nylon. Here're the keys, and I've checked the float."

"Can't we have salmon to-night? They won't eat cheese. And weren't the buns stale last week."

"Well, we must use the cheese or the mice will have it. I'll have a word with the baker about the buns. I wish

we could get more cakes. No! no cigarettes. Now let's see, Mrs. Nylon, 16 weeks at 3s. will be £2 8s. Thanks, I'll write you out the receipt. There we are then that will be six ounces, and ninepence."

"I've only got eightpence."

"May I have the library key, please?"

"What room is the Paperhangers' Union in?"

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body has taken my last pencil. Have you got one, please? Sorry, you can't have six ounces of sweets unless you've got ninepence."

"I can't open the library door."

"May I use the telephone, please?"

"Certainly. I expect somebody has bolted it on the inside. Take the A room key and go over the stage. Thanks, Mrs. Nylon. Here's your receipt. What, now you haven't got enough money!"

"Mrs. Rampart says have you any more milk, and can't you spare a little more sugar? To-night's a busy night, and she doesn't think there will be enough tea."

"May we have the radio-gram and records, please?"

"Can you change sixpence, please? I want to pay for the telephone call."

"Yes, take care of it, it's a new one. You had better come back for the records. Tell Mrs. Rampart I'll see her presently. Here are your six pennies. Alright, Mrs. Nylon, I'll hold the receipt until you call next time. Righto! Sonny, bring the other penny back."

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Yes, you are quite right dear reader. It is only the office at the Centre, any night between 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

Association Diary

Sunday—

Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.
Sunday School, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Over 20 Club, 8.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.
Folk Dancing, 7.30.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Discussion Group, 8.
Concert Party, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
Dress Making Class, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Girls' Keep Fit, 7.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.

THE WATLING RESIDENTS

Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.
Dance, 7.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.

Thursday—

Whist Drive, 2.30.
Slipper-making Class, 3.
British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.
Youth Club, 7.30.
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
Whist Drive, 8.
Over 20 Club, 8.

Friday—

Girl Guides, 6.30.
H.S.A., 6.45.
Scouts, 7.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
N.B.C.L.W., 8.
Orchestra, 8.30.

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
Social, 7.30.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14

Monday

Cubs, 6.30.

Tuesday

5.30-6.30 Girls, 8 to 12 years. Gift-making Class

Thursday

5.30-7. 0 Brownie Pack (girls 7-11 years)
5.30-7. 0 Girls' Handicrafts (12-14).

Friday

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Members' Dance, 7.30.

February Diary

Tues.	4	Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.
Wed.	5	Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Thurs.	6	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Wed.	12	Housewives' Guild, 2.30 p.m. T.G.W.U., 8 p.m.
Thurs.	13	S.P.G.B., 8 p.m.
Fri.	14	Domino Club for the Blind. 2.30 p.m.
Tues.	18	Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.
Wed.	19	Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Thurs.	20	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m. Poultry Club, 8 p.m.
Wed.	26	Housewives' Guild, 2.30 p.m. T.G.W.U., 8 p.m.
Thurs.	27	S.P.G.B., 8 p.m.
Fri.	28	Domino Club for the Blind. 2.30 p.m.

THE WATLING RESIDENTS 14th Anniversary Celebrations JAN. 1

Although the celebrations were well attended, there was a noticeable drop in the number of dances at some of the parties compared with previous years. However, those who did attend enjoyed the programme very much. Youth opened the celebration evening with a performance by the C.Y.H.A., Edgware Y.C.L.

This was followed by a Social on Wednesday evening, for adults, and organised by the Committee with M.C.

There was a special Whist drive on Thursday evening with top prize on the table. Cook was the special guest. Mrs. Crowe 2nd prize. Mrs. Davis first prize. Second half. Cook by Messrs. Tu. Roy, Royal, E. Gunderson. C. Deacon and

"Full House" on Friday when the programme presented there with never a dull moment. Performance was after noon for 18th being the opening of the decided to have a Dance on the

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14th Anniversary Celebrations at the Centre

JAN. 14th—18th

Although the programme of celebrations was well up to standard there was a noticeable drop in the attendances at some of the functions compared with previous Anniversaries. However, those that did attend greatly enjoyed the programme prepared for them. Youth took the lead and opened the celebrations on Tuesday evening with a special Social organised by the Centre Youth Club, Y.H.A., Edgware Ramblers and the Y.C.L.

This was followed by another Social on Wednesday evening for adults, and organised by the Social Committee with Mrs. L. Nyberg as M.C.

There was a good attendance at the Special Whist Drive with £5 as the top prize on Thursday evening. Mrs. Cook was the successful winner with Mrs. Crowe 2nd, Mrs. Dawling 3rd, Mrs. Davis first half, Mrs. Edith second half. Other prizes were won by Messrs. Topping, William, Bill, Roy, Royal, Kenning, Weighell and Gunderson. M.C.s were Messrs. C. Deacon and A. Lord.

"Full House" notice was put up on Friday when the "Bright Spots" presented there Pantomime "Aladdin," with never a dull moment. A repeat performance was given on Saturday afternoon for the children. January 18th being the actual date of the opening of the Centre, the Committee decided to hold the "Supper and Dance" on that date this year.

In the absence of our "President" through illness, Mr. Durrant, Chairman of the Council, presided. Among the guests present were County Alder-

man Mrs. E. Daniels (Chairman of the Middlesex Community Centres' sub-committee), who proposed the Toast to "The Centre," Mrs. Gwynne Jones, Hon. Solicitor, who suitably replied, Mrs. Patterson from S.W. Stanmore Community Association, Mrs. Mills Kingsbury Community Association, Mr. Welch Cannons Park Community Association.

A most cordial welcome to the Centre was given to the visitors by our Secretary, Mr. Pat Molloy. Mr. Welch replied on behalf of the visitors.

Mrs. G. Lodge and her "Nippies" are to be congratulated for the splendid menu they prepared for the Supper, despite the difficulty of rationing and a Transport Strike that was on at the time. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing with Mr. P. Molloy as M.C.

To The Editor, Watling Resident

Sir,

Having just returned from the second of the Sunday concerts provided by Mr. Wilkinson and his Orchestra, I wish to express my appreciation of their efforts; at the same time thanking them for a very enjoyable evening.

This is a venture which deserves much more support than it has so far received and I feel sure that the attendance would be much larger were the quality of the performance more widely known.

That is why I am writing this, my first contribution to the columns of the *Resident*, and hope that in time we shall see a full hall for each appearance of the Watling Orchestra.

A. F. BOUCHARD.

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YOUTH CLUB DANCE

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Editorial

EDITOR MR. N. C. CRASWELL

Back again, your own youth page. Some of you may remember this page appeared in the Resident at the early part of the War but it was rather short-lived owing to the rather unsettled circumstances of youth organisations in the District. Now we are able to settle down again and we are reviving this idea.

I want you to know that this is your own youth page, its success largely depends on you, if you have anything you think would be of interest to youth in the district, any item of news, let me have it. Then again if you write poetry send in your effort, if you have a good joke (clean ones) let me have that also. It is up to you.

By the 13th of next month I hope to see a desk load of articles, etc., for this page and if we cannot fit yours in one issue we will, of course, fit it in the following. "SKIPPER" CRASWELL.

Youth Night

1/6d. please, were the first words I was greeted with as I entered the Centre on Tuesday evening. It was Youth Night in Anniversary week and the greeting was from Ken who was on the job handing out the tickets. Well after digging well down in my pocket I managed to find the required sum and was allowed to pass into the hall to the accompaniment of Spike Jones and his City Slickers playing, "Cocktails for two."

It was a real pleasure to see the members of the four youth organisations of the Centre in the same hall for the same purpose, namely to en-

joy themselves, as part of the evening was devoted to games and competitions. A good deal of hidden talent was discovered in the game of Forfeits but the high light of the evening was, "Feed the Baby" Competition. The girls for the mothers and the boys, naturally the babies. The object was to finish feeding the baby in the shortest time, the feed consisted of a large slice of Malt bread and one bottle of lemonade complete with teat and what a time those mothers had to feed their babies, some of them managed to drop their babies several times and others were using the feed as hair oil. The best baby of the evening was John Dickens of the Edgware Ramblers, the best mother, Jessie Simmons, also of the Edgware Ramblers. Other prizes were awarded to John Dickens of the Edgware Ramblers and one of the forfeits. Spot prizes were presented to Miss Barbara Clayden and Mr. Endon Shipley both of Y.H.A. Statue Waltz was won by Miss May Bye and Mrs. Dorothy Cernaik, both of the Edgware Ramblers. The Illumination dance was won by Mr. John Rawlings and Miss J. Pierce both of the Y.H.A.

The evening was aimiably M.C'd. by Frank Cernaik. SKIPPER.

Xmas Party

Saturday afternoon saw several club members with B.U.'s in their hands going into various bakers and enquiring whether they were in possession of any cakes suitable for feeding the hungry mouths of 120 Youth Club members.

Sunday morning found these members struggling with loaves of bread, buns, cakes and margarine and asking

each other in the best method to transform themselves into something.

By 3 o'clock members were in pretence of putting etc., etc., and were nearly all the time and were demanding something.

After tea, temporarily "cracked" was ready to give a show of which was done on the spur of the moment.

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By 3 o'clock approximately fifteen members were rushing around on the pretence of putting up decorations, etc., etc., and when 5.30 came around nearly all the members were seated, and were demanding a "cup of char and something to eat."

After tea, everybody went temporarily "crackers" until Mr. Jamison was ready to give us a very presentable show of his conjuring tricks (which was done quite voluntarily and on the spur of the moment).

When Mr. Jamison had concluded, everybody came back to the Common Room in a more sober frame of mind, and from then until 10.30 we had a short session of "all-in" dancing, which was ably "M.C'd" by "Skipper."

I think we can safely say that everyone had an enjoyable evening thanks to the co-operation of the club members.

Edgware Rambling Group

The Sunday rambles and hostelling weekends organised during the past month have been well attended, despite the bad weather which seems to be prevalent at weekends. A party of thirteen group members spent Christmas at Blackboys Youth Hostel, in Sussex, together with members of other local groups, and a large section of the party stayed for several nights after the holiday, and thoroughly explored the surrounding countryside.

Attendances at both weekend and social functions are good, but there is room for a few more members, and should anyone interested in rambling

WATLING ASSOCIATION P.T. & BOXING CLUB

Every Monday

P.T. 7 to 8

BOXING 8 to 10

care to join, they would be most welcome. The groups meet from 7.30 to 10.30 at the Centre every Wednesday, and particulars can be obtained from the deputy secretary, Johnny Dickens, at 92 Orchard Grove, Edgware.

Group members took part in the Watling Christmas Bazaar, and organised several side-shows and a fortune teller, and the social programme included a fancy dress party on the Wednesday before Christmas, of which the judge was an American visitor to the Centre, who awarded prizes to Tweedledum and Tweedledee, a masculine WREN, a Dutch girl and a nun. The rest of the programme contained something of interest for all members, and was as thoroughly enjoyed as always

3rd Watling Brownie Pack

This Pack is now in action again. We have performed a little play during the Christmas Bazaar, and on January 3rd took part in a Carol Service at St. Alphage Church, and are very grateful to Father Moore and the kind people who entertained us to tea and games afterwards.

Brownies from Australia have sent the Brownies of this district a parcel of good things to eat and a party is being arranged in which we are to share. They sent us very friendly greetings and we are writing back to them and will be very thrilled to read of the activities of our new friends of this distant land.

We are sorry that Miss Parkinson had to leave us. We thank her very much for having been so kind to us and look forward to seeing her sometime when she may be in Edgware.

Sleep My Pretty One

By F. H. LAKE

*How many of my poorest subjects
Are at this hour asleep! Sleep, gentle
sleep,
Nature's soft nurse, how have I
frighted thee,
That thou no more wilt weigh my
eyelids down,
And steep my senses in forgetfulness?
Henry IV's Soliloquy on Sleep.
Shakespeare.*

When your're safe in the arms of Morpheus, you are not being cuddled by your mother, or your favourite blonde, but in the arms of the God of sleep; in other words you are having a snooze.

Loss of sleep can be more fatal than loss of food or drink.

The maximum amount of sleep a man can go without is about ten days. Some people need more sleep than others. Happy people need less sleep than unhappy people. Some old people need only four hours sleep a day. The most certain way of keeping people awake is to dump them in a strange place.

There was a case some years ago of a Russian soldier who, during a bombardment received a shell splinter in his skull. He forgot what sleep was like. He went to bed at 1 a.m. and got up at 3 a.m. and during those hours he closed his eyes and listened to the gramophone or radio. During the day he read the papers and the Bible. He smoked a pipe day and night. The most amazing thing was that the lack of sleep did not affect his health. Doctors were unable to help him.

Soldiers have been known to sleep in a sense on the march, but actually only a portion of the brain goes to sleep.

Nature has appointed certain hours for sleep and in those hours alone, we

get the fullest benefit.

According to a scientist there are two kinds of sleepers.

He watched a number of people sleeping at various hours of the day and examined them when they woke.

He discovered that most people are most refreshed if they take a large part of their sleep before midnight. Only a small section of people derive most benefit from sleep taken after midnight, so that the habit of going to bed early is to be commended.

DO YOU SNORE?

Snoring is a very unpleasant habit, and there are various suggested cures as indicated below:

"Put a slow-melting gum-drop in your mouth. Holding it in place will automatically keep the mouth shut."

"Put a couple of grains of menthol crystals (bought cheaply from any chemist) in a jug of very warm—not boiling—water and inhale the steam. You wear a towel round your head so that none of the scent is wasted on the empty air. Do this just before bedtime; it clears the head wonderfully."

"Tie a handkerchief round the face as though you were suffering from toothache. Draw it firmly round the chin, but not so as to be uncomfortable. That'll stop snoring."

A doctor says: "Deep sleep so relaxes the muscles that the lower jaw often sags down until the airway in the throat is partly blocked. That's when the snores come—especially from thick necked, elderly, or very tired people."

Keep the chin up by lying on one's side or wearing a rubber sponge fixed to the pyjama collar.

If you're sleeping out in a deck chair, prop up your head so that it almost touches your chest and not a quaver disturbs the air.

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They say a cotton reel or a cork can cure snoring automatically.

You thread a short piece of string through an empty reel and fix with a safety pin to the back of the pyjama or nightdress. This stops the sleeper turning on his back and snoring or makes it uncomfortable to do so. A large handkerchief tied in a knot will do as well.

But probably the best and most permanent cure of all is to tackle the root cause and improve your breathing.

Yawning is "infectious." A yawn means:—

In a man, too warm or bored; in monkeys, anger; in dogs, boredom or bewilderment.

14th Hendon Scouts

Preliminary arrangements are being made for camps for the coming season. It is suggested that the first camp will be held at Mote Mount where it is hoped to get all new boys through their Tenderfoot tests. Then various weekend camps will be held at sites in the surrounding countryside. We shall probably spend a week at Deal sometime in August by which time it is hoped new boys will have passed their 2nd class tests. Skip. Craswell hopes to get his A.S.M. Warrant in the near future he is already doing good work with the Troop

Hendon Youth Committee

Arrangements are being made for a drama course for youth leaders. The charge for the course is 2/6d.

A musical festival is being held for Hendon and district. Various halls in the area will be used. It is hoped that youth organisations will take an active interest in the project.

It is possible to spend a holiday abroad this year. Particulars from the World Friendship Association, 29 Portman Square, W.C.1.

A six months part-time course for voluntary leaders and helpers in boys' clubs can be had by suitable trainees.

Middlesex C.C. youth leaders and helpers course on practical aids to the Youth Service will be held in Hendon on March 1st and 2nd. The subjects to be dealt with are Music. Drama, Discussion, Puppetry and Handicrafts.

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LADIES' PAGE

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

At the Annual Business Meeting all members were thanked for having helped to keep our meetings running smoothly during difficult times. Mrs. Nyberg is again our Chairman; Mrs. Pratten, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Durant, Secretary; Mrs. Lake, Treasurer; Mrs. Griffin, in charge of the Register; Mrs. Richardson, Social Secretary, and with Mrs. Durant responsible for the arrangement of our programme, we look forward to another good year.

Mr. Liley has given an interesting survey of social progress during the past hundred years; Mr. Hobson, M.P. for Wembley described his experiences during his visit to the Continent. We had a very comforting talk by a Spiritualist, and a description by a Member of U.N.O., of a period during the war when he was detained by the Germans in France.

On 9th December twenty members and friends visited the Britain Can Make It Exhibition in Kensington.

The Reverend Hugh Parry, the new Minister of Eversfield Congregational Church was warmly welcomed on 6th January when he related some interesting and amusing accounts of his career as a speaker at the Marble Arch.

In addition to new members, whom we invite to our School we would be happy to have old members with us again.

Women's Co-op. Guild

Feb. 4th Business.
 „ 11th Lecture. Current affairs. Mr. Brown.
 „ 18th Speaker: Mrs. M. Millar.
 „ 25th Lecture. Current affairs. Mr. Brown.

New members welcome.

L. WILKINS. Assis. Sec.

Aprons

Don't throw away a torn rubber apron. Cut a circle from it large enough to fit the top of your shopping basket and always carry it in the basket. If a sudden shower comes while you are out shopping you can cover the contents of your basket with the waterproof, and they will keep dry.

Hanging Rubber Aprons.—If hung over a nail, the rubber soon wears out. Slip an empty cotton-reel over the nail, or put a nail in with reel already attached.

Ordinary mackintosh aprons are not very practical on washing day because splashes of water run down and drip on to your shoes.

If you stitch a double thickness of Turkish towelling along the bottom—about 3 in. deep—this will absorb any wet that runs down the apron and prevents your feet and stockings from getting wet.

Worn and slippery steps on the household stepladder should have strips of emery cloth tacked to them so that the foot grips them easily and accidents are less likely to occur.

A Ladies General Handicraft Class

will commence on Thursday, 6th Feb.
2.30 p.m.

under the instruction of
MRS. E. SPAUL

Bags, Mitts, Smocking, Edging,
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throw away a torn rubber apron. Cut a circle from it large enough to fit the top of your shop-
et and always carry it in the pocket. If a sudden shower comes on you are out shopping you can use the contents of your basket waterproof, and they will

g Rubber Aprons.—If hung by a nail, the rubber soon wears out. Put an empty cotton-reel over the apron or put a nail in with reel attached.

ry mackintosh aprons are not practical on washing day. Splashes of water run down on to your shoes.

stitch a double thickness of twinning along the bottom—in. deep—this will absorb that runs down the apron keeps your feet and stockings staying wet.

and slippery steps on the stairs and stepladder should have an emery cloth tacked to them. The foot grips them easily and are less likely to occur.

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By no stretch of imagination could anyone seriously say that we are now living in peace-time. On the other hand, we are at the transitory stage between total war and normal peace. The stress and anxiety of the nights of black-out may now be ended, but it is apparent that countless thousands are suffering from a form of "Malaise" or dis-ease. At the time of writing, the rank and file of the transport section of industry have taken matters into their own hands, with a view to the enforcement of certain concessions claimed. In the main—as usually happens when such industrial disputes arise—it is generally the ordinary folk who suffer. All clear-thinking people will appreciate that the sooner these matters are cleared up, the sooner we will be able to return to normal peace (not necessarily pre-war peace) conditions. After all, it is for this that our men, supported by the women, fought and in all too large a proportion gave their lives. Is this all to be in vain? In our Association, we are non-party political, and welcome all shades of opinion, but one and all must see that a larger spirit of "Give and Take" must come into our daily lives. In the meantime, we are steadily working

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ALFRED W. KAY.

Whist Drives

After many requests, it has been decided to hold whist drives again. Through the lead of Mr. S. Davis, as M.C. we hope to make a great success of these drives. We are now giving £5 top, Miniature and Big all in one, admission 2/6d. commencing at 8 o'clock every Thursday. We sincerely hope and look forward to your support. Thanking you.

C. R. DEACON.

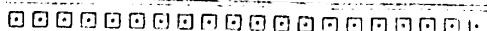


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Feb. 16—E. S. CURZON
Feb. 23—Mr. H. C. HARLAND



Speed

The elephant is not so slow. The African elephant, weighing 5 tons, and as big as a 'bus, has charged at 25 miles per hour. The rhinoceros is a little faster and charges at 28 miles per hour. Buffaloes have overtaken cars at 35 miles per hour.

Lions sometimes travel at 50 miles per hour.

The fastest travelling animal is the cheetah, which has been timed at 70 miles per hour. It has done nearly 80.

The American racehorse "Man-o-War" did a quarter-of-a-mile at 43 miles per hour.

The average speed for the Derby is 35 miles per hour.

A greyhound does 36 miles per hour and a kangaroo 45.

The tortoise does a stately 1/10th mile per hour.

A frog can leap six feet and a flea thirteen inches.

The alligator may seem a creeping reptile—but it can run as fast as a horse.

The duck hawk (falcon) is the fastest bird—it dives at about 180 miles per hour.

The Pantomime "Aladdin" presented by the Bright Spots Concert Party was given to audiences representing three generations. First on Friday evening 17th January, to the average adult audience, then next day to children and on the following week to the Veterans' Club.

Cars in Watling Avenue

Since we drew attention to the number of cars lining Watling Avenue during the busy weekend shopping time we actually witnessed an accident to a little girl who darted through some cars into the road smack into a car which she could not see approaching.

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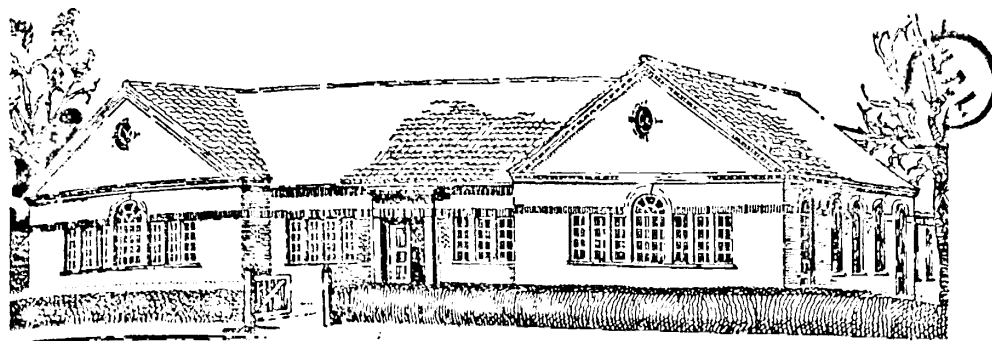
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FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14

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5.30-6.30 Girls, 8 to 12 years. Gift-
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5.30-7. 0 Brownie Pack (girls 7-11 years)
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Wednesday—

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Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
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Thursday—

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YOUTH NEWS

Football

Watling took the lead in the first ten minutes through Lewis taking the ball neatly on the turn. This goal set the Watling forwards in motion, with fast inter-passing they soon forced a corner, an excellent one by Lewis resulting in Rogers heading the second.

Taking the ball at the half-way line the Electric's winger, beating both Watling backs on his way, shot low to beat the goalie as he ran out. More pressure by Watling lead to another goal before half-time.

In the second half despite the fact they were kicking against the wind Watling ran riot. They split the Electric's defence at will and made it look easy to add the other five goals.

ROSA.

Club Social

Walk up! Walk up! The greatest leg show this side of Hollywood, anything from Ginger Rogers to Betty Grable, don't rush boys, it's all over now, but those who were at the club social last month certainly had an eye-full. This was only one of the many items that went together to make a very enjoyable evening for all those present. The Pathfinders' Swing Band were in attendance and Len Rogers was M.C.

Many records were broken that night, the most noticeable when Bill and Pat were taking part in the Great Lovers' Contest. It has been said theirs was the longest kiss placed on record. Never did so many wait so long to see so much. Later on in the evening we were given an exhibition on how not to dance by the Palais boys.

This was the second in the series of socials organised by the youth of the Centre.

TAFFY.

Watling Boys' Club

The Watling Boys' Club have visited many clubs in and around London this year, and enjoyed some very interesting inter-club competitions. We hope to meet many other clubs this summer, on the cricket, and athletic field.

The Junior Football Team have not lost a game in the Hendon Youth Committee league since 1944. The Golders Green Methodist team have given them some very interesting games this season. In the first game we won by 6 goals to 2 and although the Golders Green team expected to win one can admire their fine spirit. The singing and fun in the dressing rooms after the game showed us what good sportsmen they are. A fine team. In the second game they forced us to a draw. We are meeting them in the Hendon Youth Committee Cup Competition on the Hendon F.C. ground in May. We hope many Watling people will come along to support the boys.

The first team in the Hendon and District League have done very well this season. This is their first year in more senior football and they have played some real good football.

Many of the boys are going Youth Hostelling this summer for their holiday. Two sections, Senior and Junior, will be going to Devon.

At Easter the Junior football team stayed as the guests of the Southend Youth Club and played them at football on the Easter Monday.

H. G. LEE, Club Leader.

A party of 42 members booked seats for the Palladium show on Friday, April 25th. The idea originated from the "Bright Spots" who have also other bright ideas for further outings.

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The Re-awakening

As these notes are written, we have had a few days sunshine, more than welcome after the worst winter in living memory. In all directions there are signs that plant life has, by no means, been entirely dormant whilst the ground has been covered with masses of ice and snow. The trees are bursting into bud, multitudes of bulbs are giving forth their shoots, and, before very long Dame Nature will, once more, prove that life is eternal. It cannot just be dismissed as superstition that man sees in the annual revival of plant life, obvious proof that behind all these things there must be a Master Mind at work.

The miracles of plant life are surpassed by those of animal life, and even more so in the case of Man with his abilities, intellect and power. Leaving aside the question of Man's misuse of these privileges, it must be obvious to any thinker that, parallel with Nature, life must carry on, even if it is in a different form to that which we now know. Those amongst us who have lost relatives and friends in the World Wars would be amongst the first to appreciate that life would be a joke in the worst possible taste if babies were to be born, nurtured and nourished, cared for, educated, launched out into the busy world, and then, as a result of evil action on the

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There are many who strive to follow the will of the Master Mind, whom they call God—the unknown—especially as given in the example of Jesus Christ, and they derive great comfort from the knowledge that Christ showed that death was not the end of everything.

At the present stage of our development, there is little that can be done to establish direct contact with those who have passed into the "great unknown," but we owe it to them to take steps to commemorate their stay on this earth. All readers must, by now, be aware of the intention of the Council of the Watling Community Association to incorporate in the new building (so anxiously awaited) a Common Room which will be in every way a worthy Memorial to those who, through the evil of war, no longer walk the streets of our Estate, or go about their normal duties and pleasures. The writer is the present secretary of the Committee appointed to look after matters connected with the Estate Memorial, and will gladly deal with any questions which might arise in this connection. Enquiries may be sent to him at the Centre, or direct to his home at 21 Banstock Road, Edgware. ALFRED W. KAY.

Youth Hostels Association

Easter and the better weather have sent the outdoor activities of the Hendon Group of the Youth Hostels Association ahead with renewed spirit, after the very hard winter. There have been working parties at Jordans, Gt. Ormonde Street, and Hemel Hempstead Hostels.

During the Easter holiday, Hanington, Croscombe, and Milford Hostels were visited, there were also day walks and day cycle runs.

The walkers will be hostelling at Tolsworth Manor, Hemel Hemp-

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stead, Speen, Jordans, Crockham Hill, and May, whilst living in the hostels. Holmbury, Henley, well hostels.

Thursday evening programmes have been held, "Trial," where the Shipley was found guilty of breaking the Youth Hostels Trust. Q. Hughes, Rene B. Peter Kariel, R. Gillard exerted their opinions on the British, American films, and Government beauty spots for the "Organised Game" held, and later a Lesson in Map by Ken Jones, with Group Map L. followed by a discussion on Management and the special meeting given by Breese, to members upon their return.

A full programme for Thursday evening will be sent to any application to the hall Drive, N. Watling Centre, or at 8 p.m.

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Thursday evening (group night) programmes have included a "Mock Trial," where the defendant "Chip" Shipley was found "Not Guilty" of breaking Youth Hostel rules, a "Brains Trust Quiz" in which Joyce Hughes, Rene Buer, Doreen Claxton, Peter Kariel, Ron Walford, and Ray Gillard exerted their knowledge, and opinions on Capital Punishment, British, American and Continental films, and Government requisition of beauty spots for Army training. An "Organised Games" evening, was also held, and later still in the month a Lesson in Map Reading was given by Ken Jones, with the assistance of the Group Map Library, this was followed by a discussion of Y.H.A. Management and Administration.

A special message of welcome has been given by the Secretary, Kath Breese, to members recently demobbed upon their return to the group.

A full programme of weekend and Thursday evening arrangements will be sent to any Y.H.A. member, upon application to the secretary, at 7 Copt-hall Drive, N.W.7, or come to the Watling Centre, any Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

The shortage of coal which we have been experiencing has made us realise more fully the importance of the men on whom we depend for this necessity. Mr. Rogers, the new Youth Leader who has lived and worked among the miners of South Wales, gave us, on 17th March, a first-hand account of the life of the miner, showing how recent improvements have resulted in the easing of the burden of life in the mines, and also the drudgery of the life of the miner and of his wife before the introduction of Nationalisation.

The recent increase in our rates was questioned by members, and Mr. Molloy explained on 14th April, in the course of his talk, on the development of Local Government that the money thus obtained is used for services rendered. The improvements effected by the new Education Act are responsible for part of the increase also the growing cost in general administration. It was agreed after an interesting discussion that we do get good value for our money.

A happy social has been held at which we were very glad to have with us Mrs. Molloy who brought with her, little John, her adopted son who entered delightedly into all our fun.

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It always amazes me that we folk who value Democracy so highly that we fought a War to establish it for others, so often fail to use our votes when the opportunity comes.

During the war years, as is usual when great sacrifices are demanded from the ordinary people, all political parties combined in promising great reforms when peace returned. All were agreed that a people who could withstand the Blitz, could gear up production, and serve so valiantly in the armed forces, deserved a better life than they had had between the wars; had, for instance, the right to demand health services, education, and recreational facilities of the highest possible standard. Yet, many complained because elections were suspended, and when the general election came, an unusually high percentage of electors recorded their votes, and demonstrated in no uncertain way, that this time they expected war time promises to be fulfilled.

That was less than two years ago, but already the old apathy is creeping back, particularly in County and Borough Council elections. Perhaps some, not realising fully just how great were the demands of six years of war upon our resources, are disappointed because life has not suddenly become easy, and are wondering

if after all, one party is so different from another: some, perhaps, have forgotten that in the old days when shops were full, pockets were often empty, and the laden windows meant nothing to them: and others, perhaps, think that having once voted they have done their duty for good and all, and can now sit back and get their reward. To all of these, I could say much, but at the moment, I merely ask them to look a little deeper than the headlines of the Daily Papers, and to do a little serious thinking for themselves.

The people with whom I am at the moment concerned, are those who

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do mean to vote, but somehow just don't get to the polling station. Perhaps they forget, and are reminded by someone knocking at their door just as they are making beds or preparing dinner. So they say, "I can't come now,—I'll go when my husband comes home." And possibly they are called on later, just as hubby is having his meal, or a well-earned sit down after it. And then, of course, the children must be put to bed. And before they realise it, it is almost time for the poll to close. So they say "my vote won't make much difference, I'll leave it till next time."

Their votes would make a difference, and I want to appeal to every one to resolve that in future, whatever the difficulty and inconvenience, they will vote this time. And to remember that everyone can't vote between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. It takes far less time to vote during the day, when the booths are empty. Can't those of us whose work permits, vote in the morning? Why not vote on the way to the shops—or make a special jaunt in the afternoon, (even if it does mean skipping a room for once)? And can't the workers sometimes vote on the way home, even though they are anxious for a meal?—it does save turning out after getting into the comfortable chair. Speaking for my own Party, cars aren't very plentiful, but often we could help more if people would turn out earlier, and if they would make an appointment beforehand with our canvassers, or at our Committee Rooms.

Yes, I know all the difficulties. I know how busy is a woman's day. I know it usually rains on voting day, and that our favourite radio programme is always on that day. But, after all, Councillors, if they do their job properly, do give up a great deal of their time in service to the community; is it really too much to ask

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that on one day, the electors should be prepared to inconvenience themselves? Can't we all resolve, that come what may, we will vote *this time*, and when called on, answer with a smile. "Voting,—Oh, I'll come now!"
L. G. MOSER.

Co-op. Woman's Guild

May 6th Business.
" 13th Resolutions for Congress.
" 20th Resolutions for Congress.
" 27th Speaker. Mrs. Green.
2.30 p.m. Tuesday: Buck Lane, Labour Hall, Watling Avenue.

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Children's Library

Spring is here, the days are getting longer, so you might like to read some of these books about the countryside.

Birds, Trees and Flowers—A new book, full of coloured illustrations, photographs and black and white drawings.

Nature's Year by Mabel Edwin is another book with lots of photographs, that tells you all that happens to animals, flowers, insects and birds throughout the year.

Malcolm Saville, who wrote the "*Gay Dolphin Adventure*," has now written "*Jane's Country Year*"—about how Jane who had been ill goes to convalesce at her Uncle's farm.

Look out, too, for Malcolm Saville's "*Countryside Scrapbook*," and his "*Seaside Scrapbook*."

Romany has written several books about the sea and country that are worth looking for.

Amongst the New Books that have been added to the Watling Library are: —

"*The Little White Horse*" by Elizabeth Goudge—a story about a West country village a 100 years ago. Maria, the heroine, goes to live with her governess and dog at Uncle's mysterious Manor house at Moon-acre.

"*The Mysterious Mr. Sinister*" by Kathleen Fidler, is a school story with secret panels, mysterious foreign ships and a strange new French master!

"*Caravan School*" by Carol Forest is about four English children who find life rather strange here after the war years that they had spent in America. A tour round England in a caravan soon makes them feel more at home.

For the boys especially, there is "*The Design and Construction of Flying Model Aircraft*" and "*Football Is My Business*" by Tommy Lawton.

3rd. Watling Brownie Pack

On Tuesday, 15th April, we went for a picnic to Elstree.

Horse chestnuts buds were just peeping through.

Almond blossom is out already. Pussy willows are in blossom. Weeping willows are in blossom too.

We also saw two swans. They paddle with their feet which are webbed. They are very pretty creatures with black and orange beaks and black feet.

German prisoners of war were building a road and they all smiled and said, "Good afternoon," to us.

On the way there and back we saw haystacks, horses and all kinds of cattle.

Here is something else about the swans. They keep swimming up and down. When they put their beaks in the water they are either drinking or fishing for worms in the mud.

We also saw a bird's nest in a tree.

BERYL BUDD, sprites.
Age 10.

Townswomen's Guild

Our social afternoon was well attended, Mesdames Adams and Durant were the pianists for dancing and games.

At the March meeting Mrs. Knight, the chairman presided, the speaker was Mrs. Seddon who ably put forward the agenda for the A.G. meeting which takes place on May 14 and 15 at the Usher Hall at Edinburgh. Members gave their kind attention to the resolutions and amendments proposed, Mrs. Seddon as delegate to this meeting is taking with her the good wishes for the Burnt Oak Guild and was warmly thanked by Mrs. Frances who expressed on behalf of the Guild great appreciation to Mrs. Seddon in undertaking this duty.

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There is to be an Evening Social on April 28th, friends are asked to join and make the evening a jolly one.

The "Bright Spots"

The excellent variety programme provided by the "Bright Spots" concert party on Friday, April 11th, was enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The theme of the concert was variety and concerted items with a backbone of sketches and plays such as the "Monkey's Paw" that old favourite which never fails to arouse interest. The Concert party is representative of all ages of the community the youngest member being aged seven and the oldest over fifty. In spite of all obstacles such as the smallness of our stage, the lack of equipment and rehearsal setbacks the show goes on with a team which never fails to please. A large number of rehearsals take place in members' homes thus displaying the true community spirit. By its efforts the party have helped in many charitable ways the latest being a donation to the flood victims.

At the last business meeting the following offices were filled:—

Secretary: Joyce Paling.

Treasurer: May Lake.

Joint Producers: Win Johnson and Fred Lake.

Stage Manager: Tom Allen.

Programme Committee: Ken Acott. Win Needham, Joyce Bouchard and Mrs. Nyberg.

Wardrobes: Mrs. Downing.

Curtains: Alan Lake.

Look out for the next show. Greater variety and further surprises.

Watling Week

Watling Week's 19th anniversary celebrations will commence on Saturday, June 14th, when the Mayor of Hendon will be present at the Centre to declare the week open. The dinner and dance in the evening is expected to attract a large attendance. Although the official programme will not be published until next month we can give a rough outline of some of the good things which are on the menu, which include a rabbit and poultry show, orchestral concert, youth crazy night, annual baby show, combined variety show, whist drives, drama night with the presentation of "Britannia of Billingsgate," combined Saturday night social, a Sunday Free and Easy to which the "Crazy Gang" have been invited. There will also be a Juvenile dance competition and a Sports meeting and Fair at Montrose Playing fields. The Draw this year will have attractive prizes the first being a Gent's wrist watch, 2nd a standard lamp, 3rd oval mirror, 4th and 5th table lamps. This will be a bumper week of fun and interest so watch out for the full programme next month.

Weight-lifters

The Watling Club is governed, as are all British Weight-Lifting Clubs, by two main bodies, the British Amateur Weight-Lifters' Association and the London and District Weight-Lifting League. Each year the L.D.W.L.L. map out a season for competition between London Clubs. Each club can enter three teams in the First, Second and Third divisions. The lifts used are the Olympic Three, as performed in the Olympic games. They are the Press, Snatch, and Clean and Jerk. These are scientific lifts, far advanced from the old time strong man act, requiring skill and speed in correct timing. The

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Dennis Pres

At a recent meeting of the Centre some very interesting was expressed about Mr. Dennis's appeal for a presentation to the cricketer. Mr. Dennis, who is from England after the war. The men's object was that the people have just emerged from the severest winters endured additional lack of coal and whilst Mr. Dennis from it all, bask in sunshine. We breath back with evening paper cricketer is off to holiday. Most of the day this year; in workers who need day, and to la

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The Watling Club has entered two teams this season, in the Second and Third divisions and up to time of going to Press have won 4 matches and lost 1.

THE WATLING TEAMS.

Second Division.

R. Calrow, F. Edgcombe, *N. Edwards.

Third Division

E. Booth, A. Gomersall, E. Copcutt.

*Mr. Edwards is the present Home Counties lightweight champion.

On Saturday, 12th April, Major N. R. Edwards of our club became lightweight champion of the Home Counties. The Championship was decided on the Olympic set. Star lifters from all the Home Counties took part.

Dennis Compton Presentation

At a recent meeting held at the Centre some very strong views were expressed about the Mayor of Hendon's appeal for subscriptions towards a presentation to Dennis Compton the cricketer, who is now back in England after his Australian tour. The men's objection to the appeal was that the people of this country have just emerged from one of the severest winters on record. We have endured additional hardship owing to lack of coal and shortage of rations, whilst Mr. Compton has been away from it all, basking in the Australian sunshine. We have hardly got our breath back when we read in the evening paper that the famous cricketer is off to sunny Devon for a holiday. Most of us won't get a holiday this year; in fact there are some workers who never can afford a holiday, and to launch this appeal for

funds at this time, is, many of us consider, badly timed. If the people at the Town Hall are so interested in sport let them devote the money received for the fund towards urgently desired amenities at our local sports grounds, where equipment and washing facilities are very poor and where much could be done for the comfort and convenience of our young people. We are sure Dennis would welcome the idea.

What is Your Opinion?

At the Annual General Meeting of our Association the subject of the "Resident" came up for discussion and reasons were made for its "static" circulation. Does it deal in a positive and constructive way with the problems of the people of Watling? Take the over crowding which exists on the Estate. This is a problem which is far from insoluble, although it is linked up with the National Housing shortage. Many people go to the polls to elect their representative to governing bodies and imagine that their work is finished. In actual fact their job really commences as they leave the polling booth.

Councillors and M.P.s will only move as fast and as far as their electors make them, therefore the interest and activity of the people who put their cross opposite their choice is reflected in the positive contributions to the common good made by their elected legislators.

Direct Labour schemes for local house building, the speedy purchasing of housing sites in the locality, legislation for the control of prices of building materials and the pooling of building plant. These and many other measures could and should be urged upon those responsible in order to speed up the Government housing programme.

The "Resident" could be the Forum for discussion on this and many other pressing problems. The placid acceptance of things as they are is not the way to progress and I suggest readers should use the columns of our own journal to direct the searchlight of publicity on the things that matter to themselves and their families.

Edgware Citizens' Advice Bureau

We wonder whether all our readers realise that they can often obtain help with solving their problems by consulting the Citizens' Advice Bureau. The nearest one is at 270 Hale Lane, Edgware and the 240 bus from Edgware Tube Station passes the door. The times of opening are Mondays to Fridays, 10a.m. till 12.45p.m. and 2p.m. till 4.30 p.m. The Bureau is also open the second and fourth Saturday in each month from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. and appointments for other hours can, if necessary, be made by telephoning the Secretary, EDGware 7074.

The Bureau Secretary is pleased to help whenever she can, no problem is too small. Questions are often asked about the following subjects: postal regulations, education, training, employment, health and housing problems, income tax, Service questions, social insurance, rationing, trading questions, travel, war damage to property, etc. Many bring their family problems and matrimonial difficulties are frequently discussed. Those in search of advice and help can have a private talk with the Bureau Leader. An opportunity to talk things over is sometimes of more value than the actual help which can be given. In a very real sense "A trouble shared is a trouble halved." All conversations are personal and confidential.

Amongst the forms kept in the

Office are applications for Utility Furniture and Household Furnishing, also forms for application for Supplementary Clothing Coupons by persons who have lost clothing by fire or theft, loss at laundries, etc. The Secretary is always pleased to help and advise on how these forms should be completed.

Tips on Shoes

When shoes develop small cracks in the leather place an oval-shaped patch of strong adhesive tape over each crack and a larger one inside for strengthening. When the shoe is polished in the usual way the patch is practically invisible and waterproof.

If the new leather on the sole of shoes is well soaked for three days in linseed oil to which a few drops of castor oil are added and then allowed to stand for a few days to dry, it will last nearly twice as long.

Make your old brown leather shoes into black patent.

First use an ordinary black leather dye and let it dry well. Then use a colourless coating of liquid nail varnish and allow to dry and set.

When using oil to preserve boots or any kind of leather articles, never use mineral oil such as that used on cars and machinery, it will only cause rot.

Oil for all leathers should be animal or vegetable.

If a shoe pinches in a particular part, wring a cloth out of hot water and place on the part while the shoe is on the foot. This will expand the leather and give instant relief.

Shoes that have hardened after being wet can be softened by rubbing with castor oil.

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In response to our communication regarding the danger of the Watling Avenue—Orange Hill Road Junction, the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis has replied stating that the "traffic signals there were installed as three phase with the specific object of facilitating the free flow of traffic" and provided that due care and vigilance is exercised by all road users, no danger should arise, and for that reason 'any' alteration to the present phasing of the lights is neither desirable nor necessary."

Regarding the parking of vehicles in Watling Avenue shopping area the Commissioner has replied, "The conditions here have been the particular concern of the local police, who have been active in the prevention of unnecessary obstruction, goods vehicles being permitted to remain no longer than necessary for loading and unloading, and the time allowed for the parking of cars being strictly limited." The matter will continue to receive the attention of the local police.

Permission has been obtained from the Hendon Borough Council for the retention of the Air Raid Shelter for storage purposes, but the Council of the Association is concerned about the Ministry of Works demand that the Association shall pay £25 for the shelter. Mrs. Barbara Ayrton Gould, the local Member of Parliament has been approached regarding the matter.

An ex-Minister of Works Asbestos Welfare Hut, 36 ft. x 18 ft. has been purchased, and is to be erected in the grounds of the Centre as additional accommodation. The garage of the Annexe is to be demolished to permit of the erection of the hut.

Repair and renovation of the former Flying Club Pavilion, usually called "The Hut" is nearly complete, and we hope shortly to bring it back into use.

The coloured friend who recently spent a week at the Centre was Mr. T. Munthali, from Tanganyika. Mr. Munthali is at present studying at the London School of Economics. When he returns to his country he will play an active part in the establishment and furthering of Community Centre work there. He has expressed a keen delight at all he saw at the Centre, and of the warm welcome afforded him by everybody. He is sure that the experience gained will be of the greatest assistance.

Miss E. M. Hedge is, at the time of writing, with us for a month's training. Miss Hedge spent some years in the W.A.A.F. during the war, and is a student attending a course of study and practical work organised by the Scottish Youth Leaders' Training Association at the request of the Scottish Education Department.

Mr. Stanley Jones, will by the time these notes appear have been with us for some days. He is a student at the second of the courses organised by the Joint Committee for the Training and Recruitment of Neighbourhood Workers of which Mr. E. Sewell Harris is Director of Studies. During May he will probably be joined by a colleague from the same course, Mr. Michael Lock.

On the 9th May a party of fifteen men and women from Sweden will visit the Centre. They are all "connected with the Christian Church in Sweden" and are very interested in the development of Community Centres in this country.

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The Association, ever ready to help in cases of need, has been quick to respond to the Lord Mayor of London's Appeal for the victims of the recent floods. The Veterans' Club made a collection and subscribed £1 10s. The Blind Club asked for a collection box so that they too could subscribe to the fund. The box was later passed round the Special Social organised by the Social Committee on behalf of the Fund. The collection and the proceeds of the Social added together yielded £5 6s. The Bright Spots Concert Party donated half the proceeds of the Variety Concert and a further guinea was thus subscribed. A Community effort for a worthy cause.

Donations and gifts have been received for the "Save Europe Now" appeal, but if you, or your organisation has not responded we would still be grateful for any gifts left at the office. Chocolate, tinned foods, patent medicines, and recently published books of good quality particularly welcomed.

Spring is the time for planting. If you have any primrose, primula, or violet roots to spare, also bluebell and other bulbs, they would do much to beautify the Centre grounds. They may be left at the office.

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Lounging in a deck chair can be made much more comfortable if you attach a couple of large curtain rings, or discarded bangles, to the two top corners of your cushions. Sling one over the top of the chair and you won't have a cushion that falls forward and hits you on the back of the head every time you change your position.

Would you like to know how to clean narrow necked glass flower vases, babies' bottles, etc.? Well, tear newspaper into shreds and put with a little water, hot or cold (soapy water is best) into whatever you're cleaning. Shake vigorously, and brown stains, particles of milk, etc., will disappear.

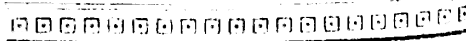


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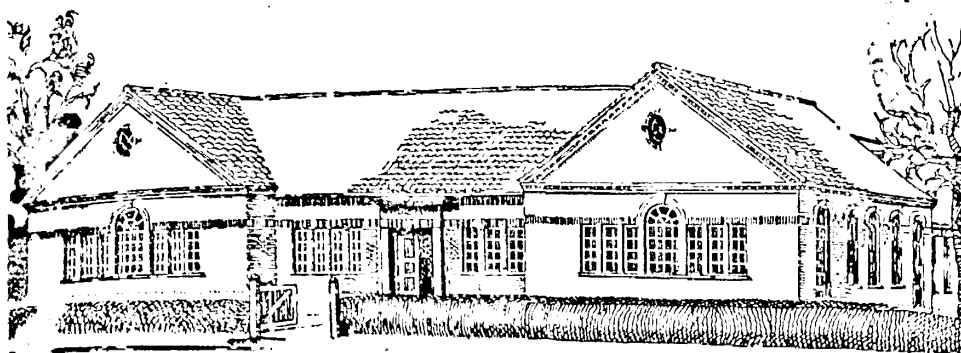
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The tender of Messrs. Williams & Charters of £69 for the erection of the ex-Ministry of Works Asbestos Welfare Hut has been accepted. Permission is now being sought to have the hut erected.

As a result of the approach by Mrs. Barbara Ayrtton Gould, J.P., our local Member of Parliament, to the Minister of Works, the cost of the Air Raid Shelter has been reduced from £25 to £15. It has been agreed to purchase it at that figure. We are very grateful to Mrs. Gould for her efforts on our behalf.

At the last meeting of the Council allegations were made of irregular practices on the part of some traders in the Watling area. It was agreed that a Vigilance Committee be formed to watch and take action if necessary. Mrs. Needham, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Rogers and the Officers of the Association are the Vigilance Committee. If you have a grievance, let the Secretary know.

Ever since May, 1946, endeavours to get a caretaker's workshop have proved fruitless. Now a new approach is being made to the problem. When "The Hut" is finally repaired—and we are hoping that will be this month—the waste space in the entrance-hall behind the notice-board will be converted into the workshop we so badly need. This will be done by screening it off from floor to ceiling, with a door for access. Right of way to the Library will be through the Common Room and across the yard at the back of the building. We shall thus save the £30 we intended to spend, utilise space that would otherwise be wasted, and increase the efficient care of the building.

On Friday, 18th April, 60 persons associated with our Thursday Afternoon Social Whist Drive went by coach to the Prince of Wales Theatre to see Sid Fields in "Piccadilly Hayride." Before seeing the show an excellent supper was obtained at Lyons Corner House. The organisers of this most successful and delightful outing were Mrs. Crowe and Mrs. Myland.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Dyer, 34 Constable Gardens, Edgware, a popular member of our Veterans' Club; and we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife. Among the many flowers was a Chaplet from the Veterans' Club.

Congratulations to Jimmy Colman, No. 1 Violinist of our Orchestra, who was the most successful competitor in the Violin Solo class at the recent Hendon Music Festival.

Report is made elsewhere of the successes of the Guild of Players in the Hendon Drama Festival, but we would like to add our congratulations. Second and fourth place for the two Plays entered shows a high standard maintained throughout.

A speedy recovery is wished for Miss Doreen Hasler (Rene), our popular Cub Pack Leader, taken suddenly ill with an acute Appendicitis; and for Mr. Gordon, member of the Veterans' Club. Both are at present in the Redhill County Hospital.

The Secretary's salary has been raised by £20 per year, and the Association has joined the N.C.S.S. Social Workers' Pension Fund.

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The Hendon Group, donated 30/- of their hall for the last Christmas Bazaar to the Association. The Burnt Women's Guild has donated a Memorial Fund from its Bazaar. We are very grateful.

Poster Group. The posters on the Notice Board, advertising events at the Club, attracted a great deal of interest. They are the work of Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Rogers.

Would you like to "help" paint around and time help them to carry out their work? A Poster Group has been formed to meet on Mondays. If you are interested, say a word with either of our Secretaries.

The Hendon Borough Council has commenced a Travel Service. The Library will have a new stand at the Fortescue Road and Watling every Friday from 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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The Hendon Group, Y.H.A., has donated 30/- of their half-share of the last Christmas Bazaar takings to the Association. The Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild has donated £1 to the Memorial Fund from its share of the Bazaar. We are very grateful.

Poster Group. The colourful posters on the Notice Board advertising events at the Centre have attracted a great deal of appreciation. They are the work of Mr. Bouchard and Mr. Rogers.

Would you like to enjoy "splashing" paint around and at the same time help them to carry on the good work? A Poster Group is to be formed to meet on Monday evenings. If you are interested, have a word with either of our "artists" or the Secretary.

The Hendon Borough Council has commenced a Travelling Library Service. The Library van will in future stand at the junction of Fortescue Road and Watling Avenue every Friday from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Resolution submitted by the Association to the Annual Conference of the National Federation of Community Associations, asking the Executive Committee of that body "to prepare a Report setting out the issues involved in the realisation of full independence" of the Federation was carried.

The Secretary, Mr. P. N. Molloy, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the N.F.C.A., and also as a member of the Joint N.F.C.A. Educational Centres Association Education Committee, and of the Credentials Committee.

The Proposition moved by the Association at the Conference of Community Associations called by the M.C.C., that a Middlesex Federation of Community Associations be formed, was not carried.

The 350 lb. Star International Barbell, bought at a cost of £27 10s. and ordered last November, has been delivered; and "happy" lifting can now be enjoyed by the Weight-lifting Section.

Wires mesh netting, 3 ft. high, has now been used to enclose the ground in front of the Centre, and is a great improvement on the chestnut palings and rusty wire that previously "graced" this part of our property.

THE STORY OF THE ANTS

By PIP EMMA

Many, many, moons ago in a great forest some ants decided they would form a colony. Generation by generation their numbers grew and grew, and the colony they founded became a heap of ever greater size. The original colony became lost under piles of dirt, and twigs, and leaves, and grass, and are now excavated by Antiquarian Ants, and still the heap grows ever bigger. Nobody cared for a very long time until the Heap became so overcrowded, and so vast, that the health of the ants, and what was even worse, the efficiency of the Worker ants began to decline. Gradually, but reluctantly the Boss ants permitted the building of small heaps in a ring around the large one, but always they insisted that the ants should work in the old, dirty, vast, overcrowded Heap, which they called "The City," and to this day you may see every morning millions of Worker ants leaving the brighter, cleaner, more sunlit heaps and swarm into the unhealthy City, and every evening you may see them swarming back home again. Of course when they get back they are either too tired or too late to enjoy the sunlit surroundings, but the Boss ants never seem to think that this impairs their efficiency as Worker ants.

This is not the only way the Boss ants were short-sighted. They believed that providing they permitted the building of rows and rows of cells for the workers to live and raise more Worker ants they were creating what they called "Good Living" conditions for the Workers, and thereby pursuing an "Enlightened Policy." It never occurred to them that Worker ants wanted anything else but a place to sleep when not working, or when they occasionally did think of it they decided that the additional expendi-

ture on what they called "Amenities" were too expensive and would put a penny or two on "The Rates." So in the new mounds they made little or no provision for shops, cinemas, churches, or even schools, because they did not want the Worker ants to have a sense of belonging to the lesser Heap, but only to the greater one which they called "The City." But in one mound at least the Worker ants not only disagreed with the Boss ants' conception of "Good Living" but

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The first venture of the formed Cycling Group took place on Sunday, May 11th. After "false alarms" we got off to start at approximately 9.30 a.m. proceeding via Apex Corner Watford By-pass and Watling Road we eventually reached our destination at Rickmansworth, at about 1.15 p.m.

Here—after sundry small refreshments and wearing apparel were divested of—we settled down to a lunch partaken of games, and an afternoon of games, and boating. About 4 p.m. we joined by some of the "billed" ones of the Club, and "bussed" out to join us.

We started back at 5.30 p.m. arriving at the Centre about 6.15 p.m. we all joined in an informal Club closing time.

Future activities planned include "Hikes" and "Rides" on Sundays.

We were happy to have Sunday Cyril Nyberg from the "20's Club," who assured us having enjoyed himself that he was looking forward to being along with us on all our future ventures. We extend a hearty welcome to the remainder of the "Over 20's" Youth Group of the Club who would care to join us.

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The first venture of the newly-formed Cycling Group took place on Sunday, May 11th. After several "false alarms" we got off to a good start at approximately 9.30 a.m. Proceeding via Apex Corner and the Watford By-pass and Watford itself, we eventually reached our destination, Rickmansworth, at about 11.30 a.m.

Here—after sundry small items of wearing apparel were divested and lunch partaken—we settled down to an afternoon of games, swimming, and boating. About 4 p.m. we were joined by some of the "bikeless" and tired ones of the Club, who had "bussed" out to join us.

We started back at 5.30 p.m. and, arriving at the Centre about 7 p.m., we all joined in an informal dance until Club closing time.

Future activities planned are "Hikes" and "Rides" on alternate Sundays.

We were happy to have with us last Sunday Cyril Nyberg from the "Over 20's Club," who assured us that having enjoyed himself tremendously he was looking forward to coming along with us on all our future events. We extend a hearty welcome to the remainder of the "Over 20's" or any Youth Group of the Centre who would care to join us.

LEN.

Children's Library

13th May, 1947.

This month Francis Paul has written about some of the books that he has enjoyed reading lately. Here is his list:—

PETER DUCK by Arthur Ransome is about four girls and two boys who with their uncle and a sailor called Peter Duck go to the Carribean Sea. It is very exciting and I enjoyed this one the best.

SCOUTS OF SEAL ISLAND by Westerman is about two troops of scouts who go to Seal Island and have lots of adventures, one of which is saving some men from a shipwreck.

FIVE GO ADVENTURING AGAIN by Enid Blyton tells about two boys, two girls and a dog who find a secret passage and recover some stolen papers belonging to their father.

CAMP MYSTERY by Oxenham is about a boy called Sven (Peter for short) who is looking after some papers for his father. Some men are trying to get them but Peter manages to hand them back to his father.

SECRET SERVICE by Norman Dale tells us about two evacuees who track down a German prisoner.

Next month one of the girls will write about some of the books that she has enjoyed reading.

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From the Social Secretary,

Dear Members,

Once again I find myself in harness as Social Secretary, and I am glad to say that Mr. C. Fanthorpe is my assistant. It is a long time since I was a very active member, to be precise seven years, the war having caused me to curtail my activities. During that time Mrs. Nyberg has carried out her duties with tireless energy.

With the new Social Committee a great deal of planning is being done. Our main object at the moment is to draw up a programme for next Winter on the brightest possible lines. We aim also to have a different M.C. for each function so as to give a more varied outlook to our social activities.

Great strides have already been made by Mrs. Crowe and Mr. Davis in the running of the Whist Drives held on Thursday afternoon and evening, and I feel sure that there will be bigger and better attendances as time goes on—our aim on Thursday evenings has been to give a £5 top prize—but as numbers have not been sufficient we have had to keep just below this figure.

I look forward to you continuing to give the Social Committee your full support as in the past.

The members of the Committee are now:—

Mesdames Needham, Richardson, Judd, Nyberg, Green, Crowe, and Messrs. Wills, Fanthorpe, Eason, Needham, C. Nyberg, Birchmore, Deacon, Davis, Brixey, Williams, Rogers.

Yours sincerely,

CECIL DEACON.

Dear Sir,

Your article, "What is your Opinion?" in the current issue of the "Resident" has prompted me to write you.

I have from time to time contributed letters to you, so here goes again.

I note with pleasure the efforts of the L.C.C. to resume their garden competitions, this will serve a grand purpose, I hope, of tidying up the Estate. Wandering around quite recently I noted what were once picturesque roads are now very dowdy looking, untidy fronts and overflowing garbage bins on most porches. Yes, these garbage bins are a very sore point with me. Several times I have had to prompt Hendon Council by telephone that it was time the bins were emptied after three or four weeks. What we want is a regular call by dustmen and then these bins can be put out and taken in one day, *I hope*.

Another point which gives me anxiety. We are all conversant with shortages of building and decorating materials, also labour, although I am not in whole agreement re labour, but nevertheless most householders have "got by" during the war by "having a go" at interior decorations themselves; but what of the exteriors. My house for example like the rest, has not been painted outside for, to the best of my knowledge, eight years, and I notice that the paint has weathered thinly and putty in sashes is actually falling out and here and there rot has started. Another two or three years, and I can visualise that not only will the council have a paint expenditure, but an added expenditure for new woodwork in sashes and doors. I have recently had

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whispered in my ears that all school buildings in Middlesex are to be painted inside and out. Are not our houses of equal priority?

We have no fences left in back gardens. Well, my opinion is let us be reasonable, this can be got over by growing a privet fence, which may take a couple of years, but is worth it always green and tidy, giving a latitude on height, and altogether superior to chestnut fencing, which I abhor.

Well, so much for one bite.

Your sincerely,

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Co-op. Woman's Guild

June 3rd Business.

„ 10th Discussion and Amendments for Congress.

„ 17th Discussion and Amendments for Congress.

„ 24th Bulletin and Discussion.

New members would be very welcome. The Guild meets Tuesday 2.30 p.m., Labour Hall, Buck Lane.

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Saturday, June 21st. At 7.45 p.m.

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Admission: 1s.

Monday, June 16th. At 7.30 p.m.

YOUTH CLUB'S CRAZY NIGHT

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Wednesday, June 18th. At
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Also at 7.45 p.m.:
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Admission: 1s 3d.

Thursday, June 19th. At
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WHIST £5 TOP
Combined Miniatur
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Friday June 20th.
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A Comedy in Four
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A WORD FROM THE ORGANISER.

If you have studied the programme I am sure you will have found many interesting events you would like to attend. Please do so.

The Draw is again being organised by Mr. Cecil Deacon. Why not buy a few tickets and try your luck?

On behalf of the Watling Week Committee I thank the Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce for their support and presentation of prizes for the various events. Also our old friend Mr. John Biddall, the Showman, with his fair, which will be at Montrose Playing Fields from June 7th to 14th.

We depend upon your support if we are to make this a Record Watling Week. For most of the events tickets may be obtained at the Centre. The following members of the 19th Annual Watling Week Committee accord you a hearty welcome: Messrs. G. Abbot, A. Bouchard, E. Cole, C. Fanthorpe, F. Lake, and L. Rogers.

A. R. LODGE.
Hon. Organiser.

Hendon Drama Festival

WATLING'S SUCCESSES.

The Watling Guild of Players entered two plays, "Symphony in Illusion" and "Postal Orders." in the Hendon Drama Festival which was held at Hartley Hall, Mill Hill, on Wednesday 7th to Saturday 10th May. The adjudicator was Maxwell Wray from the British Drama League.

Eleven plays were entered by seven competing teams and the Guild were successful in securing second and fourth place, missing the cup by two marks, which was secured by the Broadway Townswomen's Guild with "The Six Wives of Calais."

The Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild gained third position with "When the Whirlwind Blows."

Saturday, June 7th. At 3.0 p.m.

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3. 100 Yards Handicap. Girls 11 or over and under 14 years.
4. 75 Yards Hurdles. Scratch.
5. Obstacle Race.
6. Skipping Race for girls under 8 years.
7. 50 Yards Handicap. Boys 5 or over and under 8 years.
8. 75 Yards Handicap. Boys 8 or over and under 11 years.
9. 100 Yards Handicap. Boys 11 or over and under 14 years.
10. 75 Yards Hurdles. Scratch.
11. Obstacle Race.
12. Sack Race.

ENTRANCE FORM.

To be sent to Watling Centre together with Entrance Fee not later than Friday, June 6th.

Event No. Entrance Fee.

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Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)

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 Address

Date of Birth

Date.....

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Entry Form for the BABY SHOW

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 31. Havana and Sable, under five months.
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 33. Lilac and Blue, under five months.
 34. A.O.C. Rex, adult.
 35. A.O.C. Rex, under five months.
 36. L.R.R.C., adult.
 37. R.R.A., under five months.
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 39. Rex Chall., under five months.
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STANLEY E. SHARPE, Successful Labour Candidate.

If a person owned shares in a business upon which depended his every day health and happiness, one would naturally assume that he or she would be interested in the manner in which that business was controlled and directed.

This assumption however, is not always borne out, as witness the recent Election in Burnt Oak, when the residents were called upon to choose a Councillor to represent them on the Hendon Borough Council.

To you who live in the immediate district, the Hendon Borough Council does indeed control the spending of your money—or at least that part of it you pay in Rates, and like any business concern, the returns you get are dependent on what interest and effort you put into it.

True, a Council Election has not the glamour of a Parliamentary Election. It does not receive the full blaze of Publicity of Press and radio, but this does not mean that it is less important, in fact, from the point of view of those living in the district, I submit that it is more so.

Parliament makes laws, and having placed them on the statute book, passes them on to local Authorities to be administered. Not all of these laws are definite instructions to Local Authorities. Most of them are what is known as permissive laws, that is they permit a Council to do certain things, leaving the full interpretation to them, therefore it will be seen that the value you get from these laws de-

pends on the type of men and women elected to the Council concerned.

Does it seem possible that about two thirds of the people of Burnt Oak would leave to chance such things as the health of their families and themselves, the education of their children, and the equipping and training of them to face the future when they are called upon to do so. These and many other things that so directly affect our lives are the responsibilities of the Local Council.

This lack of interest is in my view the outstanding feature of the Election, which followed the usual lines of such occasions.

The result of the Election is naturally pleasing to me personally, giving as it does the opportunity once again of giving service in a field where it is possible to do so much that will bring benefits and so help to bring happiness in these difficult times.

It is good also that the Watling Association takes such a lively interest in these matters, and having been a member of its planning and development Committee right through the war years, I am fully alive to the needs of the district, and will do my utmost on all occasions to give effect to them.

In conclusion, I would appeal to all readers of the "Resident" to take a real live interest in the works and "doings" of the Local Council, and to thank the Electors for the confidence which they have placed in me.

RAMSGATE.—Mrs. Wilson. 15 Liverpool Lawn, Ramsgate. Board residence, bed and breakfast, moderate terms, half minute sea. Homely family.

NO H.S.A. COLLECTION ON JUNE 13

The H.S.A. Group Secretary will not attend to collect subscriptions on Friday, June 13.

THE WATLING RESIDENT
RECENT

W. A. V. ODOM

It does not fall to me as a Candidate believing help to bring about the new forms for which we have longed, and that I could help the ever increasing restriction of personal liberty and individualism. That the people of Burnt Oak choose me as their representative not discourage me, for they do not fight for freedom of individual from a Council seat, carry on as a private individual perhaps one day, have a try. There did not seem to be any enthusiasm amongst the voters, there was a marked apathy on the day, until late in the evening there was no rush at the stations. The total votes were just under 30 per cent of the possible vote. This surprised me, I believed that Burnt Oak was a politically conscious ward. It is the duty of all citizens to use their vote, their duty to weigh up the merits on each side, and decide. I believe the candidate will be able to serve.

The fight was hard, but I believe my opponent will have to fight for the seat, I will be given a walk-over. I believe those who are victorious will have a "job well done," rather than a depressed feeling of "no fight for the seat." I believe after a walk-over there will be a very much an anti-climactic very heated preparations.

I stood as a Conservative, I believe that their methods are the same as the things done is the same as because I believe that they put forward is the best chance.

THE RECENT BY-ELECTION ON THE RIGHT

W. A. V. ODoni. Unsuccessful Conservative Candidate.

It does not fall to many in this country to fight an Election. I fought as a Candidate believing that I could help to bring about the necessary reforms for which we have been fighting, and that I could help to remove the ever increasing restrictions on personal liberty and individual enterprise. That the people of Burnt Oak did not choose me as their representative does not discourage me, for though I cannot fight for freedom of the Individual from a Council seat, I shall carry on as a private individual and perhaps one day, have another go. There did not seem to be any enthusiasm amongst the voters; rather, there was a marked apathy. On polling day, until late in the evening, there was no rush at the polling stations. The total votes cast, 3,928, was just under 30 per cent. of the possible vote. This surprised me as I believed that Burnt Oak was a politically conscious ward. It is the duty of all citizens to use their vote. It is their duty to weigh up the arguments on each side, and decide, which candidate will be able to serve them best.

The fight was hard, but clean, and I believe my opponent preferred to have to fight for the seat, rather than be given a walk-over. It must give those who are victorious a feeling of a "job well done," rather than a depressed feeling of "no-one wants to fight me for the seat." The latter feeling, after a walk-over, would be very much an anti-climax to probably very heated preparations.

I stood as a Conservative because I believe that their method of getting things done is the sane and right way; because I believe that the programme they put forward is the one which stands the best chance of being com-

pletely carried out, and because I believe in personal freedom and liberty for which so many of us fought. I believe that most people are sincere in their desire to do good, but it is the method which is so important. Whether you can do things the way that you know will bring results, or whether to be told to do things in a way that you know will not bring a happy ending. It is the heritage of the British people to be free, and we must not lose that freedom. We must ensure that living conditions are brought up to the level of the highest, for that is our minimum right. We must retain the liberty to do what we like, when we like and how we like, and must fight against anyone who stands for dictatorship in any form.

My main impression of the election was that the people must develop a habit of voting. This is the only way of ensuring that the majority of the people get the representative of a proper majority, and not just the representative elected on a small poll. Burnt Oak must develop a Political Conscience, and use it, by casting its vote.

During the election, the majority of the electors did not appear to discover the opinion of the other side. Indeed, judging by the meetings, many did not bother to discover the merits of either side, but voted blindly, regardless of the consequences. This one day will lead to disaster.

In closing, I sincerely thank all those who worked and voted for me. They have shown by their actions and efforts that the Cause of Freedom is not yet dead. The day will come when it will triumph in the interests of all. May that day be soon.

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actively set about creating the means whereby they could implement their own conception of the "Good Life."

They conceived the idea of building a Cell larger, oh! much larger than any of the cells in which they lived, and of dividing it into rooms some large, some small, and there carry out activities. Fortunately there was a group of ants known as a Voluntary Body, and they helped, and so was created less than half of the Worker ants' dream and they named it a Community Centre. But the Original Conception of the Pioneer ants is still not fully achieved. Many ants in the Heap where the Centre is situated do not use it at all; many use it only when they are in trouble; and some of those that do use it regularly regard it merely as a place to meet. What then was the purpose as conceived by the Pioneer ants?

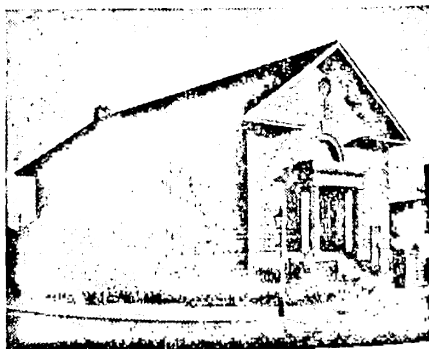
To answer that question let us take a look at Individual ant. Individual ant looked much the same as all the other Worker ants. He first went to the Centre because a General Meeting of all the ants in the Heap had been called. He went, and found that there were also many smaller collections of ants that held Meetings and called themselves Groups. He joined one, and like the other ants he saw in the building he scurried through the doors of the Centre and turned to the Left or the Right, or Round the Back, and buried himself in a Room with other ants that made up his Group and carried out their Activity. If he met ants from other Groups he scarcely spoke, and certainly he didn't bother to Know Them. But gradually he did, and became more interested in his fellows generally, and found himself imbued with a desire to serve them. He joined other Groups. He took Office. Intellectual ants said he was "Expressing Himself" or "Developing His Personality," and that he was gaining a sense of "Responsibil-

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ity." Individual ant called it nothing at all, he just knew that he was thoroughly enjoying himself. Somehow, and without in any way realising it he began to take an ever wider interest in all manner of problems. Intellectual ants said he was getting "Broad minded." His interest spread from his Group, to the Centre, from the Centre to the Heap, then to the "City," next to the Forest, and lastly to the affairs of all forests. He began to realise the true meaning of Art, and Culture, and Politics, and oh! of many things. Above all he got Perspective. In fact he realised that he was no longer an Ant, but a MAN, and that was what the Pioneers had hoped to make of him and his fellows, for they knew that if they could achieve this again and again they would make a Community and not an Ant Heap.

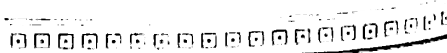


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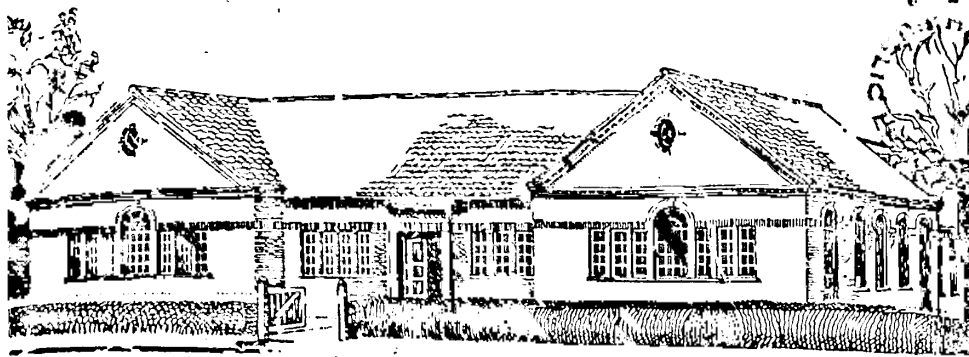
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ASSOCIATION DIARY

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Weightlifters, 11.
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.
Sunday School, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Over 20 Club, 8.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.
Cubs, 6.
Folk Dancing, 7.30.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Poster Group, 8.
Concert Party, 8.
Men's Club, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
Dress Making Class, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.
Y.C.L., 8.

Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.
Brownies, 5.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
Ramblers, 8.

Thursday—

Whist Drive, 2.30.
British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.
Scouts, 7.
Youth Club, 7.
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
Over 20 Club, 8.
Whist Drive, 8.

Friday—

Girl Guides', 6.
H.S.A., 6.45.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
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Orchestra, 8.30.

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
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Thurs. 10	B.O.T.W.G.	2.30
	S.P.G.B.	7.30
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Fri. 18	Finance Committee	8
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Thurs. 24	B.O.T.W.G.	2.30
	S.P.G.B.	7.30

Borough Council Notes

The stage of the Woodcroft Girls Secondary School is being enlarged.

The Cressingham Road Playing Fields is being enlarged.

Unless parents take advantage of the scheme for the provision of milk for children during mid-summer holidays the scheme will be discontinued.

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Education should not be confined, he said, to formal meetings, but should have regard for all that the Association attempts, including such things as interior decoration and the garden. Mr. Marks then went on to describe the various activities that could be conducted under the heading of Education. The keynote of all activities should be "if it is worth doing it is worth doing well." A

good discussion followed and it will be surprising if some of the ideas coming out of the address and discussion do not find their way into the Education Programme of the Centre next winter.

Other points.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss P. Gundersen, Messrs. E. Cole, A. Kay, J. Price and G. Stokes.

Permission was granted to the Hendon Company of Jehovah's Witnesses to hold a series of four meetings at the Centre.

It was agreed to renew affiliation to the National Council of Civil Liberties.

Mr. A. R. Lodge was appointed representative to the Local Committee of the National Council of Civil Liberties.

Permission was granted to the Mill Hill and Edgware Branch of the Workers' Educational Association to hold a "Current Affairs" class at the Centre, on Monday evenings, in the Autumn.

It was agreed that notice should be given to the L.P.T.B. to terminate our agreement for the display of the 16-sheet poster on Burnt Oak Tube Station advertising activities at the Centre.

WATLING WEEK, No. 19

Watling Week No. 19 is now but a memory. According to the "Pioneers" it was still not quite like the "old days," nevertheless, by general agreement everything went with a tremendous swing. Watling Week, in the past, has usually been opened with a Grand Dance, held away from the Centre owing to our own lack of accommodation. This year we were unable to organise a Dance at all and so the Watling Week Supper and Dance usually held at the end of the week was promoted to the lead and became the opening ceremony. We apologise to the few who from sheer force of habit assumed Watling Week was over when the Supper was held.

Supper and Dance.

The Supper was presided over, at short notice, by Mr. E. E. Cole, owing to the absence through illness of both Mr. A. I. Jones, President, and Mr. A. Durant, Chairman. Guest of Honour was Mrs. Barbara Ayrton Gould, M.P., other guests included Councillor and Mrs. S. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mr. F. W. and Mrs. Lilian Read, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Calnan (Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce), Mrs. G. Percy, the Superintendent of Watling One area, Miss M. Parkinson, our friend and former Youth Leader.

Mrs. Barbara Gould in a witty and pungent speech opened the Week. Stating that the Secretary in asking her to open the Week had said that "the shorter the speech the better" she proceeded to obey the request in handsome style. "The Watling Centre," she said, "is my ideal of a Community Centre, and every locality should have one." Mr. Calnan proposing the toast of the Association said that such was its strength that it could defy superstition and open its activities on Friday the 13th. The

Chamber of Commerce and the Watling Community Association, he declared had much in common for they both endeavoured to serve the needs of the community.

Mr. E. Cole, replying on behalf of the Association, stressed the need for the continued endeavour of voluntary workers, if the Association was to continue carrying out its good work. Financially times were very difficult but he was confident that given endeavour and goodwill on the part of all we would continue to flourish. Special praise was given to the hard work done in preparing for the Supper by Mrs. Lodge and her "nippies." Toasting "The Visitors" Mr. P. N. Molloy expressed his amazement and appreciation at the amount of time and energy devoted to the affairs of the Association by the voluntary workers. The work given was no mere "flash in the pan" but had gone on for over 19 years and there was no earthly reason to suppose that it would not continue. One of the greatest pleasures was to see the way that two and three generations of the same family had found enjoyment at the Centre and in the work of the Association, they progressed from the "noggies" to the Youth Club and on to the Adult activities. Their visitors that night he declared were all real friends of the Association, and he gave a special welcome to Mr. G. Percy. Mr. Percy in responding to the toast spoke of his pleasure at being present and at finding when he first came to the Estate such a flourishing Association.

The Chairman proposed a "silent toast" to Absent Friends.

The meal was a triumph over difficulties. Feeding a normal family is a difficult task—how much greater is that of making a "special do" for a

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family of one hundred. Gift a "scrounge" of that, the something else, resulted in a triumph of the culinary lay-out of the tables. The Room on such occasions literally transformed. The work was borne by Mrs. assisted by Mesdames Lord, Preston, Buzec, Williams, Roblou, Harvey, Misses D. Innes, Ruby Hall Sumner. Stewards were Lodge, Rogers, Deacon, Lord, and Taylor.

Messrs. Rogers and acted as joint M.C.s for that followed. Music was by the Elsa Dance Orchestra.

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The adult winner was ham as "Work and War" juvenile winners were 1, (Hawaiian girl) 2, Jacqu (Iron out your troubles).

A feast of laughter was by Mr. Howard as a pr Rogers as "Jane Russell" Nyberg as "Bed-Partner," chard as "Just William" Needham as "Little Pa" Jean Lambie was at the games and dancing.

Novelty awards were Mesdames Tucker, Bor Needham.

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Excellent music was presented rather disappointingly sn by the Watling Association Orchestra at the Centre evening, conducted by

family of one hundred. Gifts of this, a "scrounge" of that, the loan of something else, resulted in an absolute triumph of the culinary art, and of lay-out of the tables. The Common Room on such occasions as this is literally transformed. The bulk of the work was borne by Mrs. Lodge, assisted by Mesdames Fanthorpe, Lord, Preston, Buzec, Williams, Luffman, Roblou, Harvey, Taylor, and Misses D. Innes, Ruby Hall, and Ruth Sumner. Stewards were Messrs. Lodge, Rogers, Deacon, Fanthorpe, Lord, and Taylor.

Messrs. Rogers and Nightingale acted as joint M.C.s for the Dance that followed. Music was provided by the Elsa Dance Orchestra.

Saturday 14th June, 1947.

A revival to the "good old times" was a feature of this—the first event of Watling Week.

Mr. Cyril Nyberg was M.C., and a very capable one he proved to be. Excellent costumes were entered for both the adult and children's costumes.

The adult winner was Mrs. Needham as "Work and Want" and the juvenile winners were 1, Stella Hicks (Hawaiian girl) 2, Jacqueline Cox (Iron out your troubles).

A feast of laughter was provided by Mr. Howard as a *preacher*. Len Rogers as "Jane Russell," Cyril Nyberg as "Bed-Partner," Mr. Bouchard as "Just William," and Mr. Needham as "Little Pansy." Miss Jean Lambie was at the piano for games and dancing.

Novelty awards were obtained by Mesdames Tucker, Bouchard and Needham.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

Sunday 15th June, 1947.

Excellent music was provided to a rather disappointingly small audience by the Watling Association Light Orchestra at the Centre on Sunday evening, conducted by Mr. Harold

Wilkinson.

The orchestra rendered extracts from "The Great Waltz" by Strauss, Soloists were Mary Coleman (Piano-forte), Pearl Balmer (Soprano) Ted Hughes (Baritone), and Harold Wilkinson (Saxophone).

THE RABBIT SHOW.

Watling Association and District Rabbit Club held an open table show and fur exhibition at the Community Centre on Sunday afternoon, when nearly 150 rabbit entries were made in 35 classes. The standard of rabbits was high and the show was one of the best yet held.

Mr. Frank Maynard (President of the Club) was the judge, and Mr. A. E. Stubbings was in charge of the fur exhibition, which included ladies' coats and hats of Chinchilla, Beveran and Ermine Rex furs, in addition to other useful articles for wear.

The show was organised by Mr. W. E. Clarke (secretary), Mr. T. Jones was steward, and refreshments were arranged and served by Mrs. Croft and lady helpers.

Prizewinners were:—

- Beveran A.C. (adult) 1, Farrenden.
- Chinchilla (adult) 1, Farrenden; 2, Miss Reeves.
- Chinchilla (under 5 months); 1, Farrenden; 2 and 3, Miss Reeves.
- Sable A.V. (under 5 months): 1 and 2, Pollard.
- Normal Fur (adult): 1, Farrenden.
- Normal Fur Challenge (under 5 months): 1, Farrenden, 2 and res., Pollard; 3, Miss Reeves.
- English (adult): 1, Mr. and Mrs. Miles.
- Dutch (under 4 months): 1 and 3, Stimpson, 2 and res., Fox; v.h.c., Mr. and Mrs. Miles.
- Tans (under 5 months); 1, Bird and Son; 2, Higgs.
- A.O.V. Fancy (under 5 months): 1, Holford.
- Fancy Challenge (adult): 1, Mr. and Mrs. Miles.
- Fancy Challenge (under 5 months): 1, and v.h.c., Stimpson; 2, Bird and Son; 3, Higgs; res. and c., Fox; h.c., Holford.
- Ermine Rex (adult): 1 and 2, Mrs. Croft.
- Ermine Rex (under 5 months): 1, F. R. Brown.

Lilac and Blue (under 5 months): 1, Bird and Son.

A.O.C. Rex (adult): 1 and 2, Groombridge.

London Regional Rex Club (adult): 1, and res., Mrs. Croft; 2, Bird and Son; 3, Groombridge.

Southern Regional Rex Association (under 5 months): 1, Mrs. Croft; 2, Bird and Son; 3, F. R. Brown.

Rex Challenge (adult): 1 and res., Mrs. Croft; 2 and 3, Groombridge.

Rex Challenge (under 5 months): 1, F. R. Brown.

Ladies' Exhibit (any age): 1 and 3, Mrs. Croft; 3, Mrs. Taylor; 3, Miss Reeves.

Buck Challenge (adult): 1, Groombridge, 2, Mrs. Croft.

Doe Challenge (under 5 months): 1, Bird and Son; 2, Farrenden; 3 and v.h.c., Fox; res., Miss Reeves.

Doe (adult): 1, Mrs. Croft; 2, Farrenden.

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Breeders' Normal Fur (adult): 1 and 2, Mrs. Croft; 3, Farrenden.

Breeders' Normal Fur (under 5 months): 1, Farrenden; 2 and 3, Pollard.

Breeders' Fancy (under 5 months): 1 and res., Simpson; 2, Bird and Son; 3, and v.h.c., Fox; h.c., Mr. and Mrs. Miles.

Breeders' Rex (adult): 1 and res., Mrs. Croft; 2 and 3, Groombridge.

Breeders' Rex (under 5 months): 1, Bird and Son; 2, F. R. Brown.

Normal Fur and Rex Pairs: 1, F. R. Brown; 2, Pollard.

Fancy Pairs: 1, Holford; 2, Fitzgerald, Fur (under 14 weeks): 1, and 2, F. R. Brown.

Fancy (under 14 weeks): 1 and c., Simpson; 2, Holford; 3, Bird and Son; res., Higgs; v.h.c., Holford; h.c., Fox.

Challenge (under 5 months): 1 and c., Simpson; 2 and 3, Bird and Son; res., Farrenden; v.h.c., Pollard; h.c., Fox.

Grand Challenge: 1, Simpson; 2, Mrs. Croft; 3 and c., Groombridge; v.h.c., Farrenden; h.c., Pollard.

The best rabbit in the show was a Dutch, owned by Mr. Stimpson, who was congratulated by the judges on his exhibit.

Unfortunately the Juvenile Dancing Competition which was to have been held fell through, through lack of competitive dancing teams.

Miss Joan Redwood at very short notice presented a two-and-a-half hours' show at Eversfield Church Hall, instead of the above competition and it proved very successful. Among those taking part were—Joyce Bouchard, Pamela Redwood, Pat Cope, Jean Cope, Doris Cooley, Joyce Angel, Sheila Barber, Betty Redwood and Eileen Pike.

Miss J. Redwood was producer, Mrs. Gertrude, manager; accompanist, Mrs. Randall, and Mrs. Cope, dresser. All costumes were made by Mrs. Redwood. The show was ably compered by Mr. A. R. Lodge.

YOUTH CRAZY NIGHT.

Monday 16th June, 1947.

M.C.s: Len Rogers, Bill Eason.

PATHFINDERS DANCE BAND supplemented by Chick Weston with a bugle and "Young Robbo" with his "Wackycar" Horn.

Everything went off with a "bang"

THE WAITING RESIDENTS

including Len when he "joana."

Everyone was surprised by a really wonderful performance by "Young Robbo" as a "Preacher" Bash as a "Preacher."

"Just William."

Prize winners were:

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Cyril Nyberg, voucher

When did Len get his

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Tuesday, 17th June

The Gay Girls, Centre

Bright Spots and W.

Parties presented a

programme of variety at

Tuesday evening.

Those taking part were

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including Len when he fell off the "joana."

Everyone was surprised at the really wonderful performance of "Young Robbo" as a "spiv" and Bash as a "Preacher"—Shades of "Just William."

Prize winners were: Reg Salmon, tin whistle; Chick Weston, Yo-yo; Cyril Nyberg, voucher 5/-.

When did Len get his lace covered, etc., knickers?

Tuesday, 17th June, 1947.

The Gay Girls, Centre Youth Club, Bright Spots and Wesley Concert Parties presented a brilliant programme of variety at the Centre on Tuesday evening.

Those taking part were: Mesdames Nyberg, Lake, Dimond, Artis and Durrant, Messrs. Acott, Howard, Lake, Needham, Allen, Deacon, Freeman, Winkley, Watts, Cotton, Fisher, Nyberg, Clayton, Nials, Seal, Cook and Johnson. The Misses Bouchard Staniford, Turner, King, Beard, Butterfield, Telford, Avril and Nyberg.

Compere was Len Rogers.

The show was produced by Len Rogers and Alf Bouchard.

Directors of Concert parties were: Charlie Freeman (Wesleys), Fred Lake (Bright Spots), Lily Nyberg (Gay Girls), and the accompanists were Jean Lambie and Joyce Bouchard.

THE BABY SHOW.

Eighty entries were received for the baby show organised by the Women's Neighbourhood Guild at the Centre on Tuesday afternoon. The judges were Dr. Paul Rosefield and nurses. The best baby in the show was Keith H. Appleby, 28 Laleham Avenue, Mill Hill, and the best Watling baby was Gary J. Garner, of 105 Littlefield Road.

The results were:

Association members under 9 months (20 entries) 1, Ronald W. Groombridge, 385

Watling Avenue; 2, David I. Ward, 21 Barnfield Road.

Over 9 and under 18 months (18 entries) 1, Gary J. Garner, 105 Littlefield Road; 2, Paul E. Bennett, 53 Langham Road.

Over 18 months and under 2½ years (7 entries) 1, Janet I. Howard, 23 Horsecroft Road; 2, Lynda Weston, 4 Benningholme Road.

Open Classes, under 9 months (16 entries) 1, Carol V. Bosworth, 57 Hale Drive, Mill Hill; 2, Janice R. Allan, 23 Haverford Way, Edgware.

Over 9 and under 18 months (20 entries) 1, Keith H. Appleby, 28 Laleham Avenue, Mill Hill; 2, Penelope S. Taylor, 30 Vancouver Road, Edgware.

Friday evening.

Despite the fact that the cast included two actors with no previous experience of acting The Watling Guild of Players presented "Britannia of Billingsgate."

The story tells of an ordinary family—The mother is suddenly rocketed to fame and fortune by being selected to play the lead in a film. It was an immediate success and everyone began to have visions of America and untold wealth. Fortunately the level-headed mother realised that for the future happiness of the family who had already started kicking over the traces—she should refuse to make another film.

Mrs. Coles gave a tremendous performance as the mother and was ably supported by Georgette Van Kimmenade as a neighbour, Ernest Cole as her husband, Ruby Hall as her daughter, Arthur Bookyer as her son, Pat Molloy, George Flanders and Jack Bertram as film producers, Elsie Masters as an actress, Lily Griffiths as a journalist and Winifred Johnson as a "Gold Digger."

The play was produced by E. E. Cole. The Stage Manager was Arthur Masters; Dresses, Trudy Meyer; House Manager, A. Lord; Usherettes, mesdames Innes, Lord, Bisset and Kerrison. The music was arranged by Winifred Flanders.

This play, presented to a full house by the Guild of Players, was a good evening's entertainment. We knew the play had been rehearsed at short notice and it was evident in passages where the action slowed up through fumbling for lines and lack of movement on the part of one or two players. Mr. Molloy made his debut in plays at the Centre, and although well cast for the part of film director, was unconvincing both in speech and action—or lack of action—he seemed too eager to get his lines off his chest and recited whole passages without pause or variation in tone. This was no doubt due to his having to take the part at short notice. These little points, however did not detract unduly from the general action of the play. One or two individual players gave fine performances and were duly applauded. The stage was well set in both scenes and if this play goes on again after a little polishing up, we advise everyone to see it.

Saturday afternoon, 21st June, 1947

The Children's Film Show which was to have started at 2 p.m. did not start until 3 p.m. but the time was not wasted by "just waiting." Mr. Len Rogers assisted by Mrs. Needham, Mr. Fanthorpe and Mr. Bertram with Joyce Bouchard at the piano filled in the time with community singing—solos—tricks and games.

Needless to say all the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and when Mr. Ken Acott "turned up" with a most excellent programme of films which included Charlie Chaplin in "The Tramp," "Puddy the Pup," "Puss in Boots," "Pets by Proxy" and a Travel Film their happiness was complete. All the films were supplied and shown by Ken Acott.

Saturday evening, 21st June, 1947.

A grand time was had by all at the

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Combined Social—organised by Mr. Fanthorpe on behalf of the Neighbours, Men's Club, Rabbit Club and Youth Club. Mr. A. Bouchard was the M.C.

Mr. Copestake, the baritone, sang several fine songs accompanied on the piano by Joyce Bouchard. The raffie which was organised and run by Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Bunton resulted in Mrs. Abbott winning an electric table lamp, Mrs. Starns a cake and Mrs. Judd the novelty award.

Mrs. Needham as "Miss Hay," Mr. Bunten as "Mr. Beren," Mr. Bouchard as "Mr. Moore" and Len Rogers as the "Question Master" (Mr. Macpherson), presented an imitation of "Ignorance is Bliss" which produced a feast of laughter. Judging by the number present it seems like "old times" are coming back again.

FREE AND EASY.

Sunday evening, 22nd June, 1947.

A fairly large crowd "turned up" for the "Free and Easy" held at the Centre on the last night of Watling Week No. 19.

Mr. Johnson acted as M.C. in the absence of Pat Molloy.

A comical interlude was given by the "Performing Horse"—which comprised Sid Jamison as the front and Ron Jamison as the rear halves.

Novelties were won by Mrs. Purvis, Joyce Bouchard and Tommy Judd. Mr. Ken Acott was at the piano.

MEMBERS' DANCE.

Despite a disappointing attendance a good time was had by all at this the final event of Watling Week.

Music was provided by the "White Ensign Dance Band."

Mr. Bert Shaw was the winner of the novelty award.

Len Rogers the Youth Leader assisted by Rene Hasler was the M.C.

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1st prize, Gent's Water, N. Drawwater, 28 Edgware.
2nd prize, Oval Mirror, J. H. Loveridge, 1 Road, N. Ken., Lon
3rd prize, Table Lamp, Nellie, Betta Cafe, Avenue, Burnt Oak.
4th prize, Table Lamp, Tom Rogers, 7 Edgware.
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- 5th prize, Cigarette Case.
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Veterans Club's Twelfth Anniversary

The old folk had a very enjoyable time when they celebrated their 12th Anniversary at the Centre on Wednesday, May 28th.

Among the guests specially invited to join them at the tea table were six old gentlemen from Redhill House, the Rev. Hugh Parry of Eversfield Church and Mrs. Parry, Miss Reed, Mrs. P. Molloy, Secretary W. C. A., Mr. M. Lock and Mr. S. Jones (Trainees).

After tea the old folk were enter-

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tained by the Eversfield Players with two one-act plays. The first, "David Garrick pays a call" and the second "The Gallery Queue." Both plays were written by the Rev. Hugh Parry.

Mr. Percy Angel from Redhill House led the old folks in community singing with selections on the piano between the plays.

Mr. H. W. Evans, Master of Redhill House is anxious to establish contacts for old folks under his care, who are able to go out, with local bodies, so as to give them some link in the outside sphere of life.

Arrangements are now being made so that some of them can regularly join in with our Veterans on Wednesday afternoons. We extend our thanks to the following ladies who prepared the tea: Mesdames Nyberg, Fanthorpe, McKay, Lake, Hudson and Buzec. E. E. COLE.

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YOUTH NEWS

A Hike

Yes! 30 young people standing outside the usual meeting place stamping their feet and simply longing to go tramping along the peaceful lanes of rural Hertfordshire.

But, by the time they had reached Mill Hill Station a different scene presented itself.

Some were flopped out on seats, some were noisily criticising the merits of the L.M.S. Railway. Some looked at though they wished they hadn't got up quite so early. But the crowning glory was a certain young lady with strong political views who came dressed in a pair of Mountaineering Boots.

They waited two hours for the local cattle transporter which upon arrival was already packed to capacity but regardless of other people's injuries they managed to board this mobile contraption with a whistle.

On arrival at Radlett Station they paraded in a sorrowful manner in order to total up the lump sum of insurance to be claimed for injuries.

Owing to lack of response they proceeded to amble along Watling Street in a northerly direction. Until, (Yes you've guessed it!) a cafe appeared in the distance.

After partaking of some coloured water called "tea" and some week old rolls, Mr. Rogers suddenly became ill and started to mumble something about covering 8 miles in 57 minutes or something equally drastic. But owing to lack of support the project was abandoned.

And so they ambled gently along across hill and dale until they reached Bricket Woods where they found out they were three short of the original number.

However, nobody got unduly alarmed, being quite used to that sort of thing.

Everything was going beautifully until Mr. Rogers decided it was time to depart, and so they travelled once more over hill and dale with Mr. Rogers leading the party with a map in his right hand and at every road junction he would raise his hand and point saying: "That-a-way, come on, only five more miles," And if you could have seen 'em at the top of Brockley Hill you would have passed out.

Hikers they call themselves?

A Cycling Trip

Bikes, bikes, nothing to see but bikes, and so another season dawned over the heads of the Cycling Section of the Centre Youth Club.

In the vicinity of the Centre on that particular Sunday morning would have seen 30 cyclists setting off in grand style, but if they could have followed behind as far as the "Busy Bee" Cafe they would have witnessed a far different spectacle.

Some were walking, some were sweating, some were riding in a manner that would have reminded one of a cyclist riding home after a 100 mile spin.

But were they glad of that cup of "char" and after partaking of this frugal meal they recommenced their journey into the wilds of Rickmansworth Aquadrome.

After ten minutes of nothing but the sound of champing jaws and grinding molars, Taffy and his disciples ventured to test the strength of their limbs by organising an impromptu game of non-association football which according to the looks on the spectators' faces was something like an Athlete's Nightmare.

When we tired of this public exhibition some of the masculine members of the party braved a swim but between me and you, according to the

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But then came the moment when amidst many groans the trusty?? steeds were remounted and slowly and reluctantly steered in the direction of home.

And one particular section rolled home amidst many discords which when pieced together went like this:

And yet another day is over

And aint my blinking saddle 'ard

(The concluding lines not being for the public's ears.)

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The Cyclists are going to Southend over August Bank Holiday. They will be leaving on the Friday night and arriving back on the Monday night.

Also a few of them will be taking a week end trip to Len Rogers place down at Swindon. So wish 'em luck folks, they'll need it!!

Scout News

The 14th Hendon Scouts have spent a busy time during the past month in view of Watling Scout Week celebrations operating from June.

It's a pity Scout Week is so close to Watling Week, but arrangements may be made next year to keep these two weeks well apart in order to give greater concentration to each effort. The programmes for Scout Week were very well got up and scouts had little difficulty in selling them in the streets. The public responding very generously. The 14th are taking their full share in the various activities taking place on the Estate and at Mote Mount, and have given creditable performances in the practices at tent pitching, camp kitchen lay-out, first aid, etc. Weekend camps have taken place at Mote Mount, Fayels Wood and Croydon, and further weekends camps are being arranged.

Final arrangements for a week's camp at Deal are also being completed.

Congratulations to second Sutte on gaining the stamp collector's badge also to Troop Leader Parrett for getting his ambulance badge.

Girl Guides

The 4th Watling Guide Company was formed this year, and held its first meeting at the Centre on January 17th. We started with five recruits, and at present the Company is thirteen strong. We aim at a full strength figure of twenty-four.

The meetings which are held every Friday evening from 6-7.30 p.m. are well attended, and the Guides have shown a keen interest in their work.

Unfortunately we are not able to get uniforms easily, but hope that before long the Company will be fully equipped.

CAPTAIN.

3rd Watling Brownie Pack

On Wednesday, the last day of the Whitsun holiday we picnicked on Stanmore Common. A cuckoo called several times while we ate our sandwiches and we saw a little frog hopping among the grass, which was picked up very gently by a Brownie and put into the stream.

We had expected to be able to bring home some bluebells but found that someone else had taken them all, but we found several other kinds of wild flowers and leaves of various trees which some of us have pressed for our scrap-books.

Before we left the Common, we buried all our papers, as it would have been a pity to spoil the beauty of the country with bits of paper and scraps.

Some new friends have joined us who are eager to become Brownies and are learning the things they have to know so that they will very soon be ready for enrolment.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School Outing to Southend

We spent a lovely day on 9th June at Southend. We left in a charabanc from the Centre at 8 a.m., arriving at Southend at 10.30 a.m., having stopped half way for a cup of tea. Most of us had fish and chips for lunch and enjoyed it, as the sea air certainly gives one a good appetite.

The afternoon was spent "seeing" and "doing" the sights, and our very Gay Girls contributed to the enjoyment of us all and also of Southend visitors generally. Some rode to the end of the pier in the open cars while others preferred to walk and enjoy the invigorating breeze and the fine view along the front. We watched the dredgers at work and the men who sold shrimps, they had just caught and cooked, to visitors on the jetty, and the many, pleasure boats full of very happy people, and one at least of our party was made to realise what a friendly place Southend is.

Our tea was a sumptuous one, provided for us out of our funds collected in various ways by members through the special efforts of Mesdames Nyberg, Richardson, Lake, Durant and others whom we thank very much.

After tea, more fun which reached hilarious heights at the "Bowl" when again our Gay Girls performed to the delight of the spectators.

We left Southend tired but very happy at 7 o'clock after a lovely day. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Nyberg and to Mrs. Richardson, our Social Secretary and her committee for the care with which they arranged this excursion for us, and also to the friendly and capable driver, whom we "lost" at tea time—or perhaps he was too shy to have tea, as we had wished, with so many of us.

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One or two visitors accompanied us, but we missed Mrs. Brixey who, we are very sorry to learn, is in hospital. We wish her a quick recovery and look forward to having her with us again soon.

If you are one of those lonely people who cannot make friends easily, join us on Monday afternoon at 2.30 and share with us the enjoyment of our meetings and our future outings, two of which are already planned—to Southend again in August, and to Kew Gardens, with a trip up the river to Hampton Court in July.

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We are glad to see Mr. Brixey, who has been out of hospital and is now taking active interest in his activities.

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News in Brief

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A noticeable feature at the Council Meeting on Friday, 6th June, was the attendance of certain youth members.

Everyone enjoyed the rather informal talk given by Mr. H. E. Marks, M.A., and expressed the hope that all the future Council Meetings will be as interesting as this one was.

The Townswomen's Guild were lucky when their two coaches took them on their outing to Clacton. The Women's Adult School were equally lucky for sunshine on their outing to Southend.

We are glad to see Miss Rene Hasler out of hospital and once more taking active interest in the Club's activities.

The static water tank at Hampstead Heath is to be converted into a model yacht pond.

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Provision of new gate posts and the repair of chestnut fencing is to be carried out at Montrose Avenue allotments.

With a view to relieving overcrowding on the Watling Estate, consideration is being given to the question of transfer of families to more suitable accommodation in accordance with the number in the family.

The work of converting Stacy House into a civic restaurant is progressing satisfactorily.

Watch the Rose Garden closely folks. The Youth Club's taken over and is now maintaining it, and the supervision of Mr. Price who is an expert rosarian.

The Health Centre at Cressingham Road has been burgled.

A teacher from the Meads School is exchanging her teaching post with a teacher from Canada.

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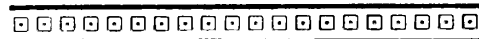
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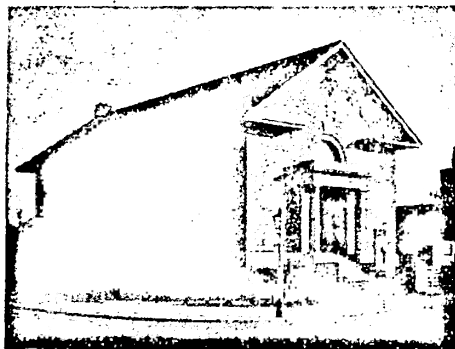
Congratulations to Mr. A. I. Jones, President of the Watling Association, on becoming a grandfather. His daughter Meg has got a bonny boy.

Mr. Jones has not been seen so much at the Centre lately owing to illness. He is still at business, but he has got to take things quietly and give up some of his social activities for the time being. He hopes to be in full swing again after a rest.

We shall be glad to receive news and articles from secretaries of sections and from readers. We want to know about your activities and ideas:

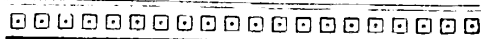


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Children's Library

12th June, 1947.

This month Jean King writes about some of the books that she has enjoyed reading lately.

"The Twin Books" by Lucy Fitch Perkins.

A set of books beautifully illustrated by the author. These books explain the life of twins in other countries. They give you details of habits and the way they live and dress. Most of these books give you beautiful descriptions of scenery.

"Sabotage at the Forge" by Richard Armstrong.

This is really a boy's book, but I picked it up one day in the library and thought it might be interesting. This is the story of a young boy, Thias Stringer, who has many interesting adventures at the forge, also at the forge is a tall strong man named Bill. None of the boys like him because he is a bully to them; but Thias and his friend soon stop this.

"Schoolgirl Fugitives" by Agnes Miall.

I liked this because it has many exciting parts in it which begin at a French Convent where Kay and her sisters are boarders. This story has many adventures in it right from the start when Kay and her sister set out on their way to Bordeaux.

Magazines.

You can now look at the following magazines in the library:—

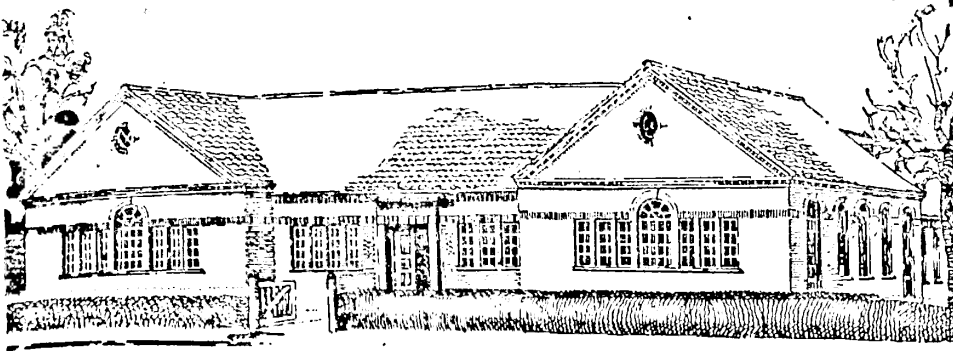
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There was not a very large attendance at the Quarterly General Meeting held in June. Regular attenders were a good number and earned holidays.

The chief item on the agenda was the address by Mr. Maurice Goldsmith, Managing Editor, "Stanmore Chronicle," who was "billed" as "Star Newspaper." Mr. Goldsmith should perhaps be stated to have attended the meeting at the request of the Executive Committee and that in view of certain points raised by Mr. Goldsmith, on the subject of the newspaper, members should be given the opportunity of forming their own opinion.

Mr. Goldsmith opened his address by stating that he did not intend to talk very long, and that he hoped the speakers who began by making a statement he kept his promise. He stated that the people of the "Hendon and Stanmore" were not endeavouring to compete with other local newspapers in their particular field but to provide a paper that was of use to the community. Their intention was

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Members Meeting (JUNE)

There was not a very big attendance at the Quarterly General Meeting of Members held in June, and several regular attenders were absent on well earned holidays.

The chief item on the agenda was an address by Mr. Maurice Goldsmith, Managing Editor, "Hendon and Stanmore Chronicle," whose subject was "billed" as "Starting a Local Newspaper." Mr. Goldsmith, it should perhaps be stated addressed the meeting at the request of the Executive Committee who had felt that in view of certain proposals made by Mr. Goldsmith, on behalf of his newspaper, members should have an opportunity of forming a first-hand opinion.

Mr. Goldsmith opened his remarks by stating that he did not propose to talk very long, and unlike most speakers who began by making such a statement he kept his word! He stated that the people associated with the "Hendon and Stanmore Chronicle" were not endeavouring to compete with other local newspapers in their particular field but were trying to provide a paper that was different. Their intention was to provide a

means whereby a special place might be found for the news and views of the different organisations in the locality. To this end they were hoping to create at a later date an Advisory Body made up of representatives of organisations and interests. The paper was a non-profit making concern and was likely to remain so for a long time to come. It was staffed almost entirely by Voluntary and Part-time workers. Owing to the restrictions imposed by paper rationing it was at present limited to four pages, and appeared only once a month. The paper was founded with a serious intent and would not undertake any "stunts." One of the major aspects of policy would be the breaking down of national problems into their local aspect. He gave as an example the effect of the 1944 Education Act in the Borough of Hendon which was dealt with in an article contained in a recent issue of the paper.

Discussion was very lively and much to the point, the first question being, "Is this a publicity stunt?" and the second, "Will the paper be free from party-political bias?" Mr.

Goldsmith was able to give clear cut answers—put shortly, "No," to the first question and "Yes," to the second.

Much interest was shown in the proposed Advisory Body. "How would it be composed?" "What would be its powers?" "When would it be set up?" Mr. Goldsmith

gave reasons why he could not commit himself at this stage. The general intention appeared to be to gain experience first and then to proceed. Another challenging question was "Would the Advisory Body be able to change the policy of the paper?"—the answer indicated not directly but its influence would be considerable.

CENTRE • POINTS

The Watling Traders Fire Watchers Association at its final meeting donated £10 11s. 8d. to the Association Youth Club. The grateful thanks of the Executive Committee and Council for this most generous gesture has been conveyed to Mr. Scarles the Secretary.

Council houses being built on new estates at Worthing are to have blue or orange doors, with black roofs, yellow walls and white joinery. When trees and grass have been planted it is expected that the effect will be distinguished.

Our Wolf Cub Pack under the leadership of Miss Rene Haslar flourishes but many of the boys are unable to wear uniform because they cannot obtain scarves. If any well wisher has any odd pieces of white cloth, such as old sheeting (to be dyed), or yellow and green material, suitable for making up into scarves they would be showing their sympathy in a most practical fashion if they would leave it at the office.

The printed Annual Report and Audited Accounts were presented and passed with little comment. The Accounts differed practically not at all from the unaudited statement presented in March.

It was agreed that at future Members' Meetings the Youth Leaders should make report on the work of the Youth Club.

Interim Reports were presented by the Watling Week and Education Committees.

Letters of appreciation for help given have been received from the Edgware Town Football Supporters Club, and the Watling Allottees Society.

Negotiations with the Hendon Borough Council for permission to erect the Asbestos Welfare Hut are still proceeding.

Completion of the repair and renovation of the wooden outbuilding has now been placed with another contractor and satisfactory progress is now being made.

Film to See . . .

The Baby film should be shown in all cinemas. It should be shown in all schools to children at the school leaving age—not in an obscure cinema in the Charing Cross Road. The film is educational and should not be used as a money making racket in a quarter of London abounding in dubious rubber goods shops.

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Customs formalities w and in a remarkably s time I was walking up of S.S. Jupiter. At the gangway a sailor welcom and gave them instructi they could find berths. ing smile faded as he r "For'ard," he said, " over the second class down the ladder." Th

JOURNEY TO NORWAY

"Can offer you passage with seamen being repatriated to Norway. Not up to third-class standard. Fare five pounds."

With a long leave before me I had made up my mind to spend it in Norway. Then my troubles started. Shipping Agents were blandly polite, "Post-war travel," "Booked up for months ahead," "Reservations have been made for all the seats available in our planes until September. As a last desperate venture I wired the Norwegian Consulate in London, and here was the answer. "Can offer you passage—third class standard," I did not care if I had to "strap hang" to Bergen.

The following Wednesday I was on the platform at Newcastle Central. Amongst the crowd awaiting the Boat Train was an elderly giant, dressed in tropical kit. A vivid scar slashed across his face from his forehead to his chin. This scar combined with a flourishing black moustache gave him a ferocious expression that was totally belied by his humorous blue eyes. He grinned at me, not the usual sickly smile that males are wont to use before remarking on the weather, but a full blooded grin that set his eyes dancing and his scar crackling. At that moment our train drew in and we were parted in the rush for seats. We were destined to meet again.

Customs formalities were soon over, and in a remarkably short space of time I was walking up the gangway of S.S. Jupiter. At the head of the gangway a sailor welcomed passengers and gave them instructions as to how they could find berths. His welcoming smile faded as he read my ticket, "For'ard," he said, "Tween decks, over the second class deck and down the ladder." The official wel-

come was over before it started; my valiant thoughts of "strap hanging" to Norway faded as I descended to "Tween decks."

"Tween decks" proved to be a small space between the for'ard hatch and the hold. A number of double-decker bunks had been erected, and whilst I attempted to make up my mind which was the best bunk, a crane poured cargo into the hold. I made my selection, and by that time the noise and lack of air drove me on deck.

Six and a half years in the Army made me wise in the ways of men. In the Army a Quartermaster could usually be found in a bar. I looked for the Chief Steward in the First class bar and there he was, resplendent in his gold braid, gazing thoughtfully at a large whisky.

"Wonderful country, Norway."

"You think so."

"Yes, the finest holiday country in the world!"

"You have been in Norway before?"

"Yes."

I bought drinks and we talked war. Narvik was fought over again. We ran into some rough water over the ALTMARK incident but smoothed it out with another drink. We cursed the Gestapo and pledged the Norwegian Army, Navy and Air Force. Half an hour later I was informed that a place would be reserved for me in the first class dining saloon. Also, if I did not make use of the first class lounge, he, the Chief Steward, would take it as a personal insult. As far as he was concerned anyone who had helped the Norwegian people was a

friend of his. Life adopted a more rosy hue.

It was on the second day out that I ran into my scarred giant again. I was on the upper deck, watching the sunlight glitter in the bow wave, when he came across to me and offered me a cigarette. His uniform intrigued me and I asked him to what service he belonged. Then I had his story. Fourteen years ago he had left Norway to take command of a "Tramp" engaged in trade on the China coast. With a glint of humour in his blue eyes he said, "After four years on that coast a man's mind starts going funny. If he stays five years he is mad." And without a hint of boasting, "I stayed fourteen years."

Olsen, we will call him Olsen, yarned about "the China trade," told me stories that were unbelievably true, talked of strange cargoes and even stranger bargains he had made with the merchants. Now after fourteen years absence he was going home to his wife and kids.

"And no more sailing for me," he emphatically stated. His eyes gave the lie to that statement.

Almost immediately after dinner we docked at Stavanger. Stavanger is a religious town and it has imparted its influence to the children. Every child we met looked as though he or she was going to a Sunday School, and not a very happy Sunday School at that. There seemed to be a touch of brimstone fear in even the youngest face. From above the harbour a large neon cross blazed down on us. It is a "dry" town and it is impossible to obtain even a glass of beer in the cafes.

Olsen, who had been joined by a compatriot, took me for a walk around Stavanger and informed me that even the most obscure religious sects were represented in this grim little town. "Bergen," he said, "is

thick with laughter and wine. Stavanger is stiff with warring creeds." However, he could offer no explanation of Stavanger's predisposition to religion, and as we walked through narrow, cobbled streets he would do nothing but talk of his beloved Bergen.

The ship's whistle hurried us back. We went to the lounge. By some magic Olson produced three bottles of gin and invited us to his cabin to join in a party he was throwing for some old shipmates of his that were now officers on the Jupiter. Though common sense warned me against it I assented.

Olsen had a large cabin next to the bridge. When we arrived the party had already commenced. A few of his friends, complete with bottles, had installed themselves. Olsen immediately demanded a more formal atmosphere and he got it. Toasts were proposed and drank: we SKALTE to Norway, to the Allies, to England, to Jupiter and long before we reached Olsen's wife and children my drink was being quietly poured down the wash basin.

Then came the question I had longed to ask. "How did you get that beauty slash, Olsen?" queried one of his friends. Olsen suddenly sobered and then laughed quietly. "Alright I will tell you."

For ten minutes he held us. Telling more by understatement and implication than ever a fully embroidered story could. It was a grim story. The Chinese crew were pirates. One night they struck quickly and efficiently. The first mate was knifed whilst he was on the bridge, the second mate strangled whilst sleeping in his bunk. The engineer was clubbed as he climbed to the upper deck and Olsen was set upon by two pirates as he entered the bridge. Fortunately he was too strong for

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Now it read like a boy's adventure story, but then it takes a man like Olsen to tell it.

When I left the party, Olsen, in a belligerent mood was telling the officers of "Jupiter" that they were not fit to sail boats on a Park fjord!

Three hours later I was in the Hotel Norge in Bergen. By some chance I was in the same room that Vidkun Quisling had occupied some years previously. He had entered Bergen triumphantly, convinced that from then on, he was the master of Norway. A tremendous crowd gathered outside the hotel: "We want Quisling they chanted." "This is my moment of destiny," thought Quisling. "Quisling, Quisling," roared the crowd, he stepped out onto the balcony. The roar ceased abruptly as though a torrent had suddenly been stilled. There there broke out the largest, loudest, most heartfelt raspberry that the world has ever witnessed. It took the Germans two hours to finally to disperse the crowd and Quisling's dream of popular support vanished forever.

Now, a year after the war the band was playing in the Park, golden-haired children chased each other in the shade of tree-lined avenues. Olsen was home with his wife and kids.

Page Seven

Across the sunlit fjord a steamer left a golden wake and reminded that I must away on to Trondheim.

Coloured Preacher: "Brederin, we must do something to remedy de status quo."

Sambo: "What am de status quo?"

Preacher: "Dat, my brudder, is de Latin for de mess we is in."

Customer (doubtfully): "Is this a pedigree dog?"

Dealer: "Pedigree! Why if this dog could talk he wouldn't speak to either of us."

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The Edgware Rambling Group

Since the activities of the Edgware Rambling Group were last reported a considerable number of new members have been enrolled, and the Group is now nearing its maximum membership.

It has been necessary to appoint a new treasurer, and Ted Harris has undertaken this work. The Group is very grateful to the retiring treasurer, Albert Brinson, for the work he has put in since the A.G.M.

Country dancing remains a popular feature in the Wednesday evening programmes, but although most of the dances have been learned very quickly, "Strip the Willow," still presents some difficulties, and "The Glasgow Highlanders" ends in a chaos which defies all efforts at unravelling.

Attendance at Group activities is likely to vary from now on, as members take their holidays. A number are planning walking tours in different parts of England, Ireland, France and Denmark, and in the autumn an evening of holiday reminiscences is to be arranged.

Several weekends have been spent camping, and the next camp will be at August Bank Holiday weekend. All rambling activities are well supported, and anyone interested should either contact the secretary, Mrs. J. Fuller, 25 Vancouver Road, Edgware, -or come and see us at the Watling Centre any Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

14th Hendon Scouts

The month's activities include much individual work towards the 2nd Class badge and it is hoped that the half dozen boys who are qualifying will have the badge in the near future. At

the moment of writing, arrangements are being made for the dedication of the Troop Colours at Eversfield Congregational church on Sunday, July 27th. The 14th Hendon Cubs and Brownies will be in attendance and also other Watling Troops. Scouting in the Watling area is becoming more widely known, much publicity and support was given to the movement during the recent Scout Week—a feature which it is hoped will take place every year. The Centre Troop would like more support from parents and friends in order to form a committee to help run social and other activities. We are looking forward to our week at the seaside at the end of August when a party goes to Deal.

We shall be pleased to welcome you any Thursday evening at the Centre between 7 and 9. KIM.

Children's Library

Library Hours.

Next term the library will be open as follows:—

During Term-Time.

Monday	..	..	4.0 to 6 p.m.
Wednesday	..	..	4.0 to 6 p.m.
Friday	..	..	4.0 to 6 p.m.

During School Holidays.

Monday	..	..	2.15 to 5 p.m.
Wednesday	..	..	2.15 to 5 p.m.
Friday	..	..	2.15 to 5 p.m.

New Books.

Here is a list of books that have been added to your library recently:

Fiction.

Young Robin Brand—Detective
by Freeman Wills Crofts
Chi-lo the General
by R. J. M. McGregor

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Rod's Puppet Show
Canadian Wildwood
Sail Ho!
Unofficial Assignment
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Rod's Puppet Show by H. M. Heaton
Canadian Wildwood by Don Hillson
Sail Ho! by Shalimar
Unofficial Assignment
by Capt. T. Thompson

Non-Fiction.

Judy's Cookery Book
by Muriel Goaman
Story of Australia
by Margaret M. Pearson
The Young Bird Watchers
by A. F. C. Hillstead
The Ranch—A Paradise for Horses
by Enid S. Briggs
The Empire Youth Annual, 1947.

Orange Hill School is to be externally decorated.

Fruit Pie and Custard

A True Story

"You'll find a bit of cold meat and some salad," said my wife as she pecked me good bye. She was off to Clacton for a day with the Townswomen's Guild, "You might as well eat that bit of fruit pie that was left and there's a bit of custard to eat up." "Oh, I shall manage alright dear," I replied. "Don't worry about me, you go and have a good time, you can bring me back a bit of rock—but no cockles."

The day wore on and the sun blazed through my office window. I thought how lucky the Women's Guild were to have such a fine day. I duly arrived home hot, tired and hungry with just an appetite for cold meat salad and fruit pie. Well, I cleaned the cold meat and salad up and then poked about the larder for the fruit pie and custard. Ah! there it was, just the thing to finish up with. There was a nice chunk of pie—and two basins of custard—the remains of yesterday's and—yes some freshly made, it looked like. I scraped out

the old custard from the one basin and stirred up the other basin which looked very creamy indeed: it looked like a bit of pre-war custard. I plonked it on to my plate all over the chunk of fruit pie, mixed it up a bit, and then put a large spoonful of pie and custard into my mouth—Ouch!—It wasn't custard at all. It was butter or at least margarine—our week's ration; it had been placed into the basin to keep cool, but, owing to the heat, had melted until it looked just like custard. Was I sick, and what did my wife say? Well, that's another story. FRED LAKE.

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~ The Pick of the Bunch ~

By F. H. LAKE

"People round Watling are awaiting an interesting conflict."

"What is it?"

"An irresistible blonde has just met an immovable bachelor."

What you keep to yourself you lose; what you give away is yours for ever.

An optimist says his glass is half full; a pessimist says its half empty.

Said She: "Our marriage was a mistake."

Said He: "I disagree with you."

Said She: "Yes."

An apple a day will only keep the doctor away if the skin is left on. For sleeplessness I recommend a walk before bed, a little light reading before going to sleep, and a hot water bottle in cold weather. A glass of warm water with a teaspoonful of common chalk is better than many sleeping draughts.

—Sir Bruce Porter, M.D.

To fill holes.—Mix equal quantities of putty and salt well together and use for filling any kind of holes, such as mice holes, cracks in wood or stone, window frames, etc. This mixture does not crumble away, but fixes very hard and smooth.

"Tommy's broken my nice new doll."

"How did he do that, dear?"

"I hit him on the head with it."

"What's the trouble, Bill?"

"I've been sending my girl a letter every day since I've been abroad—and now she's gone and married the post-man!"

For everything you have missed you have gained something else.

"Am I the first man who's ever kissed you?"

"Why do you boys all ask the same silly question? Of course you are darling!"

Anxious father of triplets (helpfully): "Is there anything I can do doctor?"

"No, you've done enough!"

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The All Round girls' team and team spirit Shield for the girls' the third year running the intermediate group B. high jump with a jump a creditable performance 100 yards and 120 Grant came second St. Mary's Old S. England girls' club Redman came third K. Upson won the the javelin and second in the long relay team, B. Re B. Grant and D second to St. Mary The senior girls while D. Redman shooting competition second in the 150 nett who came second yards for the girls' won the javelin competition did well in the high jump, while D. Taylor the club in the spring The Boys' club performance by the Shield for boys. Dombrant. Shephard Fosskett gave very good and won every event the intermediate boys' and E. Webb came in the javelin. W. Norman long jump and R. the half-mile and boys' club were senior group. for events. The 100

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Popular Wedding

A large number of friends gathered at the Centre on Saturday, July 12th, on the occasion of the wedding of Kenneth A. Buzec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buzec, two regular supporters of the Centre, and of Miss Thelma Robinson of the Centre's "Over 20 Club."

There was a good mixture of dancing, singing, and variety turns, selected from visiting friends, including: Betty Nyberg, comic songs; Mrs. Nyberg, "Fairy Queen"; Joyce Bouchard, song and dances; Mr. Bouchard, "The Laughing Policeman"; Fred Lake, monologues; Mr. Howard, "Oh Granny!"

Music was provided by the Elsa Dance Orchestra.

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"Hopkins," remarked the "nouveau riche," as the superior butler swung open the front door for his exit. "I 'ave ad a tiff with the mistress; jest bang the door after me."

Irish Priest (addressing invalid): "I'm going to pray that you may forgive Casey for having thrown that brick at you."

O'Leary: "Mebbe yer Rivrence 'ud be saving toime if ye'd jist wait til oi get well, and thin pray for Casey."

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Sunday—

Weightlifters, 11.
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.
Sunday School, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Over 20 Club, 8.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.
Cubs, 6.
Folk Dancing, 7.30.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Poster Group, 8.
Concert Party, 8.
Men's Club, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
Dress Making Class, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.
Y.C.L., 8.

Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.
Brownies, 5.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
Rambles, 8.

Thursday—

Whist Drive, 2.30.
British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.
Scouts, 7.
Youth Club, 7.
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
Over 20 Club, 8.
Whist Drive, 8.

Friday—

Girl Guides', 6.
H.S.A., 6.45.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
N.B.L.C.W.S., 8.
Orchestra, 8.30

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
Social, 7.30.

At the Annual General Meeting of the London Federation of Community Associations Mr. P. N. Molloy was elected Vice-chairman.

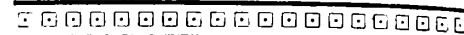
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Poor Digestion

Most heartburn, lump-in-throat, gas, laziness, and the other accompaniments of poor digestion can be traced back—not to the unreasonable rebellion of our stomachs—but to our nervous and emotional states, and even our mental attitude.

The digestive tract is threaded throughout with nerve connections, and will do a good job or a poor job according to the kind of nervous stimulation it receives.

Bring only the happiest subjects to the table, leave your worries and anxieties somewhere else and learn to laugh. Good humour is the greatest single aid to good digestion.



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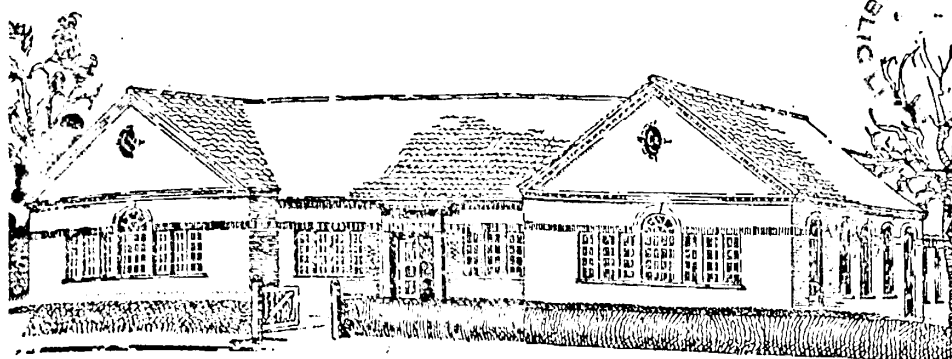
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Members Dinner and Dance	10	14	8
Saturday Social	4	2	6
Orchestral Concert		2	0
Youth Club Crazy Night	1	8	11
Juvenile Dance Competition	9	9	3
Baby Show	3	1	0
Combined Concert Parties Variety Show	6	14	0
Afternoon Social Whist	4	15	5½
Women's Adult School Cabaret Dance		5	12 1
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Guild of Players	12	1	3
Combined Saturday Social		5	12 8
Sunday Free and Easy		16	0
Children's Sports		15	3
Film Show		12	9
Montrose Fair	150	0	0
Watch Draw	42	17	0
Donations	15	2	6
	£276	5	9½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Hendon Boro Council re Fair	25	0	0
Supper, Band, Goods, etc.	5	8	5
Watch Draw Prizes, etc.	12	5	1
Member's Dance Loss		7	9
Baby Show		6	9
Guild of Players	3	12	8
Printing Posters, Advertising, etc.	22	5	0
Postage, Phone, etc.		19	6
Eversfield Rent	1	11	6
	£71	16	8

	£	s.	d.
Receipts	276	5	9½
Expenditure	71	16	8

Balance £204 9 1½

The foregoing accounts are in accordance with the records kept and all items have been checked and vouched.

August, 11th, 1947.

G. RICHARDSON.
Hon. Auditor.

Council Meeting (AUGUST)

There were some prepared to lay odds that a Quorum would not be mustered for the August Council Meeting, held as it was on the Friday preceding Bank Holiday Monday. The attendance was in fact better than the previous meeting.

Members present learnt with regret of the absence of Mr. Durant, our Chairman, owing to illness. Mr. J. Price was elected to the Chair in his stead. Apologies for absence were also received from Mrs. Coleman and Mr. Stokes.

The Agenda was an "all-business" one of thirteen items. At 10 p.m. it seemed unlikely that it would be completed, but with the co-operation of all a final spurt was made, and the meeting ended with five minutes to spare for the "Ancient Order of Buffaloes," or as it should properly be called, "Any Other Business."

Correspondence before the meeting included a request from the Social Committee that the Council should withdraw the name of one of its elected members to the Committee owing to the failure of the member to attend. This was agreed. The Pedestrians Association, to whom we are affiliated, asked whether the Council desired to maintain its representative on their Committee, or whether it could be filled by a member of another organisation. The latter course was agreed upon.

The Executive Committee Report was brief, for as the Secretary explained several items had been placed on the Agenda as special items. It stated that the Youth Leader had been given permission to attend a course dealing with the "under 14s"; the letting of rooms to the

Paddington Civil Defence Committee; and the use of the Hall and Library for the Annual Drama Festival for the week commencing 10th November. The Report was adopted, but the Council asked that special note be taken that the Common Room should not be let except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Reports made by the Social and Educational Committees indicated progress, but that of the Resident and Publicity Committee gave rise to concern. The Executive Committee being already due to discuss the vital problems involved it was decided to hold over further consideration to the matter.

The never ending subject of "Additional Accommodation" came up for discussion, but at long last in a much happier vein. The estimate of Messrs. A. E. Williams for completing the work on the wooden outbuilding had previously been accepted, and the Council gave its approval for the action taken. It was pleasing to learn that good progress had been made at last. The estimate for glazing was accepted.

The Borough Surveyor had visited the Centre and advised on the siting of the Asbestos Hut. It was agreed that we should undertake the laying of the concrete floor and the erection of the hut, and the Secretary was instructed to act accordingly.

It was reported that the Youth Club Management Committee would meet on the 12th August and the Council was asked to appoint two representatives. Mrs. Nyberg and Mr. Lodge were elected.

Arising out of an application for the use of a Room by a wedding party on Saturday, 27th December,

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1. The irregular collection of household refuse and salvage.
2. The condition of the ground on the Watling Avenue.
3. The failure to clear up of the static waste corner of Watling Avenue.
4. The failure to improve the condition and appearance of the estate.
5. The failure to deal with requests for urinals and dustbins.

Burnt Oak Wood School

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consideration was given to the period for which the Centre should be closed at Christmas. It was agreed that the Centre close on Christmas and Boxing Day.

Report was made on the proposed Conference of all organisations serving the Watling Area to be called to discuss the various needs of the people. It was agreed to appoint a sub-committee to carry the matter forward. Messrs. Cole, Price and Molloy were elected to serve.

In keeping with the best traditions of the Association consideration was given to matters relating to the general welfare of the community. The Secretary was instructed to draw the attention of the local authorities to:

1. The irregular and unsatisfactory collection of household refuse and salvage.
2. The condition of the pavements on the Watling Estate.
3. The failure to remove the base of the static water tank on the corner of Watling and Montrose Avenues.
4. The failure to restore to proper condition and use open spaces on the estate.
5. The failure to attend to tenants' requests for urgent repairs and dustbins.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

Four members attended the N.A.S.U. Council Meeting held at Friends' House, Euston Road, in July, when we heard from various speakers, "What the Adult School means to me."

Mr. E. J. Fullwood has been connected with the Adult School Movement for sixty-five years having been "decoyed" into attending a

meeting in Birmingham one morning at the age of eighteen. He had been educated in a middle-class private school. He agreed to attend and teach the members writing and arithmetic. He learned to value each one as an individual. All had something to give and he himself learning tolerance, patience, understanding and humility, and the joy of service as love in action.

Mr. Fullwood paid high tribute to our Handbook from which he had learnt through the life of Jesus the desire for service to others.

Miss Henriques spoke of the Adult School as an Educational Movement. She found a "wholeness" in the Adult School, its work being educational in all its subjects, art, music, everyday affairs, science—a seeking for truth together, which is practical religion, and true education, its aim being the sanctification of life.

Mrs. Currie-Martin considered the place of Religion in the Adult School to be the foundation. As we are a Christian nation we should know the Bible, having all kinds of religious beliefs we should have regard for other people's religion. Religion shows us how all life is sacred, hence all relationships should be sacred.

Joyce King, speaking on "The Present Generation of the Adult School," appealed for more tolerance and patience from older members regarding young people. They are serious young people who do not like the insistence on religious observance at their meetings, but seek fellowship with others in service and friendship. They enjoy art, music, a sunset, a beautiful landscape, but deplore the state to which Christian people have helped to reduce their world, and desire to know what they can do to make it better. "Is not this Religion?" many older people ask.

Why Not a Watling Film Society?

When I was a grubby little boy in Somers Town our Saturday thrill was the "tuppenny rush," run by the Rev. Father from the church on Seymour Street.

When he turned the corner, with the black robe brushing the pavement the line of kids outside the hall would rush to scramble for the honour of carrying the tins of film. For in the tins lay our adventure dreams far from sweating tenements.

Since then the Odeon has claimed us. Pile carpets, soft seats and magnificent Werlitzers in a scented darkness are ours for a myriad tinkle of coins under paybox grilles. Going to the pictures is a habit with us and for too long most of us have been content to see anything that flashes on the screen—this heart throb or that who mirrors a Hollywood world that never was.

I wouldn't for the life of me say that great films haven't come from the Hollywood glamour factories. They have—who cannot remember amongst the tripe, a "How green was my valley," a "Fury," a "Grapes of Wrath"? But less and less have the good directors there had a chance of making the films they would wish to make, and less and less have good stars had a chance to prove their ability in parts that are true to life. That is evident from what has happened to our own stars who have gone there.

Who could have told the story of men who quietly left their homes and took troop trains north and south, who waited in briefing rooms, or grew fatigued over ever turning lathes? Could Hollywood ballyhoo fit in with their thoughts and express their determination.

But fortunately there have always

been men who could make films in Britain. They had struggled along in the days of peace, shaping their films with loving care, telling the story of a people who carried life along in the quiet fashion of unglamorous people. They worked closely, these film men, with others doing likewise on the Continent; and their films had beauty and truth. But they never hit the box office, where the latest "SUPER pitcher of the year" screamed from the bill boards.

But the Documentary film men turned their cameras to tell the true story of a people at war. From their cameras came films like "Merchant Seaman," "Britain can Take It," "Spring on the Farm," and "Nightshift." For the first time, we the ordinary people saw ourselves in our true worth—and we saw how films could be made, with a beauty and truth that gripped us and filled with pride.

Then the British Film Industry followed the lead and to our local screens came films like, "First of a Few," "Western Approaches," "The Way Ahead," "Waterloo Road," and "Way to the Stars." Who can forget "F for Freddie," sailing the clouds to the lovely music of William Walton. scenes from "Way Ahead," the soldier in "Waterloo Road" trying to get past the barrier and the Redcaps to see his wife, and the deserted 'drome in "Way to the Stars?"

We gained a new appreciation from these films and thousands of us began to look further afield for our films. The lengthening queues outside the small cinemas showing films like, "Le jour se lève," "Frenzy," "The Open City," prove an ever increasing appreciation for really good films.

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I believe that in Burnt Oak there are many hundreds of us who have learnt to appreciate good films, who are sick and tired of Hollywood ballyhoo, who would like to see again some of these films I have mentioned and many others which we have had little chance to see at our local cinemas. I believe that there are many hundreds of us who would like to know more about how films are made, to listen to many of the good directors in the British film world tell us of their ideas on how films should be made, hear from actors and actresses their ideas on films and the parts they would like to play.

Why not a Watling Film Society? Such a Society having its true place at the Community Centre could do much to increase the appreciation of good films amongst our community—and maybe play a small part in seeing that the British Film Industry in its present great opportunities does continue to give us films of beauty and worth.

In the Autumn the Association intends to begin regular film shows, drawing upon the wealth of material there is available in the documentary films of past years and those being made now, as well as the best of the commercial films, British, American, French, Swedish, Russian and Czechoslovakia.

Who will come forward to help in the work and the formation of a Watling Film Society? We know that in Burnt Oak there are hundreds of people who would be attracted to its work and become members once the initial work has started. Who amongst our active people of the centre will come forward to join the group now coming together? Mr. Molloy or myself would be glad to know you and tell how you can help. It's up to you.

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YOUTH SECTION

EDITORIAL.

Editor: MR. LEN ROGERS.

At last the Youth Management Committee is under way.

Your Representatives on this Committee are Miss Doreen Hasler and Mr. Alf Robinson.

If you have any suggestions for the betterment of the Club as a whole—here is your chance. See your Representatives and explain to them your suggestion. Ask them to bring the matter up on the next Management Committee Meeting and then after the meeting has taken place ask them what results were attained. I hope all members will realise that this Committee is formed for their benefit and that they will make full use of this most excellent group of persons who have been chosen mainly because of their interest in all things pertaining to Youth.

The Committee is comprised as follows:

Two members elected by the Council of the Association, Mrs. Nyberg and Mr. Lodge; two members elected by members of the Centre Youth Club from among its members, Miss Doreen Hasler and Mr. Alf Robinson; three interested persons residing within the boundaries of the Borough of Hendon, Mr. Douglas Martin of Hendon, Mr. W. A. Steele of Edgware (Edgware Rotary Club Representative), Mr. J. Bishop of Mill Hill.

Together with the Organising Secretary of the Association, Mr. Pat Molloy, and the Youth Leader appointed by the Association, Mr. Len Rogers.

The Local Youth Officer, Mr. Frank Griffiths will be asked to attend all meetings in an advisory capacity.

LEN ROGERS.

AN APPEAL BY THE YOUTH LEADER TO ALL THE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS OF THE CENTRE.

Are you interested in a holiday with profit? There are now being organised, all over the country, camps for Volunteer Agricultural Workers, where, from now until November, people of all ages and classes, will spend some of their time at this vital work of Agriculture.

Volunteers aged 17 and upward make individual applications for enrolment, while, young people of 15 and 16 can go in organised parties in the charge of a Leader. The pay is good—1/3d. per hour for the elders and 11d. per hour for the juniors. Transport is provided each day from the camp to the allotted place of work. Breakfast is usually at eight o'clock, lunch is in the form of sandwiches and on return to camp a good dinner is provided at 6 p.m.

The charge is 28/- per week which includes a personal accident premium insurance. Bicycles may be taken free of charge and the fare will be single rate for the return journey. Will you help in the changes of work that follow through the year?

First comes hoeing, planting and singling of young plants, then hay-making, pea-picking, fruit-picking, flax-picking and the corn harvest. Last of all come the rootcrops with potatoes to pick and bag and help with the sugar beet.

Play, on your return in the evening, is not so organised as to appear stereotyped or formal, but provision is made for darts, cards, table-tennis, etc., dances, concerts and coach trips are some of the diversions arranged, but members are quite free to enjoy themselves in their own way.

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I do hope some of you will seriously consider this as helping the country in need.
Full details may be found in the following address:
The Regional Office
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Block 4 Bickley

YOUTH CLUB A

This is the proposed programme, it is hoped that of the club will endeavour as many as possible to take part.

Mondays. P.T. for Boys School.

Tuesday. P.T. for Girls Hill School which is run by Miss Watson. Boys which will be run by the Youth Leader.

Thursday. Choir and singing taught by Mr. Wembley.

Discussion group.

Friday. Drama Class.

Games and tournaments.

Saturday. Games and sports.

Sunday. Games, etc.

The Centre Youth Club has a team in the Local League's Football League and a team in the Netball League.

The Social Committee meet on September regular on Wednesdays and Sundays. The Social Committee are always ready to show which it is hoped Club members will participate.

HOLIDAYS

The weekend at St. August Bank holiday will be the Youth Club 27 members.

I do hope some of you will seriously consider this opportunity of helping the country in its hour of need.

Full details may be had by applying to the following address.

The Regional Office.

Volunteer Agricultural Camps
(South East),
Block 4 Bickenhall Mans.,
London. W.1.

YOUTH CLUB ACTIVITIES.

This is the proposed Autumn programme, it is hoped that all members of the club will endeavour to support as many as possible of these activities.

Mondays. P.T. for Boys at Barnfield School.

Tuesday. P.T. for Girls at Orange Hill School which will be taken by Miss Watson. Boxing for Boys which will be supervised by the Youth Leader, Mr. Rogers.

Thursday. Choir and Music instruction taught by Mr. Schofield of Wembley.

Discussion groups and games.

Friday. Drama Class.

Games and tournaments.

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Sunday. Games, etc.

The Centre Youth Club has entered a team in the Local Youth Committee's Football League, and a girls' team in the Netball League.

The Social Committee are starting in September regular Dances on Wednesdays and Sundays and the Education Committee are organising film shows which it is hoped the Youth Club members will patronise.

HOLIDAYS.

The weekend at Southend over the August Bank holiday was organised by the Youth Club and attended by 27 members.

An enjoyable time was had by all. 19 members who cycled down had to fight hard against a head wind all the way but eventually reached Southend at approximately 2.30 p.m.

There were ample supplies of eatables, in fact a noticeable feature was the well-fed looks on most faces after each meal.

Everyone was sorry when Monday and the thought of returning to Burnt Oak came, but with long drawn sighs all got away to a good start.

The only incidents to mar an otherwise perfect holiday was the shortage of bread—and an accident sustained by the Youth Leader.

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UNDER 14s.

As Juvenile Organiser for the Association I should like to bring to everyone's notice the following programme of activities which has been organised for the under 14s.

Monday. Cubs at 6 p.m. Cub Mistress, Miss D. Hasler.

*Tuesdays.** Girls at 5.30 p.m. Games, etc., run by Mrs. Myland.

*Tuesdays.** Boys at 5.30 p.m. Games, etc., run by myself.

Wednesdays. Brownies at 6 p.m. Mrs. Coleman.

*Thursdays.** Boys Boxing at 6 p.m. Run by myself.

Thursdays. Scouts at 7 p.m. Scoutmaster Mr. F. Lake.

Friday. Girl Guides at 6.30 p.m. Guide Mistress, Mrs. Sofair.

* Commencing the first week in September, 1947.

There are vacancies in all the above groups and we shall be pleased to welcome any newcomers or old members of any group who wish to return.

3rd Watling Brownie Pack

We learn at our weekly meetings as we play, and try to be kind and friendly to each other and to other children, and helpful whenever we can, especially to Mother at home.

One afternoon we were busy housewives. Having brought sandwiches, we laid our tables, and enjoyed our tea with lemonade, waiting on each other. It was such fun washing up afterwards—a handle “coming off” one precious cup being the only casualty.

We have made some new friends having visited the 2nd Watling Brownies at their Meeting at Woodcroft School. Brown Owl, Mrs. Porley gave us a very kind welcome and introduced each one of us to a sister

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Brownie and we very soon felt quite at home sharing their games and fun. We thanked Brown Owl, Mrs. Porley, and her Brownies for a very happy evening which passed much too quickly and asked them to come to our Meeting at the Centre; we look forward to their visit to us.

In November of last year letters were written to three Australian Brownies. One reply has been received by Pat Smith, who is now a Guide in the 4th Watling Company, and who comes to help us every week. So begins an interesting new friendship between two children living so far apart in which we will all share.

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Watling Round By "STROLL"

One of the more pleasant of the estate this year considerable improvement of many of the fine houses. In late August many of them were well trimmed off by beds and borders of antirrhinums. Lobelia, fuschias, calceolarias, and most striking displays of Phlox Drummondii easily raised from seed noting for your next year. Much ingenuity and been displayed in the to disguise that awful any garden—the man

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Watling Roundabout

By "STROLLER."

One of the more pleasing features of the estate this year has been the considerable improvement in the condition of many of the front gardens to the houses. In late July and early August many of them were a riot of colour. Well trimmed lawns were set off by beds and borders of petunias, antirrhinums, lobelia, geraniums, fuschias, calceolarias, etc. One of the most striking displays I saw was a bed of Phlox Drummondii, a plant easily raised from seed and well worth noting for your next year's seed list. Much ingenuity and care has also been displayed in the layout of some to disguise that awful monstrosity in any garden—the manhole cover.

I would say that those houses with the longest and largest gardens are generally speaking the better. Is it because such gardens lend themselves to proper tilling, or is it because they present a greater challenge to their possessors?

Observation of these things led to speculation as to why the improvement. Undoubtedly the end of the war helped. Somebody remarked that it is because "Father" has returned from the Forces. I wonder. Often "Father" was too old for Military Service, but although he was at home he undoubtedly worked harder and longer—in any case who wanted to make a beautiful garden today that might be a bomb hole tomorrow! Personally I suspect the reason for improvement to be not so much because "Father" is at home as the younger generation. Often one sees the younger man digging, cutting, and tilling under "Father's" direction who at the same time carries out the lighter tasks.

We are rightly proud of the well-kept condition of our estate, but I

wonder whether we all do as much as we ought to maintain its standards. For instance, we often complain about the destructiveness of children, yet how often do we allow them to do damage unchecked. Recently children picked a hole in the boundary wall of the Centre big enough for two men to crawl through. When relaying the bricks the Secretary was told by three persons that they had seen the children do it. They had neither done anything to stop the mischief or told the Centre staff at the time it was being done.

I have several times observed people passing children who were busily engaged in breaking branches off the trees and shrubs that are so much a part of the beauty of the estate but they made not one word of remonstrance. Similarly I recently saw no less than five adults pass a small boy busily engaged in scrambling up the new wire mesh fencing placed around Watling Park. Not one told him to desist. I did.

There is an interesting point about Association Committee procedure that intrigues me. I had always understood that in Committee no Second for a Motion was necessary except for those dealing with Finance. The Chairmen of our Committees never fail to ask for a Second, and on at least one occasion a Motion failed because there was no second. Similarly on the principle that a Committee speaks with one voice I had understood that the names of the Movers of a Resolution were not recorded except, as above, in matters dealing with Finance, yet often Committee meeting Minutes record the names of both Movers and Seconders. Why?

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Selling "Residents" I had an odd experience. Two of our local "work-shies" (I wouldn't grace them with the name of Spiv), whom I have long suspected to be hangers-on of the local anti-Jewish North West Task Group passed by. One turned to the other and said, "That bloke's a Communist. Watch Him." No one is more opposed to Communism on ideological grounds than I, but so it has been in many countries other than our own that people for no apparent reason at all have been denounced by the enemies of democracy and "liquidated."

In my opinion no more misguided venture could ever have been embarked upon by a local newspaper than that of the vilification of the so called fascist menace in our midst. When will misguided people understand that the evil of Fascism cannot be challenged by mockery. On the contrary it thrives upon it. Had the recent campaign not been called off, thuggery and bloodshed would surely have resulted. "Exaggeration" you say? Take note of this then. At the height of the campaign one of our older and more active Youth Club members whilst in the Centre premises was found to have a lead filled

"cosh" concealed up his sleeve. And why, he replied, "To beat the bloody fascists with of course!" The last no thug, but he was in danger of being turned into one by the hysterical outbursts of the local paper at that time. Needless to say he was warned never to bring such a weapon to the Centre again.

Other Events, September

Mon.	1	RESIDENT COMMITTEE	8
		Jehovah's Witnesses	8
Tues.	2	Rabbit Club	8
Wed.	3	T. & G.W.U.	7.30
Thurs.	4	B.O.T.W.G.	2.30
Fri.	5	COUNCIL	8
Mon.	8	Jehovah's Witnesses	8
Tues.	9	Blind Club	2.30
Wed.	10	Oddfellows	8
		T. & G.W.U.	8
Fri.	12	SOCIAL COMMITTEE	8
		C.P. Social	8
Tues.	16	Rabbit Club	8
Wed.	17	T. & G.W.U.	7.30
Thurs.	18	B.O.T.W.G.	2.30
Fri.	19	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	8
Tues.	23	Blind Club	2.30
Wed.	24	Oddfellows	8
Fri.	26	MEMBERS' QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING	8
Mon.	29	FINANCE COMMITTEE	8

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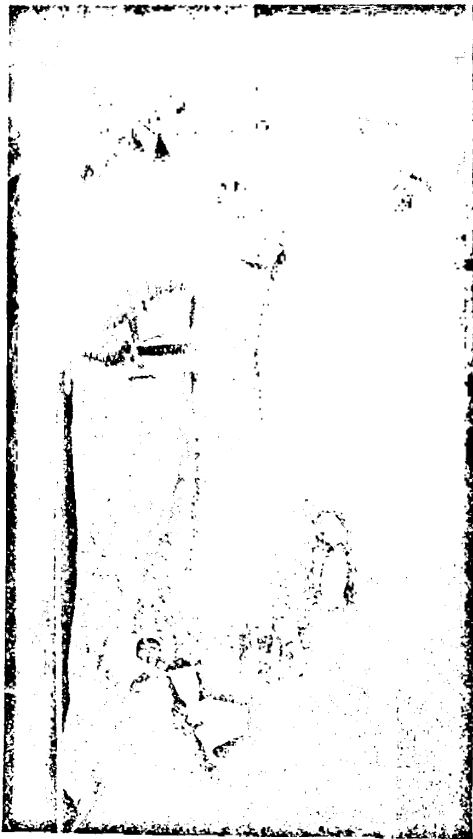
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PUPPETS



AN L.C.C. PHOTOGRAPH

A number of people have indicated their interest in Puppets. During September "PANTOPUCK" (Mr. W. R. Philpott) of the Educational Puppetry Association will give a glove puppet show. There will also be an exhibition of both glove and other puppets, and demonstrations of how to make them.

Unfortunately we are not at the time of going to press able to give the date so watch the Centre notice board for details.

Choir

At last it has been found possible to find accommodation for the Choir for which there has been a persistent demand.

We have been fortunate in secur-

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ing a leader, Mr. Charles Schofield, of the Wembley Philharmonic Orchestra.

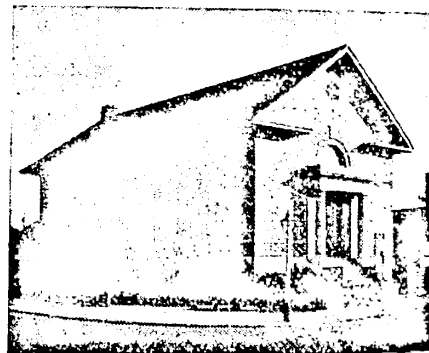
The first meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th September, at 8 p.m. If you are interested please come along. All are welcome so please make this meeting known.

In 1949 the Watling Community Association comes of age and Mr. Sewell Harris has agreed to help in the compiling of the Association history.

"Drink," said the Irish preacher, "is the greatest curse of the country. It make yer quarrel with yer neighbours. It makes yer shout at yer landlord, and it makes yer miss him."



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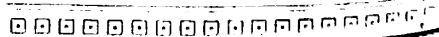
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Sept. 21—Mr. R. R. GUYATT
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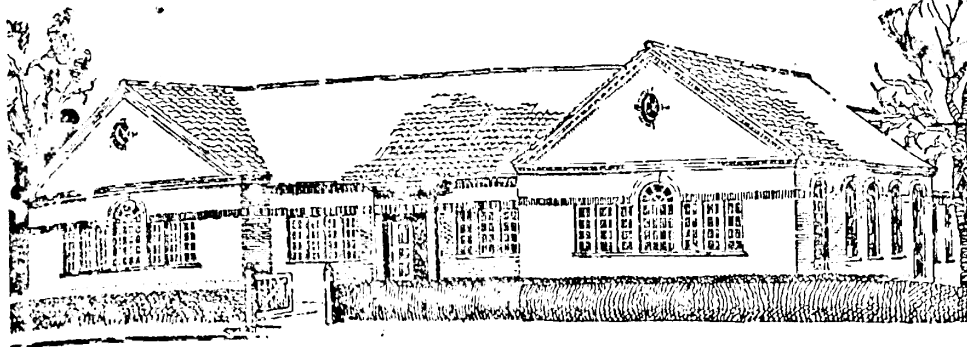


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Points from the Council Meeting

It has been urged upon the authorities to remove the base of the static water tank on the corner of Montrose and Watling Avenue. At present the base of the tank frequently contains several inches of evil smelling water, rubbish of all kinds, and it is a general eyesore.

Concern has been expressed at the bad state of some of the open spaces on the estate. Representations have been made to the appropriate authorities and it is appreciated that schemes are in operation for the restoration of the playing fields, etc.

Correspondence has been going on with regard to the bad state of the pavements on the estate. We have been informed by the Borough surveyor that, owing to shortage of labour—there are only five street masons available for all work of approximately three hundred miles of paved footpaths—it will be some time before the paving can be restored to its normal condition. A further letter, however, has been sent to the surveyor requesting that at least the paving which is obviously dangerous should be attended to at once.

The collection and disposal of house refuse has also received attention and a letter was sent to the Town Hall pointing out the seriousness of allowing long periods between the collection of rubbish and of allowing full dustbins to stand for long periods at front doors and also of the unhygienic method of tipping the dustbins into an empty path.

It has been proposed that the Helpers' social which has for the past few months been held on a Saturday should revert back to the last Friday in the month and that the Resident Committee sponsor it so that many old supporters will be able to attend this most popular function.

In order to get punctuality in delivery of the "Watling Resident" Secretaries of Sections and contributors are requested to get their copy in by the 5th of the month.

Will You Make One?

. . . see page 7

Cressingham Playing Field is to be restored and provided with new playing equipment.

An overseas club, linking parents with their daughters who married and went to the United States, is to be formed.

The Poultry Club is to restart. The inaugural meeting is being held in October.

A Puppetry show is to take place at the Centre in the near future.

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Watling Revisited

By P. N. Molloy

Groups meeting at the Centre are used to having strangers introduced to them from time to time. Over the years they have been questioned, quizzed, stared at, and photographed by visitors, official and unofficial, from all over the world, and of all colours and creeds. We can regard ourselves either as "community guinea-pigs" on whom all sorts of experiments are foisted, or as a group of people whose attempts to create a worth while life out of a wilderness of houses and strangers has much to teach the world. If we are wise we will recognise and hold fast to the latter conception.

The latest "probe" in which the Association has played an important part has been the recent survey made by the organisation known as "Political and Economic Planning." The results have now been published under the title "Watling Revisited." P.E.P. are still engaged on a wider survey of the factors that make an active political democracy. Watling was chosen for a survey of that aspect of the problem that deals with the influence of local organisations in creating political consciousness. It was chosen because much of the ground-work had been covered in the survey made by Ruth Durant before the war and published under the title of "Watling: A Social Survey."

Since 1927 Watling has thrown up seventy organisations meeting on or near the estate and catering for the people's needs. It is interesting to note that the Association has been responsible for housing and fostering one third of the total number. The report notes the Centre as being more essentially a Watling institution than any other organisations. The churches have a higher proportion of officials living off the estate than other

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Why not a Watling Film Society?

It was our cinema. We chose the films; and it wasn't until we had helped to set up the projector and snaked the film on to the cogs could the lights dim and send us into a world where perils were overcome and justice always triumphed.

As things stand, if I personally never saw another American film, I would neither lose my sense of humour nor a scrap of my appreciation for the fine things of life.

As I write, the Hollywood Movie Moguls, enraged at the fact that we have lopped their profits to defend our very existence, have declared a ban on films to this country. I could answer "So What!" and I believe the average film-goer will echo that. For something happened during the war.

And do you remember a film called,

U.S.A. Brides

There are many parents living on the estate whose daughters have married American and Canadian soldiers. They have a common bond that gives them a special interest in "the lands across the sea." On Sunday, October 26th, an informal meeting of all such parents will be held at the Centre with the object of establishing a club where they can meet and exchange opinions and experiences. It is hoped that a programme of social events, talks, film shows, and sheer good fun will result, designed to widen understanding of the new ways our daughters are treading. One of the objects of the club will also be an endeavour to secure privilege rates on fares for those parents who wish to journey to America to see their relatives there. If you are a parent of a daughter now settling in America why not come along? If you are not, tell those who are, and do them a good turn.

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"The Last Chance," which was of such beauty and truth that hundreds walked out halfway through the puerile Yank film that followed it in the programme?

Poultry Club

When the Watling Branch of the Kentish Town Poultry Club ceased to meet at the Centre about 18 months ago it meant that poultry keepers on the estate no longer had a club organised to meet their special interests. New poultry clubs away from the estate have since been formed, but Watling's needs still remain. To meet them a new poultry club is to be formed known as "The Watling Association Poultry Club." The inaugural meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd October, 8 p.m., at the Centre. Mr. H. Eisen, Area Organiser to the Poultry Keepers' Council, will be in attendance. All poultry keepers are welcome.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

On August 18th, Mrs. Thomas, one of our members, gave a report of a visit she had very much enjoyed to an Adult School in Northampton and a visit she had made to the Bethany Homes. An account was also given on this date by Mrs. Durant of a meeting she attended at Westminster on August 12th, when Miss Henriques had lectured on the books of Willa Cather.

Another lovely day was spent at Southend on August 25th.

During September we were very glad to have with us again Mrs. Molloy who spoke on Freedom, and afterwards led an interesting discussion; Mr. Williams of N.W.F. came on September 8th to talk to us on the Epistle of St. James.

Mrs. Durant, our Secretary, has prepared an interesting programme for the Autumn when new members are invited to join us.

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The Neighbourhood Association's oldest group has not met during the last few months. On Wednesday, they are to launch a programme of activity. The appeal to the women's Guild is to meet with them. Why not spend a ple with them?

Garden

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MR. F. H.

4 Littlefield Road

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Make a Note!

The Neighbourhood Guild—the Association's oldest group for women—has not met during the summer months. On Wednesday, 22nd October, they are to launch an ambitious programme of activities designed to appeal to the woman's taste. The Guild is to meet weekly in future. Why not spend a pleasant afternoon with them?

Gardens

The L.C.C. may possibly claim that the improvement is due to the re-starting of their prize-giving scheme for the best garden, but I, at least, have no evidence one way or another. Whatever the cause, "All Hail," to the gardeners of Watling.

The session which has just closed marked the sixth year of the activities of the Workers' Educational Association, Mill Hill and Edgware Branch.

Failure is not falling down. It is remaining there when you have fallen.

Get rid of your REPRESSIONS

Air your GRIEVANCES

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To the Editor:—

MR. F. H. LAKE,

4 Littlefield Road, Watling.

This Is Your Mag.—Use It!

All copy to be in by the 5th of the month.

Will You Make One?

Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of the Community. Friends in the following roads are urgently required to distribute a few copies of the "Watling Resident" each month:—

1. Deansbrook Road, Gold Hill and Oldbury Road.
2. Montrose Avenue.
3. Gaskarth Road.
4. Edwin Road, Deans Walk, and Islip Gardens.
5. Gloucester Grove.
6. Homefield Road and Grange Road.
7. Langham Road and Crispin Road.
8. Watling Avenue.
9. Maple Gardens, Blundell Road and Mostyn Road.

The job will take about an hour each month and will give you an opportunity of making new friends.

At the request of many residents it is proposed to hold a public general meeting at the Centre in the near future to discuss some of the urgent problems affecting the amenities and the lives of tenants on the Watling Estate. One of the chief items is housing and overcrowding. The date of the meeting and the form it shall take is being reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Watling Association and further details will be published as early as possible.

Young Communist League

In common with other youth organisations this month we have spent in the sunshine as much as possible. Rambling through Hertfordshire, swimming at the Rickmansworth Aquadrome and cycling have been the order of the days, but we haven't forgotten the need for discussions and lectures to give us a clearer understanding of the part youth must play in these times.

This past month we have concluded

the series of lecture discussions on "What happens to Love?"—a series designed to cover more fully the problems of youth regarding marriage than the usual sex lecture. The three lectures entitled "Youth and Marriage," "Youth and Sex" and "Youth and Happiness" covered the different angles very well, and the speakers from the Marriage Guidance Council, the Citizens' Advice Bureau, and the Communist Party aroused plenty of discussion by the points they made.

Other lectures have been on the Life of Karl Marx, by a student comrade, and an outline of the coming London Youth Hearing by John Goss, ex-Bevin Boy and now leader of the London Young Communist League. This Youth Hearing in the autumn promises to be a big thing, with statements to be made from hundreds of London's youth regarding their lives and work and their needs, to answer those people who continually jibe at young people.

A "Dutch Parliament," a concert of music from the Ballet, a visit to Unity Theatre's new show, "Dragnet for Demos," and the cinema to see the Italian film, "Open City," were other events of the month, not to mention the part the Y.C.L. played in the recent Direct Vegetable Sales in Burnt Oak. Y.C.L. took over the cash side of the sales and carried out the work efficiently, gaining the thanks of the Bedfordshire farmers.

For the future months the Y.C.L. hopes to see more of the successful common Youth socials held some months ago. They were good fun and we urge all youth to help in this work.

Colours and Colour Mixtures

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Blue and red make purple.
Blue and white make pale blue.
Blue and burnt sienna make black.
Raw sienna is a light brown.
Burnt sienna is a dark brown.

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Pick o' the Bunch

Being items collected from the month's reading.

By F. H. LAKE.

You'll recall the question which "floored" Socrates: "Can you define thought?" Here are a few answers: Mental photography of the past and present, and a glimpse of the future.

The only supernatural gift given to Man to use for good or evil.

Memory's picture gallery.

The transformation of mental experience into conscious expression.

That action of the brain which devises a means of attaining the heart's desire.

The mental expression of spiritual and physical impression.

The greatest freedom possessed by man. His secret, which no power on earth can ever discover or steal from him. Death is its only barrier.

The motive power of man and the Universe, inherent with divine mind.

The ability of the mind to focus, at lightning speed, on any item of its acquired knowledge, either of its own freewill, or under compulsion.

And the gem of the lot, we think, is this: "Thought, my dear sirs, is talking to yourself, and getting the answers."

Hair grows on men's chins and heads; vice versa on women, because women use their chins a lot and men their heads

Dictate this sentence to your friends. From 100 (top score), subtract 10 for each word misspelled:—

Outside a cemetery sat a harassed cobbler and an embarrassed oculist, picnicking on a desiccated apple, and gazing at the symmetry of a lady's ankle with unparalleled ecstasy.

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Panting and perspiring, two Irishmen on a tandem bicycle at last reached the top of a steep hill.

"That was a stiff climb, Mike," said the first.

"Sure, it was," said the other. "If I hadn't kept the brake on we should have gone backward."

Ironically, the animal whose name is a synonym for everything contemptible in the human vocabulary is, in many essential respects, the most similar of all animals to man. The basis of this similarity is the fact that men and rats are the only completely omnivorous animals. They alone will eat anything: meat, cereal, fruit, nuts, eggs, fish, and if nothing else is available each other. Since mammals having the same food habits develop close similarities in nervous and nutritional processes, the same diseases attack both rats and men.

A quaint verse in the little old churchyard of Thaxted, Essex.

Give me a good digestion Lord, and something to digest,

Give me a healthy body, Lord with a sense to keep it at its best.

Give me a healthy mind, good Lord, to keep the pure, and good in sight.

Which, seeing sin, is not appalled, but finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored: that does not whimper, whine or sigh,

Don't let me worry over much about that fussy thing called "I."

Give me a sense of humour, Lord, give me the grace to see a joke,

To get some happiness from life and pass it on to other folk.

To attempt to achieve happiness by a succession of pleasures is as foolish as to strive to keep a light all night by striking successive matches.

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Sunday—

Weightlifters, 11.
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.
Sunday School, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Over 20 Club, 8.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.
Cubs, 6.
Folk Dancing, 7.30.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Poster Group, 8.
Concert Party, 8.
Men's Club, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
Dress Making Class, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.
Y.C.L., 8.

Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.
Brownies, 5.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
Ramblers, 8.

Thursday—

Whist Drive, 2.30.
British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.
Scouts, 7.
Youth Club, 7.
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
Over 20 Club, 8.
Whist Drive, 8.

Friday—

Girl Guides', 6.
H.S.A., 6.45.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
N.B.L.C.W.S., 8.
Orchestra, 8.30

Saturday—

Youth Club, 7.
Social, 7.30.

Other Events, October

Thurs. 2.—B.O.T.W.G. 2.30 p.m.
T. & G.W.U., 8 p.m.
Fri. 3.—Council.
Mon. 6.—Resident Committee, 8 p.m.
Tues. 7.—Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.

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Wed. 8.—Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
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T. & G.W.U., 8 p.m.
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Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.
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Thurs. 23.—B.O.T.W.G., 2.30 p.m.
Poultry Club, 8 p.m.
T. & G.W.U., 9 p.m.
Fri. 24.—Bright Spots Concert, 7.30 p.m.
Finance Committee, 8 p.m.
Sun. 26.—American Meeting, 8 p.m.

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This month I have a grouse—a very definite one too—and it is directed mainly at the boys of the club.

Nearly all boys join a club to be amused and to have a good time, and that seems to be the general idea of the boys of 'our club.' You notice I say 'our club.' I mean that in all ways it is 'our club,' and as such, should be the best club.

To make it the best club is the duty and responsibility of all concerned. Of course, as Leader, I am more duty-bound than you—the members—but without your help and co-operation all my work is in vain. It is not a bit of use me organising different activities if you do not support them.

Quite a number of the boys of the club asked for the boxing section to be re-started. Boxing being one of my main interests I made all arrangements for it to be included in the programme of activities and yet the first evening that it started only two boys of the club turned up.

Now this is not good enough, it is unfair both to the Association and myself, and needless to say, unless the numbers are greater during the next few weeks the boxing section will be discontinued. It would be a great pity if this should happen. Watling Boxing Club in the old days had a good

reputation and I had high hopes of regaining this reputation. It's up to you—only you can make this possible.

Although I started with a grouse, I am finishing with a word of praise. To the girls who came for P.T. on the first night and found no instructress present but did not mind being 'pushed around' 'Army style' I should like to say—'THANK YOU.'

Scout News

The 14th Hendon Scouts, who went to see the sea at Deal for a week, had glorious weather every day—ideal for camping, swimming, and other activities. Every day there was something on in the way of cricket matches, football, hikes, etc. The trip to Ramsgate was very interesting, and the boys engaged in all kinds of amusements and entertainment. We were only a small party, but at some points along the front a group of the boys would be spotted in the fun fair, on a water boat, or having a dip. Another exciting afternoon was spent on a motor boat heading out to sea on a roughish sea. We were sorry when the time came to pack up and return home. We are glad to report that some boys are about to get their 1st class badges—one or two their 2nd class, and some new boys their

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Tenderfoot badges. There has been some discussion as to whether we shall form a senior patrol, but we need a few older boys before we can properly get going. We are still in need of an Assistant Scoutmaster. Anyone who is keen on an active, camping and interesting life will be welcomed. Meeting Night: Thursday, at 7 p.m. at the Watling Centre. KIM.

Watling Boys' Club

The Watling Boys' Club have just finished their summer programme. We had a very good cricket season, and, as usual, proved that Watling on the athletic field wants some beating.

Two parties went to Devon for their summer holiday and another party went to France and Switzerland.

The Club is now preparing for the winter session which this year will consist of (apart from the club and indoor games): Mondays, Music Appreciation and Photography Classes; Tuesdays, Senior Boys' Club, as well as Talks and Discussion Classes, Drama and Art Class; Wednesday, Football Training and P.T. Class. Also the Art Class under the direction of Mr. Clarke as usual.

The Watling Boys' Club Committee will welcome any boy on the estate to attend any of the classes run by the Club provided they are members of a youth club.

The Club have entered two football leagues and a number of cup-ties. There will be Youth Hostel weekends and theatre outings as well as visits to places of interest during the winter months.

Any boy under 16 years of age wishing to join the club should go along to Woodcroft School on any Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and see Mr. Harold Lee. The policy of the club is to cater for the young boys on the estate, and cannot accept members over 16 years of age.

HAROLD LEE. *Club Leader.*

Children's Library

Here is a list of some new books that have been added to your library recently.

For Younger Readers.

AUTHOR.	TITLE.
Cecily Finn.	Tell me again— Short stories from the Danish.
Adelaide Makower.	Little Mr. Huffy Puffy.
Loftus Wigram.	Pepi the Polar Bear.
Agnes Nankivell	Polly at Merrydale.
Joel Stolper	Whiskers the Leopard.
Joel Stolper	Patches the Zebra.
Joel Stolper	Hippo the Hippopotamus.

For Older Readers.

AUTHOR.	TITLE.
Charles Tritten.	Heidi Grows Up.
Leon W. Dean.	I Become a Ranger.
Olive E. Knox.	By Paddle and Saddle.
Kate Seredy.	The Open Gate.
Kathleen Wallace.	The Gentle Shadows.
Margaret Lovett.	Family Pie.
NON-FICTION.	
J. T. Hankinson.	Cricket for Schools.
Stowell & Innes.	Every Child's Book of Toys.
Nina Brown Baker.	Peter the Great.
Donald Budge.	Budge on Tennis.
Opal Wheeler.	Beethoven and the Chimney Tower Bells.

ANNUAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

of the
Watling Centre

Week Commencing
NOVEMBER 17th

Adjudicator:

JOHN BOURNE, B.D.L.

A number of Local Amateur Dramatic Societies will compete with one-act plays. Tickets may be obtained at the Centre. Admission 2/6, 2/-, 1/6 each evening. Seasons less 6d. per ticket.

Bach and Inkspots, Beethoven and Boogie Woogie. The choice is yours. Commencing Sunday, October 19th, a Record Recital Club will meet at the Centre every Sunday at 8 p.m. Week by week we shall present, discuss and compare masters of music old and new. Why not give us a trial?

In Yogi exercises vocal sounds are used, such as "Om." It is hardly credible that to say "Om" will do anything shattering to the waistline—but try it this way:—

Stand with feet together and hands together before the chest.

Take a deep breath and then say "Om" (pronounced "Ome"), letting out all the breath and keeping the "Mmmm" sound as long as you can. As you do this you will find that the lower abdomen will "cave in" and the chest rise.

If you want another exercise, pull in the stomach muscles sharply, hold, then let go. If you are not too obvious about it, it can be performed anywhere—in the street, bus or cinema.

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Co-operative Woman's Guild

SPEAKERS:
October 7th.—Mr. Clark.
" 14th.—Mr. Beverley.
" 21st.—Mr. Clark.
" 28th.—Mr. Cornelli.

Bernard Shaw, our greatest literary figure, has no diploma in English language and literature.

You remember the story of the lady who wrote to Bernard Shaw inviting him to become the father of her child on the grounds that a combination of her beauty and his intellect would be something remarkable indeed. Shaw made the obvious reply that the child might have his beauty and her brains.

The sun shone so brightly in the court room at Market Rasen (Lines) that the Chairman complained of window glare.

"I know a simple cure," he said. "Wash it over with a mixture of beer and Epsom salts."

The window was treated and it looked as if there had been frost.

The puppet demonstration given by Mr. W. Philpott of the Educational Puppetry Association literally set the room buzzing with interest and excitement. Any doubts about the possibility of being able to make and operate puppets were effectively dispelled. A puppet group has now been formed and meets at the Centre on Sunday nights. It is never too late to join, so come along.

The first meeting of the Discussion Group will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, at the Centre. Mr. P. N. Molloy will open discussion on "Where do we go from here?" An introductory talk designed to point the way to future discussions.

Those who attended the discussions last year need no further invitation. If you have never been before why not start now?



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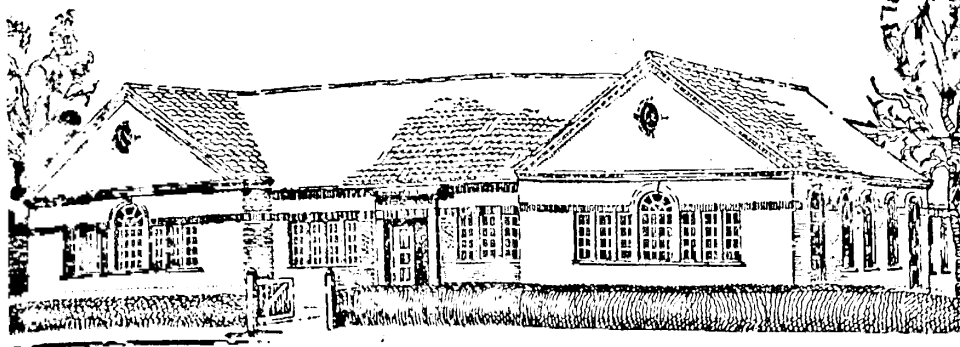
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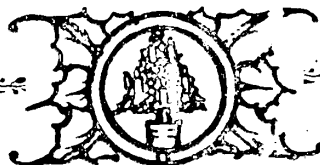
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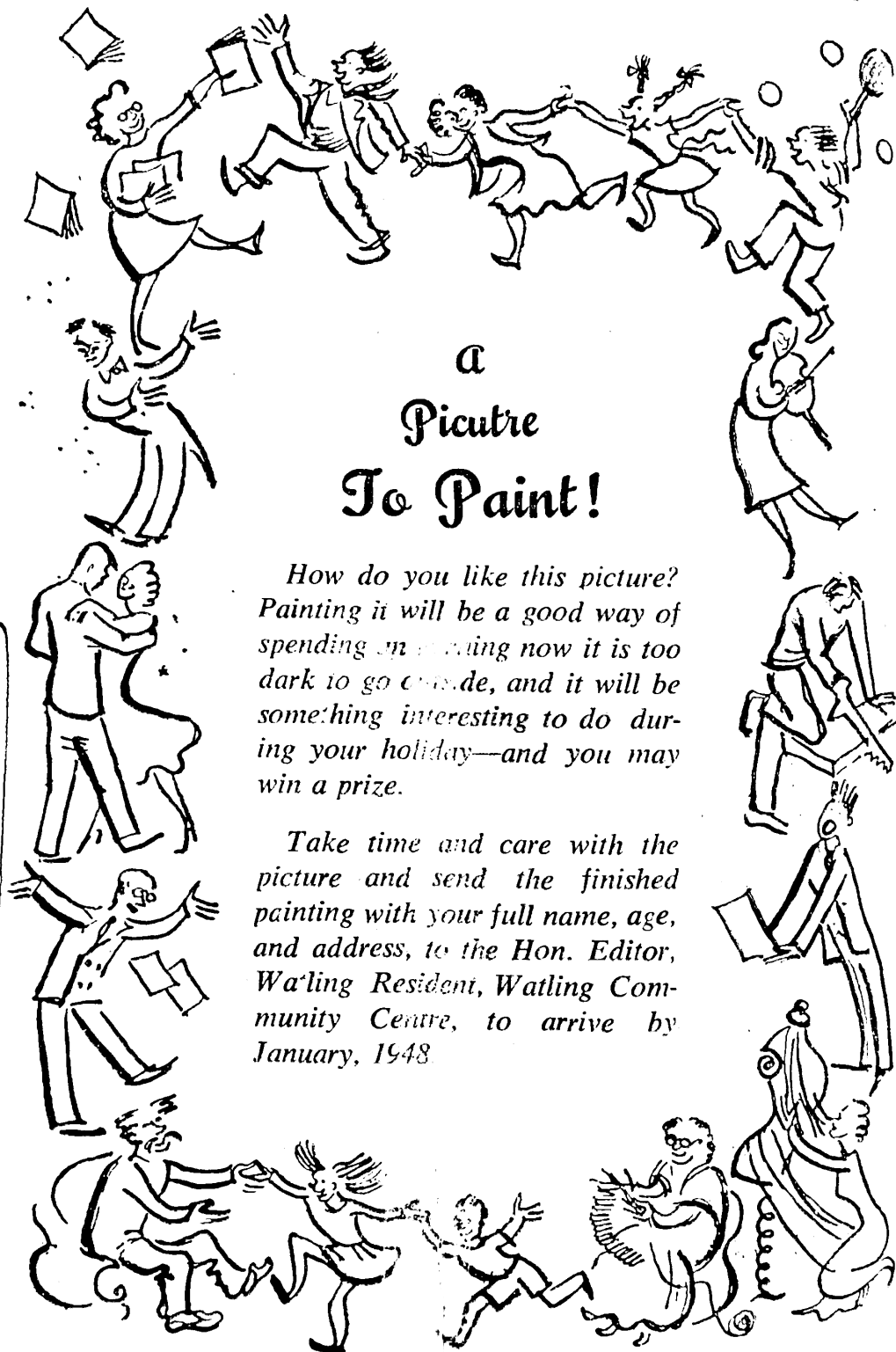
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Proceeds will be divided between the Watling Community Association and those groups taking part. Stalls and Sideshows organised by Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, Burnt Oak Women's Adult School, Eversfield Women's Adult School, Watling & District G.I. Brides' Parents Association, Watling Neighbours, Neighbourhood Guild, M.U., Oddfellows, Ramblers, Sunday School, Veterans' Club, Centre Youth Club, and Heidon Group Y.H.A.

and at 7.30 **A Grand Social** Admission 1/-

CHILDRENS COMPETITION



a Picture To Paint!

How do you like this picture? Painting it will be a good way of spending an evening now it is too dark to go outside, and it will be something interesting to do during your holiday—and you may win a prize.

Take time and care with the picture and send the finished painting with your full name, age, and address, to the Hon. Editor, Watling Resident, Watling Community Centre, to arrive by January, 1948

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CENTRE • POINTS

October was a most successful month for the Association as the "points" will show:

The Gramophone Club was most successfully launched when, at the inaugural meeting, Mr. J. R. Davis introduced a selection of records. On the 16th November several members each brought along three favourite records. The Club will meet monthly and will present some special feature. The next meeting is on Sunday, 14th December.

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The Puppet Group has been accepted as a Section of the Association, and is meeting every Tuesday at 8 p.m. The Group embraces both sexes and has an age range of 13 to 50. Plans are going rapidly forward for the first production in the New Year and will embrace both string and glove puppets. It is a fascinating sight to see members cutting, sawing, stringing, dressing, and practising. New members welcomed.

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An enthusiastic gathering inaugurated the G.I. Brides Parents' Association, now accepted as a Section of the Association. It will obviously fill a great need for the parents of daughters that have married American and

Canadian service men and crossed the Atlantic to live. The presence of the whole of the Committee of the Dagenham Branch was invaluable and greatly appreciated. Mr. Charles Dunson, and his wife, he an American inter-change teacher, were present and received a warm welcome. The group meets every Sunday at 8 p.m.

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The Over 20 Club had a precarious existence last winter. The meeting called to re-form it was not well attended, but undaunted, it was agreed to proceed. The club now meets every Monday at 8 p.m. and the numbers grow rapidly. New members are still welcome. The club is a social one and caters for the young man and woman over 20 years of age.

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An extract from the "London Letter" of the Domestic Poultry Keepers' Council conveys a graphic picture of the inaugural meeting of the Watling and District Poultry Club called by the Association.

"What an inaugural! the audience crowded in until the Chairman and the A.A.O. (Assistant Area Organiser) actually had their backs to the wall and the front row of chairs was about 18 inches away. Spirited meet-

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ing resulted in the election of a splendid body of Officers and Committee, Mrs. A. Martin, 43 Silkstream Road, Edgware, becomes Secretary of a club with an excellent future."

The Club has affiliated to the Association and meets at the Centre on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

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The Neighbourhood Guild has started its winter activities, and grows in numbers. The ladies have already enjoyed an illustrated talk on Modern Advertising, given by the Secretary, and an interesting talk given by Mrs. M. Molloy. A full winter programme

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A. I. Jones, Optician and Chemist,
132 Burnt Oak Broadway M.P.S.

The London Co-operative Society
Burnt Oak Broadway

Geo. Nosworthy & Son
The Green Man, Mill Hill

Watsons Wood Stores (Edgware) Ltd.
195 Burnt Oak Broadway

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is planned, and all ladies are invited. The group meets at 3 p.m. every Wednesday.

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The "Meet Your Representative" meeting to be held at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, 2nd December, at the Centre, promises to be a bumper meeting. The representatives will be Mrs. Barbara Ayrton Gould, Member of Parliament for the North Hendon Division, Mr. C. Kartriber representing the Burnt Oak and Edgware Wards on the Middlesex County Council, and Mr. S. Sharpe, one of the three Burnt Oak Ward representatives on the Hendon Borough Council. The Reverend Hugh Parry, of the Eversfield Congregational Church has kindly consented to act as chairman.

The object of the meeting is to give you an opportunity of meeting your representatives in public affairs, and to ask them what they are doing on your behalf. Questions in writing should be submitted to the Secretary, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before the day of the meeting.

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We are pleased to record the affiliation of the D20 Social Club, and trust that through their representative we shall benefit by their counsel.

Watling Roundabout

By "Stroller."

Scrawled on the wall of the Deansbrook Road railway bridge was the inscription "SPIVE JEW BABY," and a crude attempt to portray a man of Jewish appearance. It was obviously the work of a child. But later appeared in a much neater hand "DOWN WITH THE JEWISH SABATOURERS" and the Fascist symbol. (The spelling is the scrawler's, not mine.) The conjunction of the

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I see that the local press commented on the seemingly endless number of children with the crudest of "guys" appealing for pennies allegedly to spend on Guy Fawkes night. Do we change as we get older? Are youngsters more cadging? Or did we plague the grown-ups as much when we were young?

The effects of fireworks on dumb animals was clearly seen at the Centre. A spaniel dog took refuge under the stage in the hall and lay shivering with fright the whole of Guy Fawkes evening.

When the Centre closed it literally had to be lifted out from under as it was too petrified to move. Fortunately, by the merest chance its owner was located and the animal taken safely home.

Some of the Centre Youth Club lads did a grand job of work during the "thickest fog of the year" in early November. Supplying themselves with hand torches they guided lorries and cars from Deans Lane Bridge to Watling Avenue traffic lights, and then picking up traffic at that point guided them in the reverse direction to the Deans Lane Bridge. They spent over three hours doing this and on one occasion at least led a "convoy" of not less than six heavily laden lorries.

The Autumn Budget may seem to have been left far behind us, but writing the day after it was made known one senses a feeling of anticlimax. We appear to have expected a much more drastic imposition of taxes, and had braced ourselves to meet the shock, instead we appear to

have been affected hardly at all. No increase in the cost of smoking, only a penny on the beer, and increases of purchase tax that will not affect us—yet. What a relief! Perhaps the mood will have changed ere this is printed.

Potato rationing is with us. Anticipated for some time we are now tasting the reality (forgive the pun). The over harassed housewife suffers, as usual, more than most, and the usual anomalies are revealed. Yet who can truthfully say that rationing was not a necessary step—or suggest foolproof methods of preventing the injustices?

Notes from the Social Committee

The Rabbit Club are running the social on Saturday evening December 20th.

Mrs. Crowe for the present is running the Thursday whist drive.

At the time of writing, Mr. Rogers our Youth leader, is in bed with Quinsy, and Mr. Richardson our hon. Treasurer is in hospital undergoing an operation for appendicitis. The Social Committee recorded a minute expressing their hope for a speedy recovery of these two workers of the Association.

The annual bazaar looks like being a great success judging by the number of sections supporting it.

The bazaar is to be followed in the evening by a crazy talent competition. A member from the Stanmore Community Centre is to be asked to judge the craziest turn. If any readers can do a crazy turn—here's your chance.

The helpers socials will in future be arranged by a joint effort of the Social and Resident Committees.

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United States and Canadian Brides Parents' Association

Watling and District Branch.

The inaugural meeting of the above named branch of the United States and Canadian Brides Parents' Association was held at the Watling Centre on Sunday the 28th October, 1947. Mrs. L. Nyberg and other friends, whose daughters are now happily settled with their husbands in the U.S.A. and Canada, had requested the Watling Association to convene a meeting of all interested parents and friends. Their confidence that such meeting would receive warm and enthusiastic support was fully justified, and "C" Room was crowded with smiling parents many minutes before the meeting was timed to commence. The Chairman, Mr. P. N. Malloy, outlined the purposes of the meeting and extended a welcome to a number of friends from the Dagenham Branch

who had gladly made a long journey in order to give assistance and guidance to Watling in the formation of another branch. Various members of the Dagenham delegation addressed the meeting, gave interesting and informative reports of their experiences, news of other branches already formed at Oxford, Tottenham, Kettering, Bristol, and of the aims and possibilities of future development and growth of the Parents' Association. Steps have been taken for convening a National Conference in January next to provide for effective co-ordination and prepare both an immediate and a long term policy for this rapidly growing peoples' movement. It is hoped that this Conference will be held and receive the support of all the groups that have been formed to date, and result in the firm establishment of a strong National Association. Among the primary objectives in view are the following:

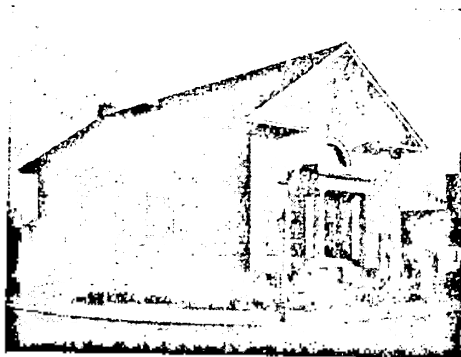
To contact and assist U.S. and Canadian brides.

To assist in promoting friendly relationship and understanding between the peoples of Great Britain, the U.S.A. and Canada. To obtain concessions from the Government and shipping authorities and advise parents in regard to visits to the U.S.A. and Canada.

To contact organisations on the other side of the Atlantic such as the English speaking union and encourage a two way flow of ideas and visits.

The meeting decided to form the Watling and District Branch, and elected the following Officers and Committee to serve provisionally for a period of three months:—*Chairman*, Mr. A. Wood, *Secretary*, G. Richardson, *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. Fuller, *Treasurer*,

WOODCROFT HALL BURNT OAK



You are cordially invited to hear the following speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30

Dec. 7—Mr. J. M. SHAW
Dec. 14—Mr. S. GARRETT
Dec. 21—Mr. J. GUYATT
Dec. 28—Mr. E. S. CURZON

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Mr. L. Davies, Committee. Messrs. Goodwin, Bagness and Mesdames Gloster, Larsen, Nyberg, Richardson, Symes and Wood. It was also decided that the Branch should function as a section under the Watling Association Constitution, and that it will meet at 8.0 p.m. every Sunday at the Watling Centre. Membership of the Branch is open to all parents and relatives of U.S. and Canadian brides. Will all friends who are interested please get in touch with officers or members of the committee.

The subscription will be sixpence per week per member.

Dear Sir,

It is desired, on behalf of the above movement, to tender to the secretary of The Watling Association, Mr. P. N. Molloy, our heartfelt thanks for his efforts on our behalf. Through his untiring endeavour and enthusiasm our Club has got away to a good start, and we hope that we will continue to have his valuable assistance.

Yours faithfully,

L. DAVIES,
Treasurer.

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During the last week of the period of training at the Centre of Mr. M. Shaw and Mr. J. Crawford, advantage was taken of their presence to make a return of all persons using the Centre. The period covered was from Monday, 29th September, until Sunday, 5th October, from 9 a.m. until 10.30 p.m. each day. The day was divided into hourly periods and the object was not only to find out how many people came to the Centre, but also how many in each hour. Further the return was designed to show the different age groups, and with the exception of

the under fourteens, the sexes also. The analysis was, therefore broken down into: Under 14; 14 to 18 Female; 14 to 18 Male; over 18 Female; and over 18 Male.

Every endeavour was made to ensure an accurate return and we are satisfied that if the figures err at all they are slightly less than the true figure. Staff, tradesmen, and men working on the Clubhouse were ignored for the purposes of the return. All other persons were recorded no matter their business or how long they stayed. There were no special meetings or activities, and the only meetings of a non-weekly character were a women's meeting on Thursday afternoon and two meetings on the Sunday morning. Two of these meetings, however, are fortnightly, and the other monthly, and there are other meetings held that help to maintain the figures during other weeks. The return was also made before our winter programme was under way, and it is certain that attendance is now higher for two reasons. 1. More people attend as the winter draws on. 2. New activities have been started.

The grand total of Centre users during the seven days was 1,964. This does not mean 1,964 separate persons for there is a small number who use the Centre almost every day, and a larger number more than once a week. It was impossible to assess their number, but at a guess a large majority used the Centre only once during the week.

The daily totals were: Monday 315, Tuesday 255, Wednesday 382, Thursday 306, Friday 271, Saturday 147, Sunday 288. The classification totals for the week were: under 14, 581; 14 to 18 Female, 180; Male, 202; over 18 Female, 491; Male, 510.

As was to be expected the Centre, except on Sunday, was scarcely used

at all in the morning, and other than Tuesday when the Women's Welfare Clinic was held, and Sunday, consisted almost entirely of enquirers on various matters relating to the Centre.

The juvenile attendances were almost entirely confined to the hours of 4 and 7 p.m., and fluctuated widely from 14 on Saturday to 165 on Monday. Of the total of 585 juvenile attendances 231 were accounted for by borrowers from the Hendon Borough Council library. Of the total users between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. 195 were women, and 55 men. The remaining 54 were all under 14 and all but one attended

the Sunday school. The maximum number of men in the building at any one time was 163 on Sunday morning, and of women 82 on Thursday afternoon, the total number of women for the same day was 154—the highest for the week. It is not without significance that the menfolk do not work at their employment on Sundays, and Thursday is early closing day for the local shops. Of the total of 147 on Saturday, approximately 60 were guests of a wedding party. It appears, therefore, that the increased leisure of the five-day week workers is not yet spent at the Centre.

It is worth while pointing out that the oft repeated remark that the Centre caters predominantly for youth is not borne out by the figures, only 373 users were between the ages of 14 and 18, whereas the combined total of the over 18s was 1,001—a proportion of 2 : 5.

You may take pride in the fact that we provide for the leisure time needs of so many people, but even in our present pint pot we can still squeeze some more and we must not rest on our laurels until we are sure that all is done that we are able to do.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

"The Insect Play," as read to us by Miss Henriques, illustrates how like the insects we allow ourselves to behave, hurting and destroying each other, and wasting the greater part of our lives conserving our own little "piles," instead of giving freely as does Mother Nature who patiently replenishes and reproduces in spite of constant frustration by Man's foolishness, teaching us not to be discouraged by our failures, but to believe that by steady perseverance we will eventually become wise.

Mrs. Wharhurst has shared with us

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more of her experiences and we are amazed at the tremendous amount of energy and understanding with which she is enabled to bring comfort and happiness into the lives of so many people.

Mr. Park made us feel ashamed of our little grumbles when he told us of the courage with which the girls at John Groom's Crippleage face their difficulties through the love and care of the Staff.

We are sorry that Mrs. Pratten has left our School, having moved from the district, and were very glad to see her during our meeting on 3rd November, when we presented her with a fountain pen as a token of our esteem and love. She is very much missed by us all and we hope she will come and see us again soon.

Mrs. Durant has given an account of her attendance at a meeting of the Women's Committee of the N.A.S.U., also of the Autumn Breakfast she and other members very much enjoyed on 5th October.

Several new friends have joined us during recent months and several members have been able to attend the various meetings of the N.A.S.U., and on 11th October, six members were present at the Wood Green Jubilee Celebrations.

Council Meeting

NOVEMBER.

The attendance of the November Council meeting was "thin" but some useful work was done nevertheless.

The Secretary was pleased to report that The Clubhouse, as the Hut, has now been officially re-christened, was in use, and that the Association would shortly be in a position to make application to the M.C.C. for a grant towards expenditure.

Materials were also at hand for the erection of the asbestos hut to be used in due course as a billiards hall, and the announcement was made that volunteers would be called for in due course.

Points from the Committee Reports.

The Society of Friends Edgware Meeting have been granted permission to display a notice board on Sunday mornings, and to have the back gate opened during the period of their meeting.

Rents and hiring charges have been increased approximately 50 per cent. to meet increased costs of maintaining the Centre.

Application is to be made for a maintenance grant towards the cost of running the Youth Club.

The thanks of the Council were accorded to Miss Rene Haslar for a

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Enquiry has been made of the Post Office as to whether it is intended to replace the telephone kiosk on the corner of Deans Lane and Deansbrook Road.

In December the Education Committee is to meet to consider the 1948 Education programme, and Mr. H. S. Marks, Education Secretary to the Educational Centres Association has been invited to be present.

It is hoped early in the New Year to arrange public meetings on food, coal, and industry.

The Wednesday and Sunday night dances are now successfully paying their way.

An interesting and forthright discussion was also held on the talks given by Messrs. Crawford and Shaw at the October meetings. As was to be expected discussion centred largely around the possibility, or otherwise, of creating a greater sense of responsibility for their own affairs on the part of Youth Club members. Opinion was divided as to just how much they already had, but it appears that the Youth Club had various committees to deal with different activities and were actively engaged in carrying out their duties.

Nothing conclusive emerged from the discussion except, perhaps, the fact that the Council, by not passing any resolutions to the contrary, showed that it did not wish to vary its present policy regarding the catering for young peoples' needs. However, the E.C. has yet to consider the matter in the light of the Council discussion.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Dear Children,

These words are being written to the accompaniment of the crackling

and fizzing of fireworks, and the roaring and glistening of bonfires, for it is Guy Fawkes night, and I see and hear you all having a jolly good time, but when you read this letter it will be December.

Don't you think December is a lovely month in which to begin the life of the Children's Page? With the celebration of Christmas this is your special month and the Editor of the "Resident" is going to reserve a page for you each month. Will you write to let him know what you would like included on this *your* page, also what you like doing best out of school hours, and why? The best and most neatly written letter with the name of the writer will be published on your page in the February "Resident." Please send your letter before January.

Most of you will be thinking of Christmas, and parties and presents will be very much in your thoughts. If you have not all the things you would like, you will all have enough to enjoy a happy Christmas and think of some children in the world who have very much less than you.

You will remember, too, that Christmas Day is a very special Birthday and will think of the little child who was born on that first Christmas Day. All parties on that Day are His Birthday parties and the best present you can give Him is your love for Him which you can show by being kind and helpful especially in your home. Keep smiling and happy and in that way make other people happy. Help mother by putting your clothes away tidily and folding wrappings from presents, so that mother can have a little rest on this Day. By this you will help her also to have a happy Christmas.

Wishing you all a very jolly time with lots of fun.

Your friend,

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3rd. Watling Pack

We now have a team of our own, and were proud to have our first time during a match. We were happy to have the Commissioner, Mrs. [Name], shared in our games.

Each of us is making a book this month in which to record and sketch our nature month by month.

We are learning a lot and very much enjoying our preparations.

Early in January we are having a Carol Service at the Church, Colindale, and the collection of St. Matthias.

Our sixers have been to Puckington and we hope our number will be large.

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EDITOR: L.

The system of having a "duty" each night in the "house" seems to be satisfactory and I can find no fault. This fact is a noise which always annoys you as you walk through the house.

Excuses can always be found for occasional break-downs. I don't think there is

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Milk is a very valuable food, that is the reason it is provided free for you in school. During the holidays you need it just as much as when you are at school. It is part of the rations you need to keep you well and strong, so make sure you go to your school during the Christmas holidays to get your share.

3rd. Watling Brownie Pack

We now have a toad stool of our own, and were proud to use it for the first time during a meeting at which we were happy to have our District Commissioner, Mrs. Purkington, who shared in our games and fun.

Each of us is making a Nature Log Book this month in which we will record and sketch our observances of nature month by month in 1948.

We are learning two little plays, and very much enjoy dressing up and preparations.

Early in January we are to attend a Carol Service at St. Matthias Church, Colindale, at the kind invitation of St. Matthias Brownie Pack.

Our sixers have been tested by Mrs. Purkington and very soon some of our number will be enrolled.

YOUTH NEWS

EDITOR: LEN ROGERS.

The system of having two stewards on "duty" each night in the "Club-house" seems to me to be working satisfactory and I can as yet only find one fault. This fault is the excessive noise which always seems to deafen you as you walk into the "Club-house."

Excuses can always be made for occasional breakages, etc., but I don't think there is any excuse what-

ever for shouting and raving in "OUR CLUB."

I also wish members would remember and respect where they are whilst obtaining refreshments in the Common Room.

It is with much regret that I have to note the departure to the W.L.A. of Miss Doreen Hasler.

One of our most active members—"OUR RENE" has always shown a willingness to participate and help in all of the "CENTRE" activities. A night in the canteen or doing a job for Mr. Molloy or myself in the office was undertaken with the same spirit as helping to run a social or any other event, so I am sure of the unanimous support of all when I say, "Good Luck Rene," and "Please come and see us when you are home."

Youth Club Xmas Party 1947

December 12th. December 12th.
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Yes, folks . . . that's the date . . . the time . . . 6.30 p.m. . . . the event . . . well that's entirely up to you. Only you the "Club" members can make this "DO" a success. If everyone comes along complete with party spirit, etc., I am sure it will be a "BUMPER."

So don't forget FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 6.30 p.m. and YOU.

We sincerely hope that now all the small differences have been "ironed out" the Girls' Netball Team will settle down and endeavour to out-shine the Boys' Soccer Team.

Miss Peggy Morriss has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Management Committee caused by the departure of Miss D. Hasler.

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Scout News

Introducing Reg Baber.

The 14th Hendon Scouts are in the process of being reorganised with the help of Reg Baber who has now taken over the position of Assistant Scoutmaster to the Troop. Reg has had valuable experience in youth work and, during the short time he has been with us a distinct improvement in the troop is noticeable.

Plans for camps and various outings have already been discussed, also the question of securing our own hut has received a considerable amount of thought. The dance held at the Labour hut is one of several functions arranged to raise funds for the troop. Our first football match this season resulted in a win 3-2 against the 20th Hendon Scouts. We are now meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 Saturday afternoons at 2.30.

Hendon Local Group of the Y.H.A.

There was a good attendance at the 9th A.G.M. of the Hendon Group, held on the 16th October, and the new committee elected at that meeting have already made a good start in their various capacities.

Members have been provided with a varied and interesting programme for the coming weeks for both outdoor activities and Thursday evenings. During the past few weeks the Walking section has rambled the woodlands and lanes of Herts and Bucks and various beauty spots near the river, whilst the Cycling section has travelled further afield. Enjoyable weekends have been spent hostelling at Puckeridge, Streatley and that delightful village of Holmbury St. Mary in Surrey. Recent weekends were spent around Leith Hill and the

North Downs in their autumn splendour of golden wooded beauty.

A joint party of cyclists and walkers gathered around a grand bonfire at Crockham Hill Hostel last weekend, whilst others had a similar celebration at Kemsing.

Under the supervision of our new Social Secretary, Elsie Morris, members have found Thursday evenings very lively and gained much enjoyment from a beetle drive and camp fire sing-song—the only thing lacking was the camp fire owing to the fuel crisis. Some of our members have supported dances held by other local Y.H.A. groups recently, and good times were had by one and all.

In spite of the approach of colder winter days, we are expecting just as much support in our outdoor activities, as we have had throughout the summer months, and we welcome any Y.H.A. members in the district to come along and join us. Any particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Betty Baker, 5 Mount Vernon, Hampstead, N.W.3.

Drama Festival

The Drama Festival is undoubtedly one of the most popular annual events taking place at the Watling Centre.

This year seven societies competed in what was undoubtedly one of the keenest competitions for years. The quality of the plays and the degree of acting skill has reached a very high standard which provides three nights of first class entertainment at very low cost. The adjudicator, Mr. John Bourne, of the British Drama League, had a very unenviable task in choosing the winners. His final decision in placing "Heaven on Earth" first was on the whole a just and true one.

The Cup was presented by the new Mayor of Hendon, Councillor J. H. Rodway, who was accompanied by Mrs. Rodway. Also on the platform

was the President of the Watling Association, Mr. A. I. Jones, Mr. Cole, organiser of the Festival, and Mr. B. Littler, Donor of the Festival Cup. After short speeches in which the "Back room boys" were thanked for their good work, the Mayor presented the Cup to The Broadledge Players for their play "Heaven on Earth" (the only comedy in the Festival); 2nd, The Motley Crew, "Four Gates to the Grave" (a play written by one of the cast); 3rd place was a tie between Watling Guild of Players, "Dark Brown," and The Broadledge Players' "Strange Homecoming."

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- „ 9th.—Lecture.
- „ 16th.—Lecture.
- „ 23rd.—Closed.
- „ 30th.—Lecture.

ASSOCIATION DIARY

Sunday—

- Weightlifters, 11.
- Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.
- Sunday School, 2.30.
- Youth Club, 7.

Monday—

- Women's Adult School, 2.30.
- Cubs, 6.
- Folk Dancing, 7.30.
- Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
- Weight Lifting, 7.30.
- Concert Party, 8.
- Men's Club, 8.

Tuesday—

- Birth Control Clinic, 10.
- Dress Making Class, 2.30.
- Youth Club, 7.
- Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
- Watling Guild of Players, 8.
- Y.C.L., 8.
- Puppets, 8.
- Scouts, 7.

Wednesday—

- Veterans' Club, 4.15.
- Brownies, 5.30.
- Weight Lifting, 7.30.
- Men's Club, 8.
- Ramblers, 8.

THE WATLING RESIDENTS

Thursday—

- Whist Drive, 2.30.
- British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.
- Crest F.C., 8.
- Youth Club, 7.
- Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
- Over 20 Club, 8.
- Whist Drive, 8.

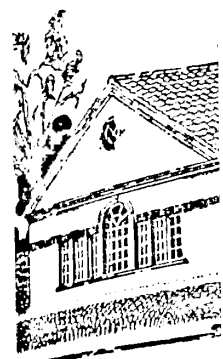
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- Girl Guides', 6.
- H.S.A., 6.45.
- The Neighbours, 7.30.
- N.B.L.C.W.S., 8.
- Orchestra, 8.30.
- Weightlifters, 7.30.

Saturday—

- Youth Club, 7.
- Social, 7.30.

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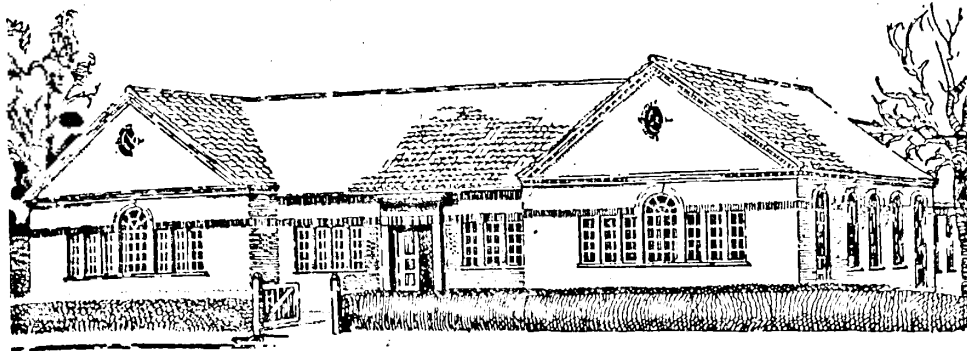
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Annual Report 1947

1. GENERAL.

For the Association the past year has been significant from three points of view:

1. The working out of new lines of policy agreed upon as a result of the discussions held during 1946.
2. The provision of additional accommodation.
3. The increasing concern felt at our financial position.

They are reported upon in the appropriate paragraphs of this report.

Trainees and Visitors.

We have been very pleased to assist various training schemes for neighbourhood and allied workers, and during the year have had at the Centre the following persons to gain practical experience. Mr. T. Munthali, Colonial student from the London School of Economics; Miss E. Hedge, Scottish Youth Leaders' Training Association; Messrs. S. Jones, E. Childs, and M. Lock from the Joint Committee for the Recruitment and Training of Neighbourhood Workers Study Course; Mr. G. Prosser, Colonial Office Senior Welfare Officer for the Gold Coast; Messrs. M. Shaw and J. Crawford of the University of Durham Youth Service Course and Miss M. Soudah and Miss C. Abou-Labon two Arab Social Workers from Palestine.

Visitors have been very numerous, and have reflected the ever growing interest of all kinds of organisations in Community Association and Community Centre work. Most of the visitors have been in Academic, Administrative and Social Welfare fields rather than actual or potential members of Community Associations. They have included: representatives of Kings Hall Community Centre, Gladstone Community Association, Nelson Square University Club, Chalton C.A., and Wimbledon C.A.; Mr. J. McKenzie, Director of Education, New South Wales, and a member of his country's U.N.E.S.C.O. delegation; Professor Guido Calegero, University of Pisa; Miss F. Torriagianni, U.N.R.R.A. Welfare Officer, Italy; Mr. Snowden, British Council Education Officer, Italy; Mr. P. R. Besley, Assistant Community Centres' Officer, Scottish Council of Social Service; The Port of Glasgow delegation of Officials and Councilors; Psychiatric Workers of the Tavistock Clinic, London; Representatives of the New York Community Service Society; London Federation of Boys' Clubs; London Union of Girls and Mixed Clubs; University Girls Settlement; students from the Institute of Education; Hull University; London School of Economics; and Queens University, Belfast; Social Workers from Denmark, Sweden, France, U.S.A., South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

Public Matters.

The Association has always believed that the strength of the Community Association Movement must lay in a strong sense of independence and responsibility in all sections of the Movement. Affiliation and active interest in the National Federation of Community Associations, and the London Federation of Community Associations has therefore been continued.

At the Annual Conference of the N.F.C.A. the Association moved a Resolution seeking to affirm and secure the independence of that body. The Resolution, as amended and passed by Conference reads:

"That this Conference instructs the Executive Committee to prepare a Report setting out the issues involved in the realisation of full independence, and to circulate it to all members of the Council for consideration, and that with the circulation of the Report members should be asked to state whether they desire a special conference to discuss the matter further."

A Resolution was also moved by the Association seeking the incorporation of full-time Officers of Community Associations in the category of Responsible Persons qualified to witness the signatures that so often have to be appended to Government forms by ordinary folk. The Resolution was carried, and it is pleasing to record that agreement has been secured with Government departments for this to be done.

The Secretary was nominated and elected to the Executive Committee of the N.F.C.A., and has been appointed to the Credentials Sub-committee, and is also one of the two N.F.C.A. representatives on the Education Sub-committee of the Educational Centres Association. He has also been co-opted on the Policy Sub-committee which is discussing the issues raised in the Resolution passed by the Council of the N.F.C.A.

At the Annual General Meeting of the London Federation of Community Associations the Association moved a Resolution, which was carried, urging the L.F.C.A. to open negotiations with the London Council of Community Associations seeking a closer liaison with, and servicing of; the Federation by the L.C.S.S., in order to strengthen the work of both bodies.

The Secretary has been elected Vice-chairman of the L.F.C.A., and is a member of the Sub-committee conducting the negotiations with the L.C.S.S.

An attempt to form a County of Middlesex Federation of Community Associations was not successful.

Affiliation has been continued with the National Council of Civil Liberties and the Pedestrians' Association. The Drama Group has continued to affiliate to the British Drama League.

The Secretary continues to serve on the Hendon Borough Council Road Safety Sub-committee, and Mr. E. Cole on the Entertainments Committee.

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During the summer Political and Economic Planning (P.E.P.) carried out a survey on the estate to try and answer the question of how far the interrelated activities of associations to which members of a Community belong determine the social pattern of a community. This Association rendered the survey every possible assistance and nearly all the groups at the Centre participated.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND USE OF CENTRE.

During the year we were pleased to welcome the affiliation of the D.20 Post Social Club; Crest Football Club; Watling and District Poultry Club; and the Edgware and District Branch of the British Legion.

The Watling and District G.I. Brides Parents' Association and the Puppetry Group were recognised as Associated Sections. The Bright Spots Concert Party ceased to function and is no longer an Associated Section.

In accordance with a Resolution passed at a Special General Meeting of Members, as from 1st April, all members of Associated Sections must be members of the Association. The number of members on the books on 31st December was 355. Honorary members (Veterans' Club) 55, and Associated members not living on the estate) 47.

In order to overcome the element of guesswork in estimating the number of persons using the Centre a special return was made during the first week of October. The return covered seven days from 9 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. The total number of users during the week was 1,964, made up of under 14's, 585; 14 to 18 (female), 180; (male), 202; over 18 (female), 491; (male), 510. This compares with the statement made in the 1938 Report: "Attendances in the Autumn averaged, per week, about 1,050 for adults, and 500 for children," and with the return reported in the 1944 Report: "The average weekly attendance at the Centre in a fortnight in December (a fortnight which included some very foggy weather) was 995 people over 18 years of age, 306 between 14 and 18, 137 under 14, and borrowers of 409 books from the children's library."

3. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

Work commenced on the wooden outbuilding in October, 1946, was not completed until October, 1947, and then only after infuriating delays and difficulties that even in these days of shortages and

lack of labour ought never to have arisen. The outbuilding, now known as the Clubhouse, provides two rooms, one 30 ft. by 20 ft., and the other 30 ft. by 30 ft., properly equipped for indoor games and meetings, also an office for the Youth Leader. It is virtually a Youth Wing, being used by the Centre Youth Club four nights a week; by the Hendon Group Y.H.A. one night a week; the Over 20 Club one night a week; and the Men's Club one night a week. The Junior Boxing Club also uses it two evenings per week.

Lack of storage accommodation has been largely overcome by the purchase of the Air Raid Shelter adjoining the Centre. In addition to general storage it is used as a caretakers' workshop, Drama Group prop. store, Rabbit Club food store, and Poultry Club food store.

An asbestos Welfare Hut was purchased from the Ministry of Works, and its erect on by voluntary labour underaken by members of the Youth Club, Men's Club, and officers of the Association. Early in 1948 the hut should be ready for occupation and will then be used as a Billiard Room, open to members of the Association only. It will house two full size tables that are not at present used owing to lack of accommodation. Special thanks are due to Mr. R. Drawater for the time and skill devoted to the laying of the concrete floor.

Our grateful thanks are extended to Mr. F. T. Harding for the truly magnificent gift of a full-size billiard table and complete equipment. The gift will be a delight to members of the Association when the Billiard Room becomes a reality.

The Common Room and passages were redecorated in the Autumn, the general colour scheme being pale green and light cream. Special thanks are due to Mr. T. Bedford and Mr. A. R. Lodge, whose co-operation has made the redecoration possible, at a saving of many pounds to the Association.

Further improvements have been effected in the lighting of various rooms in the Centre, and the lighting generally is now regarded as satisfactory.

As a result of all this expenditure we have been able to provide better educational, cultural and social facilities, and to extend the range of our activities. In addition the Common Room has been restored to its proper use, including canteen facilities.

4. FINANCE.

The financial position gives rise to concern. Full effects of the plans to increase revenue had not been felt at the end of the year but considerable improvement was effected during the last three months. Particular concern is expressed at the loss incurred in the sale of cigarettes and steps have been taken to assure that there shall be no repetition.

The Council, with great reluctance, decided that as from 1st November all rents and hire charges should be increased. We are hopeful that in a full year these increased charges, together with other increased revenues, will once again create a healthier balance sheet.

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£800 was withdrawn from the P.O.S.B. to meet outlay on capital expenditure. Application was made to the Middlesex County Council for assistance and the outcome is still awaited.

We are pleased to be able to record once again our thanks to the Education Committee of the M.C.C. for its continued grant towards the Organising Secretary's salary, and for the additional grant towards the increment, and superannuation payments.

For the first time, as a result of the Education Act, 1944, application for grant towards the Youth Leader's salary had to be made to the M.C.C., and not the Ministry of Education, and we are grateful to the Committee for continuing the grant at the same rate.

5. ADULT EDUCATION.

The Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, Burnt Oak Women's Adult School, Hendon Group Y.H.A., Edgware Ramblers, Guild of Players, Weightlifters and Rabbit Club have met regularly and continued to provide well balanced programmes of instruction and amusement for their members. We were very pleased to welcome back the W.E.A. in the Autumn when they provided another course of lectures on "Current Affairs." The Ladies' Dressmaking Class, except for a break in the summer, continued to meet regularly. In the early part of the year, and again in the autumn, the Association organised, on behalf of the Eversfield Women's Adult School, handicraft classes under the Evening Institute Regulations of the M.C.C. The Neighbourhood Guild now meets weekly, and talks on different subjects are regularly given. Plans were completed for the formation of a choir in the New Year.

The Annual Drama Festival, held in November, was by general verdict "the best yet." The adjudicator, Mr. John Bourne of the British Drama League declared that whereas the general standard of Amateur Dramatics shows a marked decline, the standard of the Festival was the highest he had met for years. The Watling Guild of Players was placed third, and tied for fourth place with, "Back to Zero," and "Dark Brown." Great credit for the success of the Festival is due to Mr. E. Cole, who acted as Honorary Organiser.

The Guild, with two other plays, was placed second and fourth in the Hendon Drama Festival earlier in the year.

During the year the Council was addressed by Mr. M. Goldsmith, editor, Hendon and Stanmore Chronicle, on "Starting a Local Newspaper" and by Mr. H. E. S. Marks, Education Secretary, Educational Centres Association, on "Education. Why? What? and When?" Mr. Marks also attended the December meeting of the Education Committee to help frame the Education programme for 1948.

In December a "Meet Your Representative" meeting was held at which the local M.P., County Councillor, and one of the three Burnt Oak Ward Hendon Borough Councillors, together with the Reverend Hugh Parry as Chairman, answered questions on their work. It was an excellent meeting and revealed the high degree of integration in the work of public representatives.



In October the Association, in answer to the strongly expressed need, sponsored a public meeting to inaugurate a Poultry Club to serve the Watling Estate. A full house resulted, and the Watling and District Poultry Club formed.

October also saw the formation of the Watling and District G.I. Brides' Parents' Association. Talks on the American way of life, and film shows designed with the same object, are to be a regular feature of this group.

A Puppetry Group was also formed in the Autumn. The group embraces both sexes, and has an age range of 13 to 50. Both hand and glove puppets are being used, and the first public presentation is planned for the New Year.

Attempts to form a Discussion Group were not successful, and the attendance at the Central Office of Information Film Shows very poor.

During the year the Secretary addressed the Business Men's Club of Burnt Oak; the Mill Hill Rotary Club; and The Hendon Toc H (Women's Section) on the work of the Association.

6. YOUTH WORK.

The most important step taken in connection with the Youth Club during the year was the formation of a Management Committee comprised of three members of the Council of the Association, two members elected by the Youth Club, and three co-opted independent members, together with the Youth Leader, and the Organising Secretary.

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tary. The Committee has been most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Douglas Martin as Chairman.

The transfer to the Clubhouse in October has been greatly appreciated, and the system of having two elected stewards on duty each evening has assured the regular collection of subscriptions, and the keeping of order.

Accommodation difficulties remain despite the improvement, and has made it very difficult to foster specialised activities. Though not the sole cause the difficulties contributed to the failure of the Drama Group and Choir. The enthusiasm of the girls for Keep Fit foundered on the failure to secure the regular attendance of an instructor. The girls' Netball team also experienced difficulty by not having a sufficient number to act as reserves. Several girls attended the Youth Service Volunteer Camps to help with the harvest.

The Boys Boxing Group and Physical Training Class expanded under the able tuition of the instructors provided by the L.E.A. The Club Football team entered the Senior Division of the Hendon Youth League and fared remarkably well. On Boxing Day a team comprised of six members of the Centre Youth Club and five members of the Watling Boys' Club inflicted a 6-2 defeat on a team selected from the Swindon (Wiltshire) Youth Centres. It has been arranged for the Watling team to visit Swindon in the New Year. Various visiting teams endeavoured to lower the colours of the Table Tennis team but none succeeded.

During the year parties of members visited London theatres, and in August members attended and helped to make successful the Garden Fete organised by the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, at Amersham.

Unfortunately the club was unable to book holidays as a club but compensated by camping during the August week-end at Southend. Several cycling outings were also held and Rickmansworth once again proved the most popular rendezvous.

The club is greatly indebted to Mr. Douglas Martin for the gift of a radiogram, a donation of £2 2s. and many other gifts and kindnesses. We are also grateful to the Watling Traders' Fire Watchers Association for their gift of £10 11s. 8d., and Mr. Nosworthy for his donation of £2 10s. Special thanks are also due to Mr. V. Needham for his assistance with the Football team and to Mr. C. Fanthorpe for his help with the Boxing Group.

7. JUVENILE ACTIVITIES.

The juvenile side of our work still lacks the attention it deserves. The main reason is the want of trained leadership to give the necessary fillip to the work, and the lack of voluntary workers who can spare an hour or so between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. We are hopeful, however, that matters will be considerably improved. Mr. L. Rogers, Youth Leader, is at present attending a year's course on Juvenile activities organised by the National Under 14's Council, and

we are indebted to the M.C.C. Education Committee for the Scholarship award of £30 to Mr. Rogers that has made this possible at so little cost to him or ourselves.

The 4th Watling Girl Guide Troop started in January under the Captaincy of Mrs. E. Sofaer has made good progress, and is well on the way to becoming a first-class troop.

The Brownies under the care of Mrs. E. Coleman has also had a most excellent year, with much excellent work being done.

The Cubs have had a much more chequered existence. Miss Doreen Hasler on her return from the Land Army undertook to lead them again. Bad luck through accident and illness dogged her endeavours, and with her departure for the Land Army once again, the cubs have not been continued. The search for another Pack Leader goes on.

The 14th Hendon Scouts under the guidance of Mr. F. Lake has had a good year, and with the able assistance at the end of the year, of Mr. Reg Baber, a great impetus was given to their work.

In September a Junior Boxing Club was started under the control of Mr. L. Rogers. Meeting twice a week as many as 40 boys attended, and it is thought that the club has a good future.

The Black Cat Circle, the oldest juvenile group organised by the Association, has declined, but plans are well forward to revive it in the New Year.

The Hendon Borough Council continued to rent a room on three afternoons a week to provide a Juvenile Library service.

A Junior Girls' Ballroom Dancing Club was organised in the last month of the year under the able tuition of Mrs. Myland who has worked so ably with the juniors for several years.

8. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Considerable discussion in 1946 led to a restatement of policy for the Social Committee early in the year under review. It was not until October that the attempt could be made to work it out. The endeavour to encourage sections and affiliated organisations to become responsible from time to time for the running of social functions on behalf of the Association resulted in the Guild of Players presenting two one-act plays on a Saturday evening, followed by a social.

The Thursday afternoon Whist Drive continued to be successful, and the members attending also organised coach outings and theatre visits. The Thursday evening Whist Drives were also successful, but attempts to increase the attendance showed little result.

The Wednesday and Sunday Dances continued to be held. As last year, Coach outings and Theatre visits were a marked feature of the social activities of the various groups.

Anniversary week, held in January, was a great success, and although the accumulation of funds is not the primary object of the week, the results this year were very pleasing.

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Waiting Week, held in June, was again a great success despite the bad luck that dogged the organiser, Mr. A. R. Lodge, on several occasions.

The Men's Club continued to meet regularly twice a week and paid visits to other clubs—entertaining them at the Centre in return. The sex barrier was also broken on occasions by the inclusion of ladies' teams to meet those of the visitors.

The Over 20 Club in the early part of the year experienced some difficulty in continuing to function. The club was restarted in October and has since made good progress.

The Neighbours Club (ladies) met regularly and had a good year.

The Christmas Bazaar was again very successful due to the excellent co-operation of the following groups that participated: Veterans' Club, 14th Hendon Scouts, Centre Youth Club, Burnt Oak Women's Adult School, G.I. Brides' Parents' Association, Rabbit Club, Edgware Ramblers, M.U. Oddfellows, Sunday School, Neighbours, Neighbourhood Guild, Juveniles, Eversfield Women's Adult School, and the Social Committee. Twenty per cent. of the proceeds were donated to a "Curtain Fund" established to provide new curtains for rooms at the Centre.

9. RESIDENTS WELFARE AND PERSONAL SERVICE.

The pressure of the Poor Man's Lawyer continued until it became urgently necessary that some relief should be afforded. In the middle of the year we were able to make a room available on Tuesday as well as Monday. Since then the Poor Man's Lawyer has been available twice a week. A system of "rationing" the number of persons that may be interviewed each evening eases the load on the Solicitors and minimises the waiting of those that wish to see them. A special word of thanks is due to Mr. J. Christian-Edwards and Mr. A. Greenwood who make this service possible.

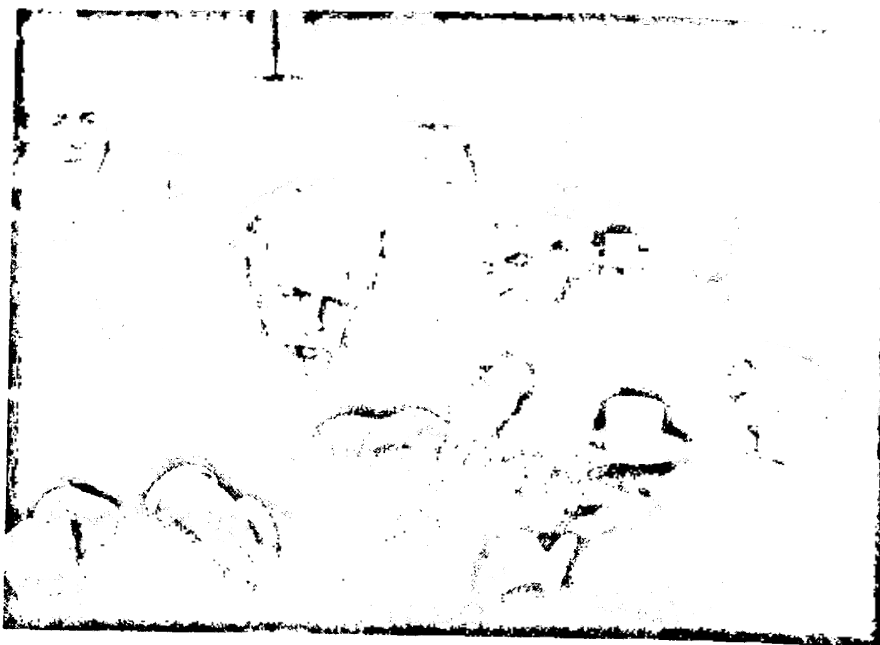
The H.S.A. Group Secretary continued to attend regularly on Friday evenings, and the books of the group were continuously full.

The Veterans' Club met regularly and again enjoyed coach outings, occasional lectures, and film shows. We are also very grateful to the Redwood School of Dancing for entertaining them at the Anniversary Party.

Contact with the Redhill Old Peoples' Home resulted in an invitation to its residents to attend the club. Every week a number of men and women from the Home now join the club, and a full tea is provided for them.

During the year the Guild of Players twice presented plays to the residents of the Home, and the Bright Spots Concert Party a variety performance.

Mrs. Barbara Avrton Gould, M.P., continued to be in attendance at the Centre, on the first Friday of each month.



VETERANS' CLUB.

Representatives were again appointed to the Edgware, and Mill Hill Social Service Committees. The Membership Secretary, Mr. A. R. Lodge, acted as the Association's representative on the Edgware Branch of the British Legion Benevolent Committee, and again acted as its Secretary.

In December as a result of the contact established with the Hendon Women's Voluntary Services a hot meals service was established to cover the estate. A two course luncheon of meat, potatoes, vegetables, gravy, and sweet, is now delivered to the aged, infirm, and invalid, at a cost of 1/-. The service is at present only available on Thursday of each week, but it is hoped that it will shortly be available on two days a week.

In response to the concern expressed at the state of some of the houses on the estate, and of some amenities, a Tenants' Welfare Conference was called in November. Criticisms and suggestions have been referred to the Executive Committee to consider what action the Association should take.

10. MAGAZINE AND PUBLICITY.

"The Watling Resident" has continued to be published monthly. Delays in publication have again occurred, but of a less serious nature than in the previous year. Lack of sellers has been a handicap but the offer of Mr. A. Leach and Mr. Burchmore to canvass roads before handing over to a new seller has met with encouraging results.

As a result of a change of policy the pages of the magazine have been used more extensively to advertise Association activities. The

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front cover has been used whenever possible to advertise special and large scale functions, and each month the inside cover has carried advertisements of section activities.

In October and November 2,000 handbills were printed and distributed advertising new and special activities with good results.

The 16 sheet poster site on Burnt Oak Tube Station has been discontinued owing to cost.

In December the Children's Page was revived, made possible by the generous assistance of Mrs. E. Coleman.

We are grateful to all those traders who have continued their support of the journal and to all contributors for helping to fill the pages.

11. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Memorial Fund was established two years ago to furnish a quiet room in the new Community Centre, the room to be a memorial to all those on the Watling L.C.C. Estate killed by enemy action during the 1939-1945 war. Realising that it will be many years before the new Centre will be a reality the decision was taken in December to place an Illuminated Memorial Book in the present Common Room. Arrangements are being made for this to be done in 1948.

12. THANKS.

The thanks of the Council are extended to all who have helped in the kitchen, in selling the "Resident," in collecting subscriptions, stewarding, and organising activities; to contributors to, and, the Editor of the "Resident"; to the Honorary Auditors, and to the Hon. Solicitor; to all those that have helped with gifts, and those who have displayed posters; to the Editors of the local newspapers who have devoted so much of their limited space to record our events; to the Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce, and the Burnt Oak Business Men's Club for the generous assistance from time to time.

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Just past Burnt Oak Tube Station

THE WATLING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

EXPENDITURE		£ s. d.		INCOME		£ s. d.	
Wages and National Insurance	319 18 5	Membership Subscriptions	..	..	44 7 0
Lighting, Heating, and Cleaning	296 2 10	Less cost of supplying copies of "Watling Resident"	..	..	..
Rates and Ground Rent	87 14 6	to Members, Associations, and Public Bodies	..	..	20 0 0
Printing, Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Insurance and Advertising	177 17 1				24 6 0
Miscellaneous Expenditure	37 19 1	Affiliation Fees	..	..	9 0 8
				Hire of Rooms and Equipment	..	..	497 11 10
Repairs, Renewals, Redecorations	919 11 11	Committees:—			
Affiliation Fees and Delegates' Expenses	80 1 10	Social	..	..	104 9 2
Additional Accommodation	8 18 3	Education	..	..	2 16 11
Cigarettes—Loss on Sales	635 13 5	Sections	..	..	111 6 7
Bank Charges	33 10 8				218 12 8
Contribution towards Remuneration of Officials.	9 0 5	Refreshments—			
Organising Secretary	112 5 0	Sales	..	..	486 18 4
Youth Leader	62 15 0	Cost of Sales	..	..	381 9 3
							105 9 1
			175 0 0	Profit on "Watling Week"	..	..	204 9 2
				".. "Anniversary Week"	..	..	15 9 9
				Interest on Post Office Deposit	..	..	44 17 5
				Donations	..	..	6 0 2
				Deficit for the Year	..	..	735 19 9
							£1,861 16 6

NOTE.—The balance of the remuneration of the Organising Secretary and Youth Leader is met by the Middlesex County Council and is not included in this account.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

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Building Fund as at 31st December, 1944	..	Buildings at Cost—	..
Grant from Pilgrim's Trust	..	Community Centre.	..
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	237 15 0	Expenditure on Reconditioning Stables.	..

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

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Building Fund as at 31st December, 1944—						
Grant from Pilgrim's Trust ..	2300	0	0			
Donations, Special Receipts, etc. ..	927	15	0			
Appropriations from Income ..	900	0	0			
			4127	15	0	
Extensions Fund—						
Balance as at 31st December, 1946 ..			1200	0	0	
Memorial Fund—						
Balance as at 31st December, 1946 ..			152	6	0	
Income During the Year ..			11	5	10	
						163 11 10
Loan from Pilgrim Trust ..						400 0 0
Amounts Due to Creditors ..			121	0	2	
Overdraft at Bank ..			26	4	7	
Veterans' Club and Other Deposits ..			80	9	0	
Curtain Fund ..			10	18	2	
						238 11 11
Repairs, Renewals and Redecorations Fund—						
Balance as at 31st December, 1946 ..			500	0	0	
Additions During the Year ..			27	10	0	
						527 10 0
Buildings at Cost—						
Community Centre.						
As at 31st December, 1937 ..			4020	12	4	
Expenditure on Reconditioning Stables.						
As at 31st December, 1934 ..			49	11	9	
Sports Pavilion.						
As at 31st December, 1937 ..			134	9	1	
						4204 13 2
Furniture, Fittings and Equipment, at Cost.						
As at 31st December, 1946 ..			663	7	3	
Additions During the Year ..			27	3	8	
						690 10 11
Amounts Due from Debtors—						
Youth Club ..			22	5	8	
Sundry Debtors ..			66	18	3	
"Watling Resident" ..			60	0	0	
Floors Held by Sections ..			0	10	0	
						149 13 11
Cash on Deposit, at Bankers and in Hand—						
Post Office Deposit Account ..			1194	5	10	
Cash Floats of Secretary and Youth Leader ..			18	0	0	
						1212 5 10
Debit (Income and Expenditure Account)			735	19	9	
Less Balance as at 31st December, 1946 ..			335	14	10	
						400 4 11

A. W. LEACH, *Hon. Treasurer.*

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year 1947, with the books and records of the Watling Community Association and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

S. POYNTER, *Registered Accountant.*

G. RICHARDSON, *Hon. Auditors.*

22nd February, 1948.

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"THE WATLING RESIDENT"

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

TRADING ACCOUNT

Printing	£	s.	d.	Members' and Voucher	Copies	£	s.	d.	
..	Cash Sales	..	..	20	0	0
..	Advertising	38	5	2
..	Loss on Trading	111	0	0
..				80	3	10
..				£249	9	0

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

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Meetings and Activities held at the Watling Centre AUTUMN, 1947

REGULAR (weekly unless otherwise stated)

SUNDAYS:

Members' Dance.
 Sunday School.
 Society of Friends.
 Weightlifters.
 Centre Youth Club.
 Bricklayers' Union (fortnightly).
 L.S.C. (monthly).
 Nimrod C.C. (monthly).
 British Legion (monthly).

Transport and General Workers' Union.
 Women's Neighbourhood Guild.
 Weightlifters.
 Tunbridge Wells Equitable (monthly).

THURSDAYS:

Whist Drive.
 Youth Hostels Association.
 British Legion Committee.
 Girls' Tap and Ballet Dancing.
 Socialist Party of Great Britain (fortnightly).
 Crest F.C.
 Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild (fortnightly).
 Poultry Club (fortnightly).
 G.I. Brides' Parents' Association.

MONDAYS:

Women's Adult School.
 Children's Library.
 Girls' Tap and Ballet Dancing.
 Folk Dancing.
 Choir.
 W.E.A. Class (winter).
 Poor Man's Lawyer.
 Men's Club.
 Weightlifters.
 Over 20 Club (mixed).

FRIDAYS:

Girl Guides.
 Children's Library.
 H.S.A.
 The Neighbours.
 Youth Club.
 N.B.L.C.W.S.
 Weightlifters.
 Social (monthly).

TUESDAYS:

Birth Control Clinic.
 Blind Club (fortnightly).
 Dressmaking.
 Centre Youth Club.
 Junior Boxing.
 Youth Club.
 Guild of Players.
 Young Communists' League.
 Rabbit Club (fortnightly).
 Poor Man's Lawyer.
 Children's Games.
 Junior Ballroom Dancing Class.
 Scouts.

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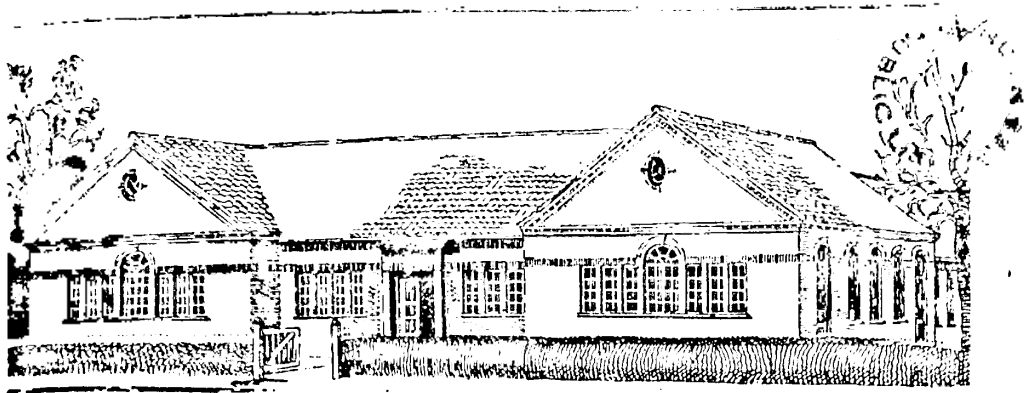
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 Centre Youth Club.
 Social.
 Plasterers' Union (fortnightly).

WEDNESDAYS:

Children's Library.
 Brownies.
 Veterans' Club.
 Men's Club.
 Dance.
 Oddfellows (fortnightly).
 Ramblers' Association (fortnightly).

OCCASIONAL:

Public Meetings.
 Variety Concerts.
 Dramatic Productions.
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 Communist Party Meetings.
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AT THE CENTRE

Crest F.C. Reserves in the Final

By H. BOWLES (*Hon. Secretary*).

THE Crest F.C. Reserves reached the Final of the Hendon & District "B" Cup on Saturday, March 6th, by defeating Watling Athletic Reserves 4-1 and thus having their defence beaten for the first time in all their cup rounds to date.

HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL.

- v. Claremont Reserves, won 2-0.
- v. 1st Hendon O.B.B., won 3-0.
- v. West Hendon O.B.W., won 3-0.
- v. Watling Athletic Res., won 4-1.

They now meet Phoenix Athletic in the Final on April 10th.

New Choir Conductor

By F. H. LAKE.

THE Watling Association Choir has restarted, but there is plenty of room for new members. Our new conductor, Miss Winnifred Hurst, is very keen and hopes we shall build into a first-class choir.

We are gradually building up our repertoire and at present we are preparing for the Festival which takes place at the Hendon Technical College on April 24th. The main piece chosen is "These Things Shall Be," by John

Ireland, who, it is hoped, will conduct over 100 voices and the orchestra of over 60 players.

Members and non-members of the Association are invited to join the choir. Meeting place: Watling Centre, every Monday at 8 p.m.

Section's Progress

By G. RICHARDSON.

AT a General Meeting of the Watling and District Branch of the United States and Canadian Brides' Parents' Association it was reported that daughters overseas have already contacted each other through the parents meeting at the Branch.

Reports were read and the financial situation was most satisfactory. Our membership is increasing and the names and addresses of the brides overseas and the parents over here are being sent to our Ambassador in Washington.

We will be very pleased to see parents and friends of girls overseas at our meetings every Thursday at 8 o'clock at the Centre.

The officers elected at the meeting were: Chairman, Mr. P. Fuller; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Bagness; Secretary, Mr. G. Richardson; Social Secretary, Mrs. L. Nyberg; Treasurer, Mr. L. Davies; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. A. Richardson.

WATLING ROUNDABOUT

by "STROLLER"

The recent White Paper on the Economic Outlook for 1948 calls upon us all to work harder—or else! It also demands that labour shall be employed only on essential tasks.

Newspaper commentators complain that we, the public, are too complacent about the realities with which we shall shortly be faced. One of the reasons for this, I suggest, is the lack of example we see around us. Talk to people in the pub, centre, or queue, and they will immediately quote you examples of extravagant expenditure of money and labour. Not all of them are valid it is true, but let me quote three in our own neighbourhood.

Three men spent a lot of time and labour removing huge tree stumps in Orange Hill Road. The stumps had been there a long time so surely it would not matter if they had been left for a year or two longer. A new telephone kiosk has been erected in Deans Lane. It is not yet in use. Two days after it was erected a G.P.O. employee spent an industrious hour cleaning its windows. The kiosk has since been paint sprayed, with disastrous results to the window cleaner's efforts. The biggest query, however, concerns a factory. Three men spent over a week, each with hammer and chisel, chipping off the cement facing of the building. It was hard work and they kept at it as one who passed them four times a day could see. Their work completed, other men proceeded to spread on a fresh lot of cement and sand. "Make do and mend," one is convinced would have met the needs of this particular job until better times are with us.

We are told that skilled labour is our greatest asset; on the other hand

the decline of such labour is deplored. The views of one concerned might be of interest—a young man returning home from work. He told me that on leaving school he started to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner; he liked the work and was keen to follow the trade, and had spent pounds on buying tools, but now, alas! he was over seventeen, and having a short time before fallen out of employment, he could not find work in the trade. He was now employed as a plumber's mate, good pay, decent hours, a good employer, but no prospects, nor what he wanted. He had come to the conclusion that he would have to give up any ideas he had of becoming a skilled man. To become what? An unskilled labourer! I asked why he was not apprenticed. He said that owing to the fact that he would be called up for military service at eighteen no one appeared prepared to accept him. He gave three reasons he thought contributed to his plight: 1. The fact that he would be eligible for military service at eighteen years of age. 2. Lack of timber. 3. Much of the timber that was available being diverted to "black market" private jobs.

Mrs. Beeton "out-beetoned!" How to make toast: take one watchman's hut, ex-Anderson shelter, one large brazier, lay with paper, wood, and not less than 28lb. of broken coke, set light to fire, and when burning well, place a piece of wire mesh over top of brazier, lay on pieces of bread not less than one inch in thickness, blacken well with heat and acrid fumes on both sides, and consume with great relish aided by very strong tea. "Luv'ly Grub!"

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AN Australian ex-serviceman, Mr. Allison, visited the Edgware and District Branch of the British Legion on March 7th. It was the result of a meeting in Australia during the war with the Branch President, Lieut. D. W. Smith.

He is now representing the Returned Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association of Australia. He spoke to the members about the goodwill existing between the two countries and he referred to the distribution of food parcels.

Foster Parents' Plan.

Members were also told of a plan to help orphans of this war. It is called the "Foster Parents' Plan of America," which is sponsored by Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Truman and many British actors and actresses now in America.

The children must be under thirteen years of age. Deserving cases will receive 35/- a month and occasionally food and clothing parcels. Further particulars of this plan can be obtained from Mr. E. W. J. Allen, care of the Watling Centre.

A NEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

A NEW community association has been formed on the Brookfield Council estate. It is called the Mill Hill East Community Association.

A Refreshing Play

THE play, "Wasn't It Odd?" presented by the Watling Guild of Players at the Centre on March 16th, was both refreshing and amusing.

It is about a family spending an unhappy Christmas at home. Each member of the family has something on its mind, but refuses to reveal it.

The grandmother (played by Edith Cole) takes a sleeping draught which gives her the power "to come out of herself" and, undetected, watch the family alone. She finds the wife gambling and losing a lot of money, the husband (by Ernest Cole) in love with the nurse, the aunt defrauding the insurance company, and the daughter (Lily Griffiths) a snob refusing to marry Sam Potts, a grocer's son.

The play ends happily and unusually. The audience, I think, enjoyed the simplicity of Sam (Arthur Boobyer) and the aunt (Winifred Johnson) and the frightened Julia Kemp (Georgette Van Kimmenade) the wife.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

MR. & MRS. DAVIES, of Oldberry Road, are at the end of this month going to see their daughter in Chicago, U.S.A. At a recent meeting the Watling and District Branch of the United States and Canadian Brides' Parents' Association wished them "Bon Voyage."

They hope to visit other members daughters in the Chicago area. Mr. Davies was elected treasurer of the Branch when they first met in October. The assistant treasurer is Mrs. Richardson.

New Social Secretary

A NEW officer of the Community Association is Mr. A. W. J. Allen, of Arundel Gardens, the Social Secretary. He represents the Crest F.C. on the Council. He is a prominent member of the Edgware and District Branch of the British Legion as employment officer and as the North West London Delegate of the British Legion.

As a model railway enthusiast he would like to see a Model Engineering Club in Watling. His "00" gauge railway which he has offered to show at the Centre during "Watling Week," has been valued at £125.

An Old Friend at the Centre

IT was nice to see Daisy Judd, formerly of Blessbury Road, now a wife of a young farmer, at a recent Saturday night social at the Centre. It brightens us up to see our old friends again. Daisy is now living on an Essex Farm and she says she likes the quiet life in the country. She certainly seemed to enjoy our social, too. Anyway, she had a good nest at the Whist Drive which preceded the social. She

sat at the same table for the whole of the ten hands.

Getting Better

MISS JOYCE BOUCHARD, of Walter Walk, who has been ill for twelve weeks, is now recovering and is up for an hour or two every day. Joyce will have to go to Redhill Hospital again in three weeks time, but only to see if she is getting better. Later, Mrs. Bouchard hopes to take Joyce to rest at the seaside for a month. Then, fit and well, she will be able to come to the Centre again.

George Stokes Resting

MANY friends will be pleased to hear that George Stokes, of Abbot's Road, is now out and about. However, it will be some time before he will be able to take part in any activities. He has been advised to take a long rest.

He saw a specialist four weeks ago and is now being given new treatment. George was very active on the council representing the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers. He is a member of the Executive Committee and a member of the Education Committee.

During the Council elections in November he stood as a Communist candidate and was concerned with the Communist Anti-Fascist campaign.

Mr. Price Resting

ANOTHER active member of the Executive Committee, Mr. Price, of Orange Hill Road, is resting. He has been ill since last November. Many members will remember that Mr. Price tendered the rose garden in front of the Centre for many years.

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OUTSIDE HELP for the BILLIARD ROOM

AT 10.40 p.m. on March 5th, following the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee decided to take advantage of the offer of the International Voluntary Service for Peace by help to build Community Centres.

On the week following Easter a mixed party of ten British people will commence work on the billiard hall. They will also help to pull down the garage next to the annex and level off the ground around the Centre.

The volunteers do not receive wages for their services but no work is undertaken which would be prejudicial to normal paid labour.

No Common Room.

They will use the common room during the evening and they will do all their cooking and service. This will mean that the Association will have to revert to the old practice of serving tea in the passage.

The I.V.S.P. has been helping devastated countries to rebuild following the war. The first teams entered Greece in December, 1944, and before the war ended there were I.V.S.P. teams at work in Greece, Crete, Italy and Holland. British units of this international organisation have done wonderful work in Germany in organising displaced persons camps and improving conditions for refugees.

Staff Sports Club Re-started

The Watling L.C.C. Staff Sports Club has been restarted and has a membership of over 120 employees. The club closed down because of the war.

The secretary is Mr. C. Deacon, of Watling Avenue, and a member of the Watling Community Association Executive Committee. They are meeting at the clubhouse at the rear of the Estate Office in Deansbrook Road and plans are already being made to hold a show on May 22nd.

A letter from

Sir Ernest Barker

My Dear Editor,

I am just back from Germany, and have received this morning a copy of the "Watling Resident" and of your annual report. Am I wrong (I may have failed to notice the change during my absence), or have you changed the style and form of the Resident lately? In any case, I admire both the form and the arrangement of the issue which I have received.

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST BARKER.

17 Cranmer Road, Cambridge.

Spring Competition

THE London County Council is sponsoring a spring competition for the best kept front garden on the Estate this year in addition to the Annual Summer Competition. This is the first time that the Council has organised one.

All front gardens will be considered. It is open to all tenants and no formal entry or entrance fee is required. In the preliminary judging, regard will also be had to the condition of the gardens at the back of the houses. The final judging will be conducted for the Council by the London Gardens Society.

The Estate Silver Challenge Cup and a Replica will be awarded to the tenant securing the highest aggregate of points at each estate, in these two competitions, and, in addition, a number of cash prizes will be awarded.

Further particulars will be given on handbills which will soon be distributed in the next few days.

YOUTH NEWS

EDITED BY LEN ROGERS

ON April 30th Mr. Rogers the Youth Leader is organising a Boxing Tournament. It is hoped to hold this event in Orange Hill School—but if the Education Authorities will not give their permission it will be held at the Centre.

It is hoped that all the Youth Clubs on the Estate will take part in the programme which will consist of junior and senior bouts. The prices of admission have not been decided yet but Mr. Rogers states that the dearest seats will be 2/6d., so it seems that no one will have cause to stay away because they cannot afford to come.

The Watling Junior Club is taking part—so all local interested persons will have a chance to see the tremendous improvement these boys have made since commencing training in September.

The Senior Club also has taken big strides forward so it looks as if "Watling Centre" will be back in the news where boxing is concerned.

It is hoped that everyone will support the latest venture of the Youth Leader, Mr. L. Rogers, and make a success of it. This will influence the organiser to run a tournament more often.

Club Holiday

The Club holiday this year is to be held at the Yaverland Camp at Sandown, Isle of Wight. The holiday starts on July 3rd and finishes on July 10th.

The Junior Club is also going to the Isle of Wight and so all it wants is the Women's Adult School and the

Men's Club to join in and then we shall have to alter it to Burnt Oak Island.

It was only after a long discussion that the Executive Committee gave its blessing. The camp is sponsored and recommended by the Ministry of Education.

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I am sorry this month to have to mention the senior boys who have been called into the forces lately.

We do not miss the occasional departure until we miss the services of one particular member, but when we see batches of boys all going at the same time then we begin to wonder what is going to happen to the club.

During the last six months we have seen Stan Shaw, Jimmy Lewis, Eric Wilkinson, George Frazer, Cliff Knott, Harry Brown, Sid Simmonds, and George Morris go to the Forces and in the near future we shall lose Taffy Evans, Trevor Blake, Cliff Baston.

The departure of these senior members is a serious blow to the club. We shall miss them on club committees, on discussions and in the football and table tennis teams. It means that the senior girls will have to take more of the club responsibilities. At the moment there are three vacancies on the club committee, which, I hope, will be filled by senior girls. As for those that are gone, or going, all I can say on behalf of the whole club is Good Luck—and we hope you get on. And don't forget, boys, you are still club members, so we expect to see you at the club when you come home on leave.

L. ROGERS.

Football

Although I do not take a very active part in our club soccer team I am more than pleased to see them doing so well.

They "got off" to a bad start with two heavy defeats but they have pulled up tremendously.

They are second in the league with the following record:—Played 14, won 10, drawn 1, lost 3; points 21.

Apparently Mr. Needham's guidance and "pep talks" are showing a dividend.

Junior News

The Junior Club, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, are showing considerable improvement in numbers—but we can still accept new members for all sections.

The club is divided into four sections:—

1. Boys' Boxing Club (ages 9 to 14 years), Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30 p.m. Instructor, Mr. F. Ward.
2. Girls' Ballroom Dancing (ages 9 to 14 years), Tuesdays at 5.30 p.m. Instructress, Mrs. V. Myland.
3. Girls' Sewing Class (ages 9 to 14 years), Thursdays at 5.30 p.m. Instructress, Mrs. L. Rogers.
4. Junior Play Club (ages 4 years to nine years), every Tuesday and Thursday at 5.30 p.m. Instructor, Mr. L. Rogers.

These are the only classes catering for children on this estate and it is hoped that the parents will take advantage of these classes and send their children along. Subscriptions are only 1d. per week. Anyone interested can contact Mr. Rogers at the Centre practically any evening between 7 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Junior Boxing

The Junior Boxing Club has been progressing very satisfactorily in the past few months, and the talent and enthusiasm shown by the boys has been very promising indeed. The general standard has been constantly improving, and in the near future we hope to start competing with other clubs.

Several of the boys are outstandingly good and will take a lot of beating, so we look forward to the start of team boxing with more than a little confidence. There are still vacancies in this section.

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A W.V.S. DEPOT IN WATLING

A W.V.S. Depot may soon be opened at the Centre and Mrs. Smith, the Hendon organiser, came on February 2nd to talk to the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School about its functions. The members have responded to the speakers call for volunteers.

The following week, Mr. Rogers, the Youth Leader, spoke on "Youth Work at the Centre," stressing particularly the effort being made to cater for under fourteen's, and appealed for helpers for this most important work. (Will readers who can spare one hour weekly please communicate with Mr. Rogers at the Centre.)

3rd Watling Brownie Pack

We now have a Tawny Owl, Miss Ann Silcock, whose presence is going to contribute very much to the progress of our group, and make possible many exciting things which could not be attempted before.

As a result of our new friend's help, five Brownies were enrolled by Mrs. Purkington on March 10th, and their little shining faces as they made their Promise were a fitting reward for time spent in preparing and enrolling them.

Our Christmas Party was held on January 28th with plenty of cakes and good things to eat, including ice cream, then games and carol singing and a small Nativity Play. We were very happy to have with us Mrs. Purkington, who sat down to tea with us and shared all our fun. Mr. and Mrs. Molloy and little John came too, also our friends from 2nd Watling Brownies, Patrol Leaders from 3rd Watling Guides, Mrs. Myland's Moggies, and some little foster children—new friends of ours—fifty children in all. We are very grateful to mothers and other kind helpers who contributed to the provision and serving of our good fare.

We have each made a Nature Log Book and are keeping account of the things we see happening around us in the world of Nature and are looking forward to the Easter holidays when we can explore the fields and woods.

Their party was held on February 13th when they were joined by many old friends. Mrs. Nyberg provided much enjoyment as a jovial M.C. and was presented with a bowl of fruit. Mrs. Durant contributed by very gallantly providing music during the whole of the evening. Sincere thanks are due to Mrs. Richardson and her Social Committee for a most delightful evening.

Spring Enters.

Spring was brought into the meeting on March 8th when members brought bowls of lovely daffodills grown by them. Miss Briggs, an old friend of the school, commented on them, quoting several poems in praise of springtime.

A cookery demonstration has been held and another happy afternoon spent with Mr. Williams.

The school have missed Mrs. Bouchard very much from the meetings and members are very sorry to learn of her daughter's illness. Their sympathy and loving thoughts have gone out to Mr. and Mrs. Bouchard with a hope that Joyce will soon be well again.

The class are sorry that Mrs. Nyberg's attendance may be uncertain for a while. The Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Fairbairn, has been appointed to the Choir for the time being with Mrs. Thomas as Vice-Chairman.

Important future events are a Rally at the Centre on April 21st, when Mrs. Wharhirst is to speak at 11.15 a.m. and at 2.15 a visit made to John Groom's Crippleage.

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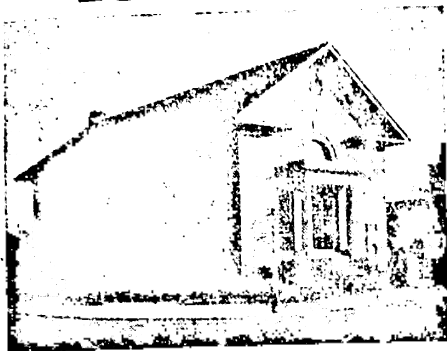
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Children,

I wonder how many of you have made a Nature Log Book. Some of those who have done so will already have notes entered and drawings too, as little sketches make notes much more interesting. You will find that keeping a nature diary makes you more observant so that you will notice many things you have missed before.

When entering your notes always say what the weather was like, and what time of day, describing the bird, beast, insect or flower—especially its colouring—and in the case of birds' nests writing down what the nest was made of, where it was situated and the colour and number of eggs. Of course, you won't touch the nest, but just peep very quietly.

It is a good idea to make friends with a park keeper, and remember the best way to do that is first to show that you are *his* friend and that you really love the flowers, trees and birds and want to care for them as much as he does, therefore you won't walk on the grass where you shouldn't, or spoil any of the lovely things he is tending, but help to keep *our* park a really lovely restful place, and all our roads, hedges and trees beautiful. If you do this, the park keeper will tell you the names of flowers and trees and help you to recognise the different birds and tell you many wonderful things about nature, so that you can put it all down in your book.

The weather was so warm during the early part of the year that you will have noticed how early the buds were bursting on the trees, and how well advanced the spring flowers were. The birds' songs, too, were particularly joyous, and as early as January they were looking for nesting places. Then

came the snow and covered up the tiny blossoms—really protecting them—and then the snow melted, leaving the flowers unharmed and beautiful.

Most children love animals and those of you who have a cat will know that pussy cleans her fur by licking it and swallowing the dirt. This does pussy no harm unless she swallows some of her hairs, then a ball of fur forms in her inside making her sick and sometimes causing death. To prevent this, give your pet a good brushing regularly at this time of the year to remove all the loose hairs, so that there are none to be swallowed.

It will be nice during your Easter holidays to take walks into the country—not forgetting pencil and notebook. You will have lovely discoveries of which to tell your teacher on your return to school.

You will go to the school for milk during the holidays, won't you? It is part of the food you need.

A very joyous Easter to you all and happy hunting.

Your friend,

BROWN OWL.

Youth Club Visitors

AT the invitation of Mr. L. Rogers. The Reverend P. Thorburn, M.A., Assistant Priest at John Keble Church, came along to the Centre with forty-two members of the Church Youth Club to take part in a Games and Social Evening on March 14th.

The Centre teams won the table tennis fairly easily. In the hall other members danced and at 10.30 they all went home after an enjoyable evening.

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LATE SOCIAL MEETING

(NO SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE)

THERE was a lively meeting of the new Social Committee on March 22nd at the Centre. Mr. Rogers was elected the Chairman for the evening in the absence of Mr. Williams.

The members after a long discussion decided to organise a Special Ticket Dance at the Centre on Wednesday, April 2nd. They will ask the Executive Committee for an extension until 11 p.m. Refreshments will be supplied free. The Committee are also presenting a Grand Saturday Night Social in honour of the workers of the International Voluntary Service for Peace. They leave the Centre on the Sunday.

Another important decision was to stop the ten hand Whist Drive on Saturdays.

THE ACORN OF BURNT OAK

THE Communist Party in Watling is now publishing its own magazine called "Acorn." It is to start as a four page fortnightly and will be printed on a duplicator.

SEWELL HARRIS AT CENTRE

AMONG the audience at the play at the Centre was our old friend and former Organising Secretary, Mr. E. Sewell Harris, now back in London for a short while. He has been living in Birmingham.

Mr. Harris is now the Chairman of the National Federation of Community Associations. When he was the First Organising Secretary of the Association The Guild of Players was the section that he enjoyed most.

Also among the audience, but in the first row, were eleven members of the Veterans' Club. From their gay laughter one would gather that they enjoyed it too.

NO SUNDAY DANCE

Sections of the Community Associations are again being asked to promote and organise social events. Meanwhile the Sunday night Social is to stop. The meeting closed at 11 p.m.

ASSOCIATION DIARY

Sunday—

Weightlifters, 11.
Friends Meeting for Worship, 11.
Sunday School, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.
Cubs, 6.
Folk Dancing, 7.30.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Concert Party, 8.
Men's Club, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.
Dress Making Class, 2.30.
Youth Club, 7.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.
Y.C.L., 8.
Puppets, 8.
Scouts, 7.

Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.
Brownies, 5.30.
Weight Lifting, 7.30.
Men's Club, 8.
Rambles, 8.

Thursday—

Whist Drive, 2.30.
British Legion Service Committee, 7-8.
Crest F.C., 8.
Youth Club, 7.
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.
Over 20 Club, 8.
Whist Drive, 8.

Friday—

Girl Guides, 6.
H.S.A., 6.45.
The Neighbours, 7.30.
N.B.L.C.W.S., 8.
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A DIFFICULT YEAR

AT the Annual General Meeting the chair was taken by Mr. E. Cole, the Association's Chairman, in the absence of Mr. A. I. Jones, the President. The meeting was very lively and did not close until 10.40.

The Annual Report was passed with very little discussion. The Secretary, Mr. P. N. Molloy, in presenting it stressed that it had been a difficult year for everyone, but added that it had been a year of progress. He was able to say that since the report had been drafted there had been a vast amount of improvement with regard to the juvenile side of the work.

The treasurer's report gave rise to considerably more discussion. Mr. Leach, the treasurer, who presented it compared the report with that of last year. However, there was one disturbing feature. There was a loss of £33 on the sale of cigarettes. The deficit of £735, he pointed out, was due to the cost of additional accommodation, including the purchase from the Ministry of Works of the air raid shelter for general storage room. The Middlesex County Council has now made a grant of £400 towards the cost of this accommodation. He warned that the canteen prices might have to go up owing to the increased cost of supplies.

Mr. Burchmore was not at the meeting to present the "Resident" report. In a letter to the secretary, he asked for a few more voluntary sellers. He has resigned from the Resident Committee, of which he was secretary.

Officers Elected.

Mr. A. J. Jones was re-elected president and Mr. A. W. Leach re-elected hon. treasurer. Other officers are Mr. A. R. Lodge, membership secretary; Mr. K. R. Chown, Editor, "The Watling Resident"; Mr. E. Allen, social secretary; Messrs. S. Paynter and G.

Richardson, auditors, members representatives on the council; Messrs. G. Richardson, V. Needham, E. E. Cole, F. H. Lake, P. J. T. Fuller, Mesdames L. Rogers, L. Nyberg, J. Taylor, G. Lodge and J. Green.

Successful Dance.

The most successful social at the Centre this year was held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. The hall was packed with members of the Association and Youth Club.

Following this, Mr. A. W. J. Allen, the social secretary, has asked for suggestions from members for other future socials.

Have you read "The Resident"?

If you have read "The Resident" why not have a go at these questions and see if you have a good memory?

You gain ten marks for every right answer. If you have ninety you are very good, 70 good, 40 fair, 10—you'd better read it again.

1. Who is the new Social Secretary?
2. What is the new L.C.C. garden competition?
3. What is the name of the organisation helping to build the billiard hall?
4. Who is off to America?
5. What plan was referred to at the British Legion?
6. What does The Stroller think of the tree stumps in Orange Hill Road?
7. How is the Youth Club football team going?
8. What is the name of the new Watling magazine?
9. Who is the new choir conductor?
10. Who have Crest F.C. beaten in the Cup?

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