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VIEWPOINT

NEXT Year the Community Association will be twenty five years of age and we would suggest to the appropriate committee that every effort be made to make this a year to be remembered—as we would suggest to the residents that this 25th Year may also be the beginning of a re-awakened interest.

It would be interesting for the

Association and the residents if it was known how many of the original residents now live on the estate; how many people have interesting photographs and records which may be put on show during 1953; how many people have benefited through the Association and whether these people have passed this benefit on to others; and so on *ad infinitum*.

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NEWS

for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

Whatever we may feel about the Community Association there can be no doubt that, in the past, a great deal has been achieved towards the betterment of the residents and that the welfare services have aided many who do not actually reside on the Watling estate. The past is not, however, enough—we must use the past as a stepping stone toward a more fruitful future and as a reason for the value of friendliness and voluntary service. What are we going to do in the next twenty-five years? How are we going to do it? Who is going to do it?

If you have an answer to all, or any, of these questions, then forward them to the Association.

ESTATE WORKERS

How empty the Council gardens look at the moment. There are plenty of shrubs in them but not their usual amount of workers. In fact we have not seen any. The garden hedges are now all different shapes and sizes owing to the fact that there are no gardeners to clip them. For some strange reason the gardeners of this Estate have been moved to Kenmore. Many of the painters left this Estate some months ago—who will be next? and why this sudden removal of so many men from an Estate such as ours, with repairs, decoration and gardens, etc., always needing attention.

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WATLING'S QUEEN, 1952

Our Carnival Queen, as you will know by now, is Miss Rose Valerie Lynch.

Rose has already shewn that the Judges made a very good selection by the way she played her part in the Carnival Parade and also her Maids of Honour, Miss Betty Lemon and Miss Pamela Harding.

The Carnival Competition heats and final were held at the Ritz, Edgware, and an audience of 2,000 saw Rose selected from her fellow competitors in the Final.

During the heats well over 40 girls came forward to try their luck at becoming Queen.

The competition was not judged on beauty alone, the girls were judged for poise, deportment, speech and personality.

During their time on the stage in front of a large audience and the judges, they were asked questions and were helped by a very popular gentleman, Mr. Leslie Savill, of the Hendon and Finchley Times.

Finalists were as follows:—

Monday—

June Clilverd, 16, of Colchester Road, Burnt Oak; Rose Lynch, 18, of Station Road, Hendon.

Tuesday—

Miss B. Lemon, 20, of Daniel Place, Hendon; Mrs. Hazel Fowles, of Homstall Avenue, Kingsbury.

Wednesday—

Audrey Adams, 19, of Stag Lane; Doris Jakeman, 18, of Edgware and Shirley Havard, of Oldberry Road, Burnt Oak.

All of the finalists received a gift from the Hendon & Finchley Times, the sponsors of the whole

competition. We would like to sincerely thank the Hendon and Finchley Times for putting on such a grand show on our behalf, also thanks to Mr. Leslie Savill, for his able compering and general help, Mr. G. C. Dilley, the Manager of the Ritz, Edgware, who offered his theatre for the contest, all the Judges and to all the many who helped in different ways.

The Carnival Queen will receive from the Sponsors a cash award and a gown, shoes and hosiery from the London Co-operative Society, a week's holiday at Butlin's Holiday Camp, free travel to and from the Camp by Messrs. Cronshaw, a permanent wave from Messrs. Maison Lyon and a sweater from Messrs. Liz Taylor, of Edgware.

Her attendants will receive cash awards and gowns, shoes and hosiery from the London Co-operative Society and permanent waves from Messrs. Maison Lyon.

The Carnival Queen has free entry to the final selection for the Hendon Borough Show Queen.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

On Thursday, May 22nd, old and new photographs shewing the development of Edgware and Burnt Oak were displayed to members of our Guild at their monthly meeting. The collection shewn was in conjunction with a descriptive talk by Mrs. N. R. Lloyd, a representative of Mill Hill Historical Society.

Mrs. E. Knightley, Chairman, presided and a vote of thanks was

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expressed to the speaker by Mrs. Eagle and Mrs. Dunn.

In her report of the handicraft class, Mrs. J. McKay stated that members had been busy making flowers, cane baskets, raffia work, lamp shades, etc., much of which would be displayed at the Exhibition to be held on June 17th.

Competition winners were Mrs. Stabler and Mrs. May, and novelty awards were obtained by Mrs. Haigh and Mrs. Cross.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION BOXING CLUB

Two members of the Club once again upheld the honour of Watling at a tournament held by Old Hendon Boxing Club. D. Nutall fought a first-class opponent and Trevor Blake inflicted a crushing defeat over a worthy opponent P. Dolland of Willesden Boxing Club. Dolland sustained a cut eye.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Many of the sections which have flourished at the Centre could surely be revived with advantage. The painting group, the men's adult school and the mixed adult school and what about a young peoples school. Then there were the photographic society, the rabbit club, the drama group, to name only a few. We even had an Esperanto class.

Judging by some of the gardens on the estate there must be a lot of people interested in roses. The Watling Rosarians was a very interesting group where one could learn about the culture and care of roses, budding and grafting and what a joy it was to bud our own favourite roses.

If any one is interested in the formation of any of these groups please contact the Secretary at the Centre and see what we can do about it.

F.H.L.

BOXING CLUB

AS the A.B.A. would not grant an out-of-season licence, the Club have had to cancel their show which was to have been held in July.

The Committee had planned a great outdoor Open Tournament on the White Lion Football Ground which they were sure would have had an appeal to the many boxing fans that follow the Club's tournaments. Despite their disappointment, however, they are already planning for next season.

Next season they will have some old members returning from the forces, members who are now champions.

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Carnival Parade 1952

The first event of the day was the judging of the decorated vehicles and childrens' fancy dress by Colonel and Mrs. Haygarth, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ian Orr-Ewing.

The childrens' fancy dress was won by Joan Fryer and Jean Horn as "The Bisto Kids."

The local traders' cup was won by M. Lewis, 2nd prize went to Hendon & Finchley Times and 3rd to M. S. Radio and Television.

The National trader's cup was won by Taylor, Walker Limited (Brewers), 2nd The Hendon Show and 3rd Saving Committee. Groups of the Association: The Cup was won by the Deansbrook Social Club, second were St. John Ambulance and the third were the U.S. & Canadian Brides' Parents Association.

The judging took place in the playground of Orange Hill School.

Immediately after the judging the crowning of the Queen took place on the ground opposite the Centre. Mr. Leslie Savill introduced the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon and Mr. Fred Lake, Chairman of the Association. Mr. and Mrs. Ian Orr-Ewing and Mr. MacDonald Hobley, the celebrated television announcer, were introduced to the public by Mr. Fred Lake.

After the crowning by the Mayor, Miss Betty Nyberg, last year's Carnival Queen, presented Miss Lynch with a bouquet of red and white carnations.

Soon afterwards the Carnival Parade moved off led by the Boy Scouts' Band.

There were many attractive floats in the parade and outstanding amongst them must surely have been the Express Dairies' contribution which was two black ponies drawing a small milk float decorated with carnations, ribbons and bells.

The Group cup winners, the Deansbrook Social Club, were quite outstanding being considered the best float to be put in by a Group of the Association for many years.

The other vehicles put in by the Groups of the Association, although very good, did look as if they had been left to the work of a few, who no doubt put in much hard work at the last moment.

We should like to point out at this stage that the Association were in no way associated with the people who were selling the miserable and faded streamers at 4d. each. There was nothing we could do to stop these people.

After covering the first three miles of the route, the Carnival halted for a break in Littlefield Road and many of those taking part were very grateful for the way in which householders gave them refreshments.

In all the party covered 5½ miles of the Estate. Many thousands saw the Carnival procession, the major part of the crowds being in Burnt Oak Broadway, where there was the largest gathering seen for a very long time.

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Some members of the public were delighted to receive free glasses of beer from Taylor Walkers' float.

The procession ended at the Centre and tea was provided for the band taking part and the sea cadets who had been drawing a very attractive model of a life-boat entered by the Burnt Oak Life Boat Association. Tea was also provided to the drivers of the vehicles.

The evening social was attended by the Queen. The hall was packed for this social and a "House Full" notice had to be posted up very early in the evening. Music was provided by The Melody Three and there were various entertainments during the evening provided by Bert Sullivan. Fred Bussy and Bob Rea, and some very delightful songs were sung by "Tubby", the accordionist and leader of The Melody Three.

SHOW TEAZER

Here are the real names of nine people in show business. Can you guess who?

1. Spangler Alington Brough.
2. David Daniel Kominski
3. Benny Kubelsky.
4. Robert Winthrop.
5. Lucile le Suer.
6. Marjorie Robertson.
7. Joan de Havilland.
8. Margaret Hookman.
9. Alice Marks.

(Answers on page 10)

ICE THOUGHTS

We have no doubt that the larger ice-cream firms make sure that their salesmen are suitably dressed and have clean hands whilst selling their goods, therefore, we would advise Mothers to see that their children buy from these firms and not from the doubtful looking Ice lollie sellers that seem to plague the Estate these days.

CRICKET

On June 7th members of the Youth Club played in a team that beat Deerfield Cricketers at The Hyde, Hendon.

The players from Watling were Alan Stapleton, Colin Sibbald, Peter Marshall, James Brown and Eric Rowe. The other six players were from Goldbeaters Youth Club.

The combined Watling Goldbeaters team were successful in well and truly beating Deerfield.

The game started with Deerfield batting. G. Hart was bowled by Rowe with the first ball of the game. Harding b. Rowe c. Dye for 14; Martin b. Rowe 0; Colling b. Brown 1; Roberts b. Rowe 0; Copley b. Rowe 4; West b. Brown 0; Thompson b. Brown 3; J. Hill b. Brown 0; Giles b. Rowe 2; Arbrrer not out 0; Score 25, byes 11. Total 35.

Watling made a total score of 113.

The game was of the highest standard I have seen in Youth cricket and it is a great shame that neither Deerfield, Goldbeaters nor Watling are in the Hendon League this year.

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BLIND SUMMER OUTING

The Evening Section of the Edgware & District Club for the Blind held its first Summer Outing on Saturday last, May 31st, when Brighton was visited.

55 Members, Guides and Friends assembled at the Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, at 8.30 a.m. and by 8.45 a.m. the two coaches were well on the way. Although the weather was not all that could be desired, everyone was in good spirits and the sun did show itself for a few occasions.

On arrival at Brighton the members went their own ways, arrangements having previously been made to meet at the West Pier for tea at 4.30 p.m. Again the weather was not too good and rain was experienced at intervals, but in spite of this all thoroughly enjoyed the few hours stay at Brighton which ended with a very nice High Tea on the Pier.

The coaches started the return journey home at 5.45 p.m., with everyone singing the old and latest tunes. The Party eventually arrived at the Watling Community Centre at approximately 9.15 p.m. with the satisfaction that in spite of the inclement weather the blind members and their guides had experienced a happy association together for a whole day.

EDGWARE & DISTRICT BLIND SOCIAL CLUB

On Tuesday, June 10th, the afternoon Section of the Edgware and District Blind Social Club went to Worthing for its Annual Summer Outing. The weather was wonderful as it was sunny all day, and this made the coach journey a very pleasant one as

the party travelled through some beautiful country on the way to the sea.

When the party arrived at Worthing the members then dispersed and spent the day how they pleased, meeting for tea later in the day. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and all agreed that the outing was a great success. Our thanks are given to the organiser of the expedition, Mr. Sterling, the Home Visitor for the area.

BLIND CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Evening Section of the Edgware & District Club for the Blind held its first Annual General Meeting on Friday, June 13th, at the Watling Community Centre, when Mr. Sterling, Chairman of the Club and Blind Home Teacher presided. 34 Blind members and their guides attended.

The Secretary reported on the progress of the Club during the past year and this was confirmed by the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.

The Chairman thanked the Officers and Committee of the Club for their services during the year, the Edgware, Mill Hill and Hendon Rotary Clubs for transporting members to and from the Watling Centre, and all the persons who had helped behind the scenes.

The Officers and Committee elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—

Chairman, Mr. V. J. Sterling;
Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Annison;
Hon. Secretary, Miss D. R. Fox;
Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Diston;
Committee, Mr. Smithin, Mrs. Annison, Mrs. Ellis. D.R.F.

WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club has started the season very well and are keenly defending the championship of the Finchley and District League that it has held for two seasons.

The Club has played 5 matches in the series and so far are unbeaten.

The Two Woods Competition was played off on Sunday, May 25th. Play started at 10.30 a.m. and continued throughout the day. The finalists were Miss M. Steele and Ted Brace of Littlefield Road.

Although Miss Steele had plenty of support from the Ladies' Section and got away to a good start, Ted Brace caught up, then pulled away to run out winner by 15 shots to 9.

The prizes were presented by Mr. H. C. Gerrard, supported by Lt.-Col. Santos Casani and his wife.

Several of the men are doing well in the County competitions, and although the Ladies' Section only affiliated to the County Association this year, they are putting up a good show in the County competitions.

A. V. STEVENS

Answers to teasers on page 8

1. Robert Taylor.
2. Danny Kaye.
3. Jack Benny.
4. Bud Flanagan.
5. Joan Crawford.
6. Anna Neagle.
7. Joan Fontaine.
8. Margot Fonteyn.
9. Alicia Markova.

THE roads on this Estate must be just about the dirtiest in the Borough of Hendon. We have no idea how many road sweepers there are on this Estate. I have seen only two and surely two are quite inadequate for the task of cleaning all of our roads.

PRIZE WINNER

Mr. A. E. Allen, of 28 Arundel Gardens, a conscientious member of the Watling Centre, gained second prize in the Spring Show of the L.C.C. Garden Competition.

It is pleasing to note that Mr. Allen was 19th last year and he is now hoping to gain first prize in the Summer Show.

GLOBETROTTERS

THANKS to Ruth Lambert 36 people were able to go along and see the Harlem Globetrotters during their week's appearance at the Empire Pool, Wembley.

Ruth purchased a block of 36 six-shilling seats at the reduced price of 4/6, taking a chance on selling them all. Happily, they were all sold in record time.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and expressed the wish to see them next year.

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I've Had My Moments

AS Wilfred Pickles says, everyone has some exciting or embarrassing moment and with the kind permission of the Editor, I propose to relate a few which have happened to me. *If any readers would like to do likewise please send your stories to the Editor.*

During the 1914-1918 War, if you were a casualty, and were sent to England, it was the unfortunate practice if your home was in London, to send you to Scotland, or as far away from your home as possible. If you were a Scot you would find yourself in a hospital in Cornwall.

I fared a little different.

My early years were spent in St. Johns Wood and when the 1914 war broke out I was actually serving in the Boy Scouts. I heard that a local battalion of the Royal Fusiliers was going to Malta so to satisfy my ambition to travel I joined up.

We stayed at Malta for three months then we were packed on a boat and sailed east, through the Suez Canal to Port Sudan. My platoon was stationed miles from anywhere, near a native village, but only for a short time. We went on to Khartoum where we

were relieved by the Gloucesters and we then sailed east again to Suvla Bay.

Just before the evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula the weather became severe, there were floods and snowy blizzards and we suffered many casualties from exposure and frostbite. I got frostbite in both my feet and once I'd got my boots off I couldn't get them on again, so we casualties were told to get down to the beach as best we could. I wrapped a pair of puttees round my feet and managed to get to the beach and, fortunately, on to a hospital ship. We then sailed for Malta.

After a few months in hospital there, I was packed off to England. We got to Southampton and then by hospital train to Paddington, where we were collected by cars and taxis to be taken to various hospitals.

Imagine my surprise when I asked the driver where we were going and he answered, "**St. Johns Wood.**" I nearly fell out of the car with surprise and joy at being back, almost on my own doorstep.

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FOLLIES CONCERT

The Watling Follies Concert Party put a show on June 11th to a packed hall and by the applause it sounded as if everyone enjoyed themselves.

After the full company's chorus of "There's No Business like Show Business", 13-year-old Sylvia Woolerhead, dressed in Romany costume sang "Hear My Song, Violetta" and "Gypsy Lullaby".

Second on the bill was a sketch round "Bills Coffee Stall" starring J. Dickson, B. Cowley, C. Sibbold, F. Bussy and B. Sullivan. This was followed by song and dance routine by P. Morris and J. Huggett. F. Rutland and B. Nyberg then gave a very funny account of "Over the Garden Wall."

Bob Rea gave a very good impersonation of George (I'm proper poorly) Williams and kept the audience in fits of laughter.

R. Towerzey gave a fine performance with his singing of "Bless This House" and "At the end of the Day".

We had another sketch after Ron's singing and this was a London Scene with a Barrow Boy and Paper Seller with a Flower Vendor sitting in the centre and one or two other people standing nearby. The people on the stage sang choruses of well-known London songs and the audience joined in as well. Some of the songs were "London Pride", "Barrow Boy", "Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner" and

"Lambeth Walk".

Terry's contribution to the programme was "Come Back to Sorrento" and "Because of you."

A very lively trio, starring catch.

Fred, Bert and Bob followed with songs and dance routine. B. Nyberg entertained us with singing and dancing and after her singing of "Waiting at the Church" she promptly threw her bouquet (which consisted of a very weedy looking rose) into the audience for some unlucky person

The audience were highly delighted with the "Can Can" danced by three of the girls, but as the three girls danced off three of the boys came on also dressed as women and gave their version of the "Can Can."

Sylvia entertained us once more with her lovely singing and we then had another sketch, this time in a Railway carriage starring N. Whitmarsh, F. Hilson, B. Cowley and B. Sullivan. It was amusing to note that all managed to acquire the northern dialect.

Another highlight in the evening was F. Bussy's impression of Al Jolson singing "Mamie" and "Sonny Boy" with an encore of "April Showers."

The evening was rounded up with more choruses, with the audience joining in.

Let's hope we see more of this very talented Concert Party.

COUNCIL

At the Council was held on June 11th, the Secretary opened the meeting. The Secretary received apologies from members who could not attend. A discussion was held on the Secretary's report. The people who were owing to other people should be at the next meeting. The Chairman expressed that the Council should be strengthened if possible. The Secretary received from M. Bouchard that through ill health in the future he would have to resign between the War and the Business Council accepted with regret and health in the future.

It was pleasing to note that A. Bouchard had been elected to the Executive of the London Federation of Community Associations.

At the last Youth Manager's meeting which incidentally was the Annual General Meeting, Stan Hasler was elected Secretary.

It was agreed that a Drama Festival should be held. Bouchard said he was willing to act as a provisional date was fixed as Monday, November 1st. Mr. Vear represented active workers.

COUNCIL NOTES

At the Council meeting which was held on June 6th the Chairman opened the meeting by asking the Secretary to read out the apologies received from those members who could not attend the meeting. After a long discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should make a list of the people who could not attend owing to other duties and it would then be discussed at the next meeting whether these people should be demoted. The Chairman expressed the opinion that the Council should be strengthened if other people who could attend were appointed in their place.

The Secretary read out a letter received from Mr. Hicks stating that through ill-health he would have to resign as liaison officer between the Watling Association and the Business Men's Club. The Council accepted his resignation with regret and wished him good health in the future.

It was pleasing to note that Mr. A. Bouchard has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the London Federation of Community Associations.

At the last meeting of the Youth Management Committee, which incidentally was the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Stan Hasler was elected as Secretary.

It was agreed to hold the Drama Festival this year and Mr. Bouchard said that he would be willing to act as organiser. The provisional date of the Festival was fixed as commencing on Monday, November 17th.

Mr. Vear reported that two old active workers of the Association

Mr. and Mrs. Lord, had left the district to live at Pitsey. Mr. Lord has been suffering with ill health and Mr. Vear was asked to send them a letter of farewell and to wish them all the best in the future.

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Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans'	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
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Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
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Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

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Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
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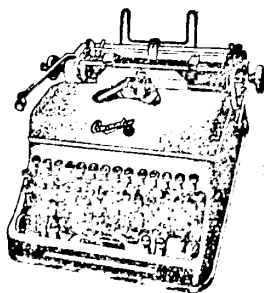
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When I saw the Deansbrook Social Club's "Atoll Story" at the John Keble Hall I understood that it was the last time that the show would be put on, it has been done four times, I believe. I usually go to these local efforts in a charitable frame of mind, believe me no charity on my part was necessary,

it was a grand little show. The Apache scene was very good, the little dog monologue a scream. Bouquets to the two men that wrote the show. Miss Staraford and the lady with the monologue. If it comes on again at the Centre and a little bird whispers it might Go.
J. HARE

NEWS

for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

VIEWPOINT

Is it Nothing to You ?

ONE of the things revealed by the National Census taken a short while ago is that family life tends to break up into smaller units, more people are living on their own and, in consequence, there are many aged, infirm and lonely people who find themselves in need of companionship and help.

Loneliness can be distressing, especially if one is sick. One can lie ill without anyone being aware of it. One could even die friendless, in a thickly populated district. It isn't that we don't care. It is that in these days of wireless and television we tend to keep too much to ourselves. When a neighbour is ill or in difficulties we pass by thinking, it is none of our business. But neighbourliness and service is still and always will be the way towards a better society and to better human relationships.

Many old and infirm people are confined to their homes. Some of them are unable to undertake the strenuous work of fetching and carrying. Some have lost their old friends and have not been able to make new ones. Some Mothers find it necessary to go out to work, leaving their children in the care of a neighbour. Sometimes the kids have to fend for themselves.

The Walling Association has a concern for these problems and at a recent Council Meeting at the Centre, it was decided to set up a Welfare Committee to try to alleviate some of this suffering. The Committee is

now in being. Mr. Lodge is the Chairman and Mrs. Stevenson, of 18 Montrose Ave., is the Secretary.

It is hoped that with the co-operation of local Churches, the Business Men's Club and anyone else interested in this work, to tackle the job in a spirit of unselfish interest and service.

S.O.S. cards will be issued to those people in the scheme and these cards will be placed in the window by the person requiring assistance so that an interested neighbour or friend spotting the card will know how to act.

It is hoped to form a panel of helpers and full particulars of all these helpers and the people requiring assistance will be kept at the Centre. It is not the intention to confine this service to members of the Community Association. Every endeavour will be made to help anyone in need, regardless of who they are.

All proceedings will, of course, be conducted in the strictest confidence.

Life, in many ways, is full of discord and unfriendliness but we can make it more fruitful for others and for ourselves by our willingness to help each other.

Don't let us imagine that we can leave everything to the Statesmen or that we could have a better world if only Russia, America or Great Britain or any other nation would turn over a new leaf.

The better world can start right now with you and me.

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The individual alone knows when and where his shoe pinches him; it is necessary, therefore, that he should have and use the means and opportunities of righting wrongs and improving matters generally. Not all of us have executive and organising ability. The efficient conduct of any Association and the committee work involved demands a test for such work with mental alertness, knowledge and patience. Usually the work devolves from the energetic minority, who whether they deserve it or not, get more adversely destructive criticism than helpful constructive co-operation, occasionally the conduct of affairs is left, owing to the apathy of the crowd to the forceful and the ambitious.

Emergency may induce the apathetic man reluctantly to leave his arm chair, his garden, his hobby, his individualistic course of life to grapple with the problem concerning himself and his fellows but existence is not the series of emergencies; it is unfortunately humdrum in the extreme. What is required then for the alleviation of the pain caused by the pinching shoe is that the individual shall maintain a steady, active interest in the welfare of the Association.

Wanted, on the Estate or local, accommodation for young married couple with baby 2 years old. Please write C/o Editor.

The Association cordially invites all men and women of goodwill to join, and that such time as they can offer, and such goodwill as they can bring, contribute to the work of making us all good neighbours and good members. ...

The first step to this excellent end is to join the Association. Have you done this? If not, do not leave it. Do it now.

WANTED

Local residents who have the well-being of the Watling Estate at heart and are prepared to freely give some service in order to develop the work of the Community Association.

Work includes Stewarding of the Centre; acting as Doorkeepers or M.C.s; helping in the Canteen; visiting of the sick and aged; development of new activities; **running of juvenile activities between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., etc.**

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Apply in writing, or in person, at the Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

I should like to thank all my many Friends at the Centre for the kindness shown to me at the loss of my dear Husband also to those who kindly sent Floral Tributes to the Funeral.

Mrs. M. R. Fanthorpe.

I'VE HAD MY MOMENTS (2)

By Fred Lake

That night of the raid, in 1942, the Germans dropped everything, including the kitchen stove, land mines, H.E.s, incendiaries, etc., it seemed they would never stop.

We lay on our bunks in the Anderson shelter, perhaps breathing a little harder, but outwardly unperturbed.

Intermittant explosives were going on all around us and there was a continual whistling whining and cr-rumping. It seemed a miracle that our little dug-out escaped being hit.

Whoever would have thought that it was humanly possible to stand up to the terrific bombardments that we had been subjected to. Especially the women, what a wonderful example they were. I looked over at my wife. Her eyes were closed. Her expression calm and composed. How could she sleep with that Devil's tattoo going on outside?

I tried to sleep. Twisting, turning, listening. My wife's bunk creaked as she moved. I glanced across. Her eyes were now open; a puzzled expression on her face. Something was whistling outside. Crash! she sat bolt upright.

"D-don't be alarmed," I gasped, staggering up. "It's gone over!"

She stood up on the bunk hugging herself. She was trying to say something, but couldn't get the words out. "W-what is it?" I asked thickly, my mouth dry. Fear in my heart.

She stood petrified pointing at the foot of her bunk. "There's a mouse!" She screamed.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A well attended meeting was held on 19th June at the Watling Centre. Mr. M. C. Neill presided. A lecture and demonstration of corsetiere was given by the courtesy of Mrs. H. G. Rogers of Mill Hill. Mrs. Keegan was the lecturer and Mrs. Mandel as model. Thanks to the speaker were expressed by Mrs. G. Knight and Mrs. Lumbar.

Handicraft: The Exhibition on June 17th was stated by Mrs. McKay to have been highly successful. Exhibits covered a wide range of articles, including cane baskets, raffa bags, rugs, crochet work, lamp shades, knitting, trays, embroidery.

The recent outing to Bournemouth by coach, arranged by Mrs. M. Lake, was enjoyed by all.

Competition: Mrs. Brusselen was judge of the best arranged and assorted bunch of flowers which was won by Mrs. N. Chapman, and novelty awards were obtained by Mrs. Brusselen and Mrs. Read.

At the afternoon social, on 3rd July, members enjoyed dancing and games. An expression of thanks to Mrs. Read, our pianist, was given.

L. C. FRANCIS.

The Youth Club will be closed from 16th August to 9th September.

New members will be welcome after the holiday break.

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Hullo Friends,

According to the calendar, the mid-summer months are merry ones, and we have lived up to it in the Branch, where there have been more revels than business. Shame on you! You say you deserved this bread? O.K. then.

We entertained the Hackney Branch and gave them a very good evening which they very much appreciated. We had the return invitations from them, and they really gave us a very good evening. The arrangements, as usual, were nicely done. These "get togethers" create a very nice feeling all round and help to cement the friendship in the Association.

We all had a grand time on our trip to Clacton by coach. The weather was not first class but it could have been a lot worse. I am sure our coach party was the happiest on the road that day. How about another trip before the winter? All those in favour make yourselves heard.

We had to say farewell to Mrs.

Beeson and her children early in June. We sincerely hope that they arrived home in the States safely and a happy reunion awaited them. We also had a farewell party for Mrs. Lathwell, Mrs. Crossman and Mrs. Foster's two daughters, who all sailed together for the States for three months. We had the pleasure to welcome two visitors from Canada, Petty Braduvin's sister and also a relative of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. We hope they had a most enjoyable holiday while in England. We extend to you an open invitation to join us whenever you are free.

We were extremely sorry to learn that Mrs. Woods had to go into hospital suddenly for an operation. As usual, our good-hearted folk endeavoured to cheer our patient up with a gift of flowers. The latest I hear is that she is making good progress so we are looking forward, Mrs. Woods, to welcome you back in the near future with your health fully restored.

Happy holidays everyone.

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Saturday, August 30th, 1952

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Sunday, August 31st, 1952

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Monday, September 1st, 1952

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Tuesday, September 2nd, 1952

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Wednesday, September 3rd, 1952

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Aug 29th - September 9th

Thursday, September 4th, 1952

Combined Social

M.C. Mrs. NYBERG

WATLING CENTRE

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Friday, September 5th, 1952

SUPPER & DANCE

WATLING CENTRE

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Saturday, September 6th, 1952

SPECIAL SOCIAL

WATLING CENTRE

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7.45 p.m.

Sunday, September 7th, 1953

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WESLEY HALL

Service Conducted by:- Rev. A. G. Knight

All Residents Welcome

8.00 p.m.

Monday, September 8th, 1952

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(TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD)

WATLING CENTRE

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M.C. Mrs. McNEILL

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Wednesday, September 9th, 1952

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How right Fred Lake was when he said in the previous issue of the *Resident* that casualties in the 1914-1918 war normally found themselves in hospital miles and miles away from their home town. I am sure this was not intentional on the part of the authorities but was just one of those things that happen in a crisis—a hospital say in Glasgow, had umpteen beds empty and away one went to Glasgow irrespective of where that particular individual lived.

I, like Fred, was very fortunate. On arrival at Southampton—totally blind as a result of the effects of mustard gas—I was put in a hospital train and a young cockney medical orderly told me I was in luck's way as the train was bound for London. A few moments later he came back and told me that the medical authorities were going to take six of us off the train to make room for some German prisoners who required special treatment which could only be provided at a particular London hospital.

The cockney orderly gave me the tip-off when the specialists were due to examine the cases in my coach and although I was suffering agony from the results of mustard gas poisoning I most certainly let the doctors know I was suffering by making continuous groaning noises. Was I bucked when the doctor in charge said, when referring to me, "This is a case for St. Dunstons?" Yes and No. The thought of possibly being permanently blind was uppermost in my thoughts, on the other hand I was happy to know that I was going home.

At Waterloo I was put in an ambulance and the very sweet V.A.D. nurse, who I couldn't see, told me I was going in the first instance to Bethnal Green Infirmary, part of which was being used as a military hospital. It was then that I lay back and slept for the first time in more than three days. Bethnal Green is, of course, only a short distance from my home town, Islington.

F. J. NIGHTINGALE.

MOTOR CYCLE CLUB "ANNIVERSARY" SUPPER

Thanks to the co-operation of the Executive Committee and the Canteen Committee of the Association, the Motor Cycle Club was able to hold its first "Anniversary" Supper at the Centre on Saturday, 5th July. The guests of the evening were Fred Lake, Chairman of the Association, and Mrs. Lake; other visitors included Dick and Mrs. Lodge, Jack and Mrs. Taylor, Stan and Ruth Lambert, Joe and Mrs. Nightingale, Fred Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Lavender and Miss Dahpne Lavender.

The supper of cold ham, salad, potatoes, etc., and fruit and jelly compot, was delicious and everyone was appreciative of the splendid work done by the ladies-in-waiting, Mesdames Breen and Artis.

The social evening following the supper commenced with an ingenious quiz; about twenty drawings etc., were laid on the table, each drawing representing a well known street or district in or around London. The result of this competition was a dead-heat between Fred Lake and Jim Eccles (Captain of Motor Cycle Club) but the prize, a delightful pair

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of plastic candle-sticks, went to Fred Lake who beat Jim on the cut of the cards. Fred, I believe, had an ace up his sleeve!

This was followed by games, dancing and delightful numbers of our old friend, Fred Cole, on the piano and squeeze box.

The funniest happening of the evening was during musical chairs, when Joe Nightingale, with his sixteen stone odd, had a head on collision with, I believe it was Jim, the Motor Cycle Club's comedian or was it with Alec the Giant. Joe finished up on his back and went home with a scrumptious bump on his forehead.

The duty of master of ceremonies was ably carried out by Arthur Cork (Chairman of the Motor Cycle Club) and much credit is due to the Committee of the Motor Cycle Club for a well organised and enjoyable evening.

LETTER

To the Editor, *Watling Resident*.
Sir,

Not unlike many other struggling organisations in the past, the Burnt Oak Peace Committee has had its successes and its setbacks during the last year or so. We can, however, truthfully say that our successes have been very many and our setbacks very few indeed.

Wherever we have held our canvasses on the Watling Estate, we have been met, not perhaps always with complete agreement, but always with that "willing to listen to the other person's viewpoint" attitude that our members know so well. Our work has borne fruit for we have collected over 3,000 signatures

on the Estate and in the shopping centres, for the Appeal for a Five Power Peace Pact.

The number of sympathisers and new members we have gained has been an inspiration to us all. As residents will know, we invite all to our meetings irrespective of their political and religious beliefs—we hope even more people will take advantage of this fact.

It was indeed a setback and disappointment to the members who had worked so hard when, due to the late arrival of our application for entry in the Watling Carnival, we were told that we could not participate this year. The children who took part last year were particularly despondent.

However, we go forward undaunted with the sincere hope that by the next time we write to you in the *Watling Resident* we will have made the acquaintance of more still of the Burnt Oak people.

Yours sincerely,

MARJORIE MILTON.

Sec., Burnt Oak Peace Committee.
20 Maple Gardens,
Burnt Oak, Edgware.
10th, June, 1952.

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by Joe Hare

When one considers the wonderful literary gem, the English language has given the world, the greatness of our writers, is it any wonder that our beautiful language is becoming almost universal in its use; yet we are sometimes told that such an object is given a foreign name because it sounds more expressive. Where has more beautiful expressions used than by Shelley, Byron, Tennyson and other of our great poets? This all brings me to the use or misuse of our language today. In the latter sense I think that the B.B.C. is a considerable offender. Oh no, I am not referring to the slang of the moment, or silly catch phrases such as—"a bit much", I am hearing lately, or the small grammatical errors, we are all guilty of these. It is the use of such an expression as "Blimey". It seems only a few weeks ago that there was a spot of bother on the "Educating Archie" programme over the word. Max stated that it was in his script. I did look forward to hearing that it had been eliminated, but I was sorry to hear Bygraves use it again on a later programme.

Since then the expression is being used frequently by other comedians presumably to get a laugh and one considers if it is going to stop there. Is this sort of language necessary? I was in a friend's house the other evening, one of their children used the word

they are quite nice kiddies. The Mother reproved the boy and told him he must not say it. "Why not Mum?" the boy asked. "Ted Ray says it". The Mother looked at me as if to say "What can I say to that?"

ANGLING

The L.C.C. Sports Club Angling Section formed in 1949 is anxious to recruit new members on the "Estate", Edgware, and surrounding district. Affiliated to the L.A.A. they average one coach outing on a Sunday once a fortnight.

For interested parties the Club allows non-members to participate in the coach outings without being under obligation to join. Fare—Adults 7/—, Children 4/—.

It would appear that few unattached anglers appreciate the benefits they could gain by affiliation to the L.A.A. and seem to be under the impression that by joining a club they are under obligation to take part in all Club outings etc. this is not so, it is a rule of the above Club that all members may fish as and when they please, so long as they abide by the L.A.A. code of rules. Advice and help will be given to all interested anglers.

Enquiries should be made to:- Mr. Robinson, 5 Brook Walk, Edgware or phone Mr. Davies EDG 9589.

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Sundays.

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Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

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Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

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Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
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Townswomen's Guild	
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Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday	
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
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Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

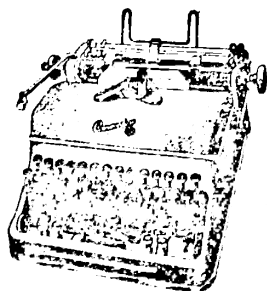
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VIEWPOINT

After a break from the work in the Association one returns with a slightly more critical frame of mind, which may be the result of renewed enthusiasm and desire to "Do."

Most of us, after our holidays, are prepared-and-able to look at the Association and its work with a more rational attitude and ask ourselves is everything as it should be?

In what way can we help forward the work of the Association and in what way may we foster the essential friendships the world so badly needs to-day.

We would suggest the time has come when we do assume a greater responsibility and an added preparedness to work with, and for, one another. It is time we looked

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NEWS

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Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

—not at others—but at ourselves and realised our own faults and weaknesses, as well as our values.

Every member of the community has something he can give towards the betterment of us all and it is the duty of every citizen to see that his own, and his neighbours, talents are fully utilised. We would suggest that these talents may only be successfully used when we are individually capable of accepting differing points of view and when we are individually capable of accepting a rebuff without personal ill will creeping in. We must be able to live in harmony with one another, even though we may not always agree with one another.

Let us adventure in the search for "God in everyman"; seeking all that is good in life and refusing to stoop to the "shoddy" and "mean."

The Edgware Rambler's Group

The Edgware Rambler's Group, who meet on Wednesday evenings at 8.p.m. at the Centre would be pleased to meet all enthusiastic rambles. To be a member of this Group it is absolutely necessary also to be a member of the Youth Hostels Association, visits to their Hostels and the countryside surrounding London are arranged each weekend, and a social programme has been arranged each Wednesday.

MR. NELSON

The Veterans' Club and the Association recently heard with very great regret of the death of Mr. Nelson, who had been President of the Veterans' Club for some time.

We would like to express in this *Resident* our very sincere sympathy to the family of the President and our appreciation for the services rendered by Mr. Nelson.

LYNMOUTH DISASTER FUND

The Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce acted with great promptitude in the support of the Mayor of Hendon's Fund for the Lynmouth Disaster. We would bring this Fund to the notice of all local residents and we do appeal to them to give freely and generously towards a very needy and worthwhile cause.

FOOTBALL

The Watling Association is entering a football team in the Premier Division of the Hendon and District League. Will all those interested in playing please contact Mr. Lodge at the Centre.

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Do you know her?

She is a Norwegian actress and is making her British film debut and co-stars in it with John Mills, John McCallum and Elizabeth Sellars. The title is "The Long Memory".

Sorry bachelors but she is married to a Norwegian composer Sverre Bergh, and lives just outside Oslo.

Was formally a musician herself.

Answer on Page 13.

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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We have been very much saddened by the ending from amongst us of yet another happy partnership in the death of Mr. Fanthorpe, husband of our Treasurer, who in his kindly and friendly attitude to us all will be greatly missed. Both husband and wife have worked together at the Centre helping to brighten the lives of their neighbours for many years. We remembered Mrs. Fanthorpe during our meeting on 14th July, and hope that she and her children will be comforted and we look forward to her early return to us.

Friends from other schools joined us on 14th May for our May Breakfast, and also in the afternoon of 28th April when we were shown over the finely equipped Edgware General Hospital by Matron and her two Assistants.

During the morning Mr. Fielding, Secretary of the Hospital Management Committee gave an introductory talk at the Centre on the organisation, administration, staffing, equipment and some of the splendid work done at this Hospital.

With our gracious guides we toured some of the wards (in which there are 715 beds) and saw the iron-lung which encloses the whole of the body, but leaves the head free which rests comfortably on a pillow just outside the cabinet. Sister told us how periodic reduction of the pressure in the lung forces the patient to breath. We visited the X-ray department, one of the eight operating theatres where the Sister-in-Charge explained the workings of the various appliances, a

visit was also made to the well equipped kitchens where various other operations were in progress.

We had a short look into the nurses' quarters and into the Training School where the student nurses spend the first three months of their training and some further periods throughout the whole three years studentship under the guidance of the Sister Tutor.

The old days of drudgery among nurses are gone. To-day maids are there to scrub and polish floors, etc., so that the amount of menial work done by nurses is considerably reduced and the whole three years of training are spent learning to become efficient nurses. Matron is young, efficient and very understanding and kind. The daughter of one of our members is nearing the end of her third very happy year of training at this Hospital. Not one of the students who pass the preliminary examination—which takes place after the first three months—has failed to complete the three years' course. This is a proud record and a wonderful tribute to the training and treatment of the student nurses there.

Several members of our School have spent some time there as patients and speak most highly and gratefully of the kindness and care accorded them.

Before we left, Matron and her assistants served us with tea and biscuits, and Mrs. Frost thanked Matron on our behalf for the time and attention given us during this most delightfully instructive afternoon and for the splendid services provided throughout our district and much further afield by our local hospital.

We returned to tea which had been by our Social Committee are very grateful

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We returned to the Centre for tea which had been prepared for us by our Social Committee to whom we are very grateful.

Following this visit we were interested to hear about "The Healing of Mental Illnesses as Administered at the Retreat, York, by the Society of Friends" ably and sympathetically explained by Mrs. Duncan Fairn.

We heard that much illness of the body is caused by mental and emotional disturbances. At The Retreat, a high degree of skill is available for the treatment of these causes and it is greatly satisfying to doctors and nurses when so many of their patients are able to return home with bodies cured and minds at rest.

In common with all hospitals, the shortage of nurses is a problem giving rise to much anxiety.

Mrs. Welch and Mr. Bye each gave a very fine report on the recent Mid-Week School at Hillside, and Mrs. Fairbairn who was also in the chair, gave a talk on the interesting visits arranged by the London

Union Education Committee.

A report was given on the National Gathering which took place on the 14th June, when the Rt. Hon. A. Creech Jones spoke on "The Foundations of World Order", describing the many problems facing the world to-day. He condemned those who are just longing to be relieved of all responsibility and highly commended the Adult School Movement for its work in training and encouraging members to act together and individually for the bringing about of a better world, beginning with ourselves.

A special musical treat was afterwards provided by the Nelson St. Male Voice Choir of Birmingham, under their conductor, Charles Dean, who sang two sets of songs by some of the great composers.

Some of our members took part in the Watling Carnival Procession on the same day and manned a decorated lorry which displayed in large letters the Aims of the Adult School.

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The Motor Cycle Club is "At Home" every Friday evening from 7.30 p.m. till 10.30 p.m. Their "castle" is the prefabricated hut by the Centre car park and the delightful grounds are filled with exquisite blooms of the motor cycle world, various varieties, sizes and colours, and, of course, there is a warm welcome for all.

We have just entered the second year of our life, our very enjoyable anniversary supper and social has been covered in the August magazine. This year we hope to start a really interesting social evening on Fridays, apart from table tennis, darts, card games and shove ha'penny, we are running Quiz Evenings (from motor cycle quizzes to the ever-popular Twenty Questions), and lectures which we hope will cover a variety of subjects. A coach outing is going to be run on a forthcoming Saturday evening to see the Southend lights. A chance for the men to sit back and relax in the comfort of a luxury coach (we hope) and strain their larynges in a rip-roaring sing-song on the way home.

Our Sunday runs are full of variety, catering for all tastes. Occasionally we ride to a sporting event, these are more popular during the winter when the weather

is sometimes bad (I was going to write unreliable, but, of course, that applies all the year round) when something to watch or do is the immediate need. I believe there is a run to a scramble meeting in September. Of course, during the summer the cry is for the sea and river. We had a grand day in Cambridge about six weeks ago thanks to the efforts of relations of our chairman, Arthur. We had three punts out all day, six members in each and lazed our way through the college backs and down the Cam to Granchester. How lovely the backs were, their willow trees sweeping down to the water, the brightly coloured flower borders alongside smooth green lawns, and as we came back in the evening there was the scent of Night-scented Stocks in the air, plus *somebody's* smelly pipe. We had had a really perfect summer's day.

Of course, we have had (dare I mention it) the occasional breakdown upon which faces seem to light up and spanners appear as if by magic, followed by a 101 ideas on "what has gone wrong" and "how to put it right."

How fortunate we are, we have seen so much of our lovely countryside. The lovely spots in the home counties, Buckinghamshire woodlands, Surrey lanes, the beauty of the New Forest, and then further

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TRIP TO RAMSGATE— TO SEE THE LIGHTS

A coach is leaving the Centre at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 20th September, and returning from Ramsgate at 10 p.m. The fare is only 9s. and will all those interested contact Mr. Needham as soon as possible as the number of seats is strictly limited.

WATLING ALLOTTEES

The Watling Allottees Society are arranging a Horticultural Show on Saturday, 13th September, at the Watling Centre in aid of the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies. A small charge will be made for all entries, and there will be classes for novices, Club members, and outsiders.

H.S.A. GROUP

Will all members of the Watling Centre N4343 Group of the H.S.A. please note that the Honorary Secretary is only at the Centre once a month, i.e., the fourth Monday in each month from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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PRIZE WINNER

Mr. E. Ailen, of 28 Arundel Gardens, proved that he is not just a conscientious members of the Watling Association as was recorded in the July issue of the *Resident*, when he won the 2nd prize in the L.C.C. Spring Garden Show, but he has now won 2nd prize in the L.C.C. Summer Garden Show, unfortunately, not the 1st prize as he had not unnaturally hoped to win.

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I'VE HAD MY MOMENTS (3)

By Fred Lake

When I left school my first job was as a Telegraph Messenger. In those days, before attaché cases became popular, it was customary for us to carry our lunch to work in a small square basket, the lid being secured by a skewer.

Below the office where we worked, there was a mess room, where we could make tea or do a bit of cooking.

Mother usually prepared my lunch overnight. She would bake me a small pie or perhaps prepare some cold meat and vegetables, which I would hot up in the mess room.

One day I got ready for work and went to the larder for my lunch and there were two identical pie dishes containing what appeared to be meat and vegetables, with the mashed potatoes smoothed over the top. I took one, packed it in my basket and set off to work.

When I got home my mother said "You didn't take your lunch."

"I did," I said. "I hotted it up in the old oven at work and ate it."

"Was it alright," queried mother.

"Well it was bitty and the meat was grissly."

"I should think so," said mother. "You took the dog's dinner."

Just fancy, I'd eaten all the bits and pieces that had been scraped off the family's plates at Sunday dinner.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the meeting of the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild held at the Watling Community Centre on 17th July. The chair was taken by Mrs. E. McNeill and a report was given by Mrs. A. M. Seddon who acted as the Burnt Oak representative to the annual meeting of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Seddon for her able report on the two-day conference by Mrs. E. McNeill and Mrs. M. Lake.

The competition for stating the best reasons for being a member of the Townswomen's Guild was won by Mrs. Snell; novelty awards were won by Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. A. Patching.

It was decided not to hold a social on the afternoon of 31st July, but to have an open meeting on Thursday, 14th August, when members would entertain the committee.

The social afternoons continue to be well attended, and members enjoy the Square dancing, and the waltzing, etc.

NOTICE BOARD

Some strong, hefty men are required to move the two notice boards at the entrance to the Centre to a slightly different site. All strong men are requested to help with this very necessary work, and all those willing to help should give their names in at the office.

MR. C. FANTHORPE

Members of the Association and many residents know of the work done for the Association by Mr. C. Fanthorpe and there can be no doubt but that everyone received the news of his tragic death with some concern.

For many years and in many directions Mr. Fanthorpe put his heart and soul into the work of the Association and we are sure the Association and the estate has greatly benefited through his unselfishness.

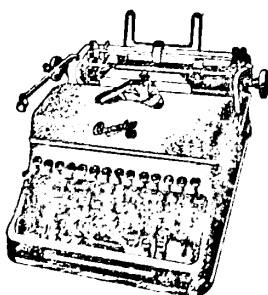
We offer to the family our very sincere sympathy on their loss and we do assure them that, although words cannot adequately express our feelings, they have been in our thoughts during the past days.

We apologise to the relatives and our readers for the delay in printing the above, which was mislaid owing to the secretary's holiday.

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The name of the film star on Page 5 is Eva Bergh.

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The L.C.C. Sports Club Angling Section formed in 1949 is anxious to recruit new members on the "Estate", Edgware, and surrounding district. Affiliated to the L.A.A. they average one coach outing on a Sunday once a fortnight.

For interested parties the Club allows non-members to participate in the coach outings without being under obligation to join. Fare—Adults 7/-, Children 4/-.

It would appear that few unattached anglers appreciate the benefits they could gain by affiliation to the L.A.A. and seem to be under the impression that by joining a club they are under obligation to take part in all Club outings etc. this is not so, it is a rule of the above Club that all members may fish as and when they please, so long as they abide by the L.A.A. code of rules. Advice and help will be given to all interested anglers.

Enquiries should be made to:-
Mr. Robinson, 5 Brook Walk, Edgware or phone Mr. Davies EDG 9589.

Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
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Children's Library	4 p.m.
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd	
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Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
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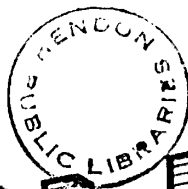
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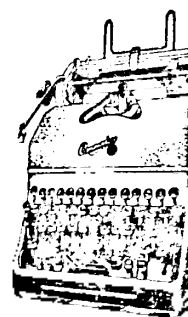
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SHORT NOTES OF SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed that Council members failing to attend for three consecutive meetings should be deemed to have resigned. This of course does not apply to affiliated bodies.

Mr. Edwards said of the Hendon Show, that the stall which the Community Associations of the Hendon Borough decorated was good but that much more could have been done. He expressed his thanks to the British Pictures Corporation, to the Watling Association, particularly in regard to transport, and also to Mr. Lodge and his helpers. He also thanked the Council for allowing the distribution of "The First Twenty-One Years".

Mr. Lodge reported that the other celebrations during that week were quite successful. He said that the Church Service was a very fine effort on the part of the Reverend Knight who organised the Service. A collection was made totalling £5 6s. 3d. for the Welfare Fund.

The Supper was enjoyable and many old members and visitors attended, among them The Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon, Alderman and Mrs. Friedman, The President, Alderman and Mrs. Curton, Mr. and

Mrs. Poynter, Mr. and Mrs. Solomons (the Poor Man's Lawyer) and the Carnival Queen and her two attendants. Many thanks were expressed to the helpers who organised the Supper and the very able M.C. Mr. Bonchard, accompanied by The Melody Three. Mrs. Judd won the Raffle—a basket of fruit.

Mr. Nash asked the Social Secretary, through the Chair, whether there was any possibility of the commencement of Old Tyme Dancing and Mrs. Nyberg said she would bring the matter to her Committee's notice and discuss the possibility.

Welfare Committee Report. Mr. Lodge reported that S.O.S. notices were being circulated to old people living alone, these, he explained, would be placed in the window if the occupant fell ill or wanted help and any neighbour or passer-by would know that help was wanted.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Borough Council for more frequent services of the No. 52 Bus to Boreham Wood, a zebra crossing across the Edgware Road at the junction of Deansbrook Road and Camrose Avenue, and a zebra crossing at the crossroads near the Centre.

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The Youth Club has now opened for the winter and any one wishing to join is advised to do so promptly as numbers are limited for membership. Age limit is 14 to 21 years. The Youth Club meets on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m.

Two table tennis teams (one boys and the other girls) have entered the League and it is hoped that they will do well. It is the first year for the boys, but the girls managed to obtain second place last year, so here's wishing them luck for a success this year.

A netball team has also been entered in the Hendon League, so it looks as if members will have quite a full programme.

During the New Year a "New Year Musical Show" will be staged. A score has not yet been chosen, but the production will no doubt take the form of an operetta or musical play. All Youth Group members are invited to "recruit" in the composite company that will be enrolled.

Youth members wishing to go on the outing to the Circus in January should have their names put on the list soon, as numbers are limited.

CROSS ON A ZEBRA

The Zebra Crossing is so-called because it is marked with black and white stripes, in addition to the orange beacons and studs.

When you need to cross the road use a Zebra whenever possible because drivers must stop for you there.

But before stepping out, look both ways and make sure that there is a gap in the traffic so that drivers have time to stop.

Do not suddenly step off when a vehicle has almost reached a crossing.

Be specially careful if there is a car standing near the crossing so that you cannot see what is coming.

Walk smartly across. It is an offence to loiter. Be on your guard against traffic turning round corners.

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The Watling Association, after a lapse of several seasons, has again entered a football team in the Hendon and District League.

The team, under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. R. Lodge, and the captaincy of Mr. S. Simmonds, has been elected to the PREMIER DIVISION, and home matches will be played at MILL HILL PARK.

For our first three home matches the dates will be:—

September 27th—v. Westbourne.

October 11th—v. Claremont S.C.

October 25th—v. Westcroft Rangers.

As stated, all these matches will be at Mill Hill Park.

Remember, an even moderately successful team (and we hope to be much more than that) will do much to publicise the name and aims of our Association, so please do try to support our team whenever and wherever possible.

Any members who feel that they would like a trial are requested to make enquiries at the office.

STAN HASLER.

Sec., Watling Assoc. F.C.

TILED FIRE PLACES ?

How many years will it be before we all get tiled fireplaces? Now that winter is getting nearer the fireplace topic will return. What ill-feeling has been caused through the system of distribution. Many a good neighbour has been accused of getting unfair priority. The system of putting them in a road at a time is

no doubt the fair one, but what many people cannot understand is why certain people get them before their road or street is due.

These fireplaces are indeed a great improvement to our houses as they are easier to clean and they burn less coal. *We should all have them, but when?* Surely the London County Council could have carried on installing them through the summer. Why must it be a winter job?

Summer is the best time, not winter when the cold and rain help to make it an even more dirty job.

Let's hope they will soon finish the job that will help us to face winters and the prospect of fires with a smile.

BLIND MEETING

The Evening Section of the Edgware and District Club for the Blind held its second Bring and Buy Sale on Friday, 12th September, at the Watling Community Centre.

Thirty-two people attended and included Blind Members, guides and friends, all of whom donated an article for sale.

During the evening the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Diston, held a "Dutch Auction" which caused a lot of excitement among the members, the joint winners of the prize being Miss Nicholson and Mr. Bradley.

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The Rev. A. G. Knight, the young Minister now in charge of Eversfield Congregational Church, was introduced to us recently when he questioned "Why so many different Christian Religions?" and "How can they be united?"

After a most interesting talk and discussion we agreed that these problems will only be solved when we have learned to be tolerant of other people's differing opinions, habits and needs and acknowledge and emphasise the many ways in which we all already agree—as nations also will have to learn—and we appealed to the Churches to lead the way.

We gave a special welcome to Mrs. Vear when she came to speak on "The Child and the School", a subject on which, as a school-teacher and mother of two sturdy boys, she is well qualified to speak.

Mrs. Vear stressed the need for more nursery classes where mothers may leave their little ones of two to four years for an hour or so each afternoon so that the children may become used to being with others and learning to share with them. In this way, at the age of five years, they quite happily and naturally pass on to the Infants' class. Thus, mother is given a well-earned rest and is free to make outside contacts, happy in the knowledge that the children are being safely cared for and that they will both return home cheered and refreshed by new experiences and fresh faces. This would make home indeed a happy place where mother is not too tired to show the love and attention so necessary to little children.

Mrs. Vear hopes that at some time in the future a nursery class

may be opened in the Centre.

"Old Inn Signs" was the subject of Mr. Brown's talk on 1st September, full of interest and fun. He explained the meaning of the different signs and traced some to the time of the Roman posting houses on the main roads; the "Bell" and "Bull" houses of refreshment provided by the Church; the "Chequers" houses found mostly on the trade routes like the one between St. Albans and Holyhead where money could be exchanged. Many signs represent the arms of various Companies and Lords of the Manor.

Mr. R. Lightowler has spoken on "Vegetarianism" which eliminates the need for the slaughter of animals and the bad effect on the men who do the killing together with much cruelty. Our Speaker told us that a much larger amount of land is required for producing meat than that needed for a vegetarian diet; that great numbers of people in the world are hungry and starving and that the numbers are increasing. The world food-shortage shows no signs of improving while there is a continuing increase in world population. We heard that Man does not need meat and if we are to survive, all the people of the world must eventually become vegetarian.

We are very sorry that both our Chairman, Mrs. Nyberg, and Mrs. Artis have been in hospital. Mrs. Nyberg is happily with us again very much better and we hope to have Mrs. Artis back with us quite well again very soon.

We spent a lovely day at Eastbourne, arrangements for this and for many enjoyable visits during the year to London Theatres being arranged by our Social Secretary, Mrs. Welsh.

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COUNCIL HOUSE

Those tourists who have not gone overseas lament the spread of a dullness in the English landscape due to the similarity of the Council houses now so numerous in nearly all districts. The Council estates, often as large, or larger than the village to which they are the supplement, are almost invariably excellent in themselves, the houses being well planned, agreeably sited, and, as a rule, distinguished by pleasantly traditional names taken from the fields on which they stand, but few of them have the local character given to the older houses and cottages by the materials which were once the most convenient, and so toned with the landscape.

In Oxfordshire an admirable attempt is being made to stem this tide of sameness which is covering the country, by the formation of the Oxfordshire Housing Society Ltd., registered as a Friendly Society on charitable lines. The aim is to modernise old stone cottages, such as have so much to do with the beauty of the county. At present, when such cottages, usually privately owned and let at very low restricted rents, fall into disrepair their owners cannot afford to set them in order again. The sequel is a demolition order and the loss forever of a building which could have been made into an attractive and comfortable home at a moderate cost in comparison with that of the building of a new, and dull, Council house.

Very interesting reports have been given by Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bye of the Women's Committee meetings which they attended.

We look forward to our Autumn Breakfast at Hampstead and to the Autumn Meeting of Council of Delegates at Westminster Friends Meeting House at which Reginald Stamp, Chairman of the L.C.C. Housing Committee, is to speak.

Mrs. Moutell, our Programmes Secretary, is preparing an interesting programme for the winter and we invite you to join us on Monday afternoons at 2.30.

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BULB NEWS

AMATEURS often overlook the fact that to get the best results from spring bulbs the right soil conditions and generous feeding are necessary.

They do best in a medium-light, well-drained soil, containing plenty of humus. Heavy soil will need to be lightened with sand, mortar rubble or other gritty material and light soils bulked with loam, fibrous top-spit, half-rotted straw or peat.

Humus can be introduced by digging in well-rotted farmyard manure or compost, hop manure, leaf mould or peat. If you live near the coast use seaweed, which has been found to give excellent results. It should be collected in summer, put in heaps to rot down and then dug in when preparing the beds.

If material to provide humus is not available, organic fertilisers such as bone meal, hoof and horn meal can be used to help whatever humus there may be in the soil.

After forking over and manuring the beds should be left to settle down for a week before planting.

Daffodils and narcissi do not mind a slightly acid soil, but for other bulbs a dressing of hydrated lime may be found necessary to correct and tendency to sourness. Three to six ounces per square yard should be raked into the beds a few days before planting.

Care in planting is essential to successful bulb culture. Time, correct depth, spacing and setting are factors to be watched.

When planting take out a fair-sized hole with a planting trowel, make the bottom firm and flat, slightly press the bulb into the soil and fill in, working the soil evenly round it leaving no cavities and making moderately firm.

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It was at my aunts children's party. I suppose I was about 5 years old at the time. We had stuffed ourselves with bread and jam, buns, etc. and then we were given toys to play with. The toy I was given was a handbell and I took a liking to it at once. It fascinated me. I hardly played with any of the other toys. If any of the other children got hold of the bell I got it back at the first opportunity.

When it was time to go I decided to take the bell with me. I put it up my blouse. How foolish of me, with every step I took the bell clanged and all the other children looked at me. The children's curious glances showed plainly that they knew that the bell was somewhere about me.

With a smile on her face my aunt came and recovered the bell and how glad I was to be relieved of the noisome thing.

LOCAL INFORMATION

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Assistance Board: 1 Helenslea Ave., Golders Green.

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HI FRIENDS,

Sorry the contribution to "The Resident" was absent last month.

These notes may record some details which seem history, nevertheless, they are worth mentioning.

August being the main holiday month, naturally our attendances fell a little. We also had our casualties. All members were sorry to learn that Mrs. Nyberg and Mrs. Woods had to spend some time in hospital. It must have been very disagreeable to these normally energetic ladies to have an enforced lay up. However, we are all happy to have them with us again and hope they will continue to make steady progress.

It is good to see the spirit that exists in our "Club". At the first opportunity, whether it be sickness, or something more serious, our friends look upon Monday evenings as one of the "MUSTS" of the week. The time is getting short for our ladies who are visiting overseas. I expect by the time these notes are published some, if not all, will be among us again. Mrs. Lathwell and Mrs. Croggman have been having a good time. It is a pity Mrs. Wegun could not stay her full time. The reason I hear was "home-sickness". This is a nasty complaint which is difficult to explain and understand, which makes our girls in my opinion, real heroines. They must all have had this trouble at times.

We were all sorry to hear Mrs. Larsen's daughter, Mrs. Mullings, with her two bonny children were having difficulty in getting passage back to Canada. Previously we held a Farewell Social for them and a very happy evening it was, too.

Everyone tries to make this an event that these young mothers and their children will never forget. Mrs. Larsen threw over her worries for a little while, when she gave us a perfect performance of the "Can-Can", a dance in which she excels. Even hard-boiled Geo. Thompson got excited at one period of the dance I noted. Our good ladies attended to refreshments, and as usual the quality of their cooking was excellent. No party can be successful without a pianist and our good friend Mrs. Davies gave us that varied assortment that pleases everyone. Thank you one and all for a grand evening for the benefit of this little family. It concluded as usual with the whole company joining hands and singing two particular numbers, which mean so much to us all. We wish them a *Bon Voyage* home and a happy reunion.

I hope our effort for Watling Week was a financial success. The entertainment in the good hands of M.C. Mrs. Nyberg was enjoyed by all present.

Space forces me to conclude these notes, so if there are any omissions please forgive me.

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On June 6th Council hope to Park festivities such as dancing displays and fireworks.

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Buildings of plan to floodlight War Memorial. Golders Green Hill Library and CENTRE.

CORONATION YEAR

Already we have received many requests from Local organisers wanting equipment, chairs, tables, forms, etc., for the traditional Children's Street Parties.

Hendon Borough Council are planning now to make sure of a great success. They have already started thinking of the Firework displays that always please so many of us; there will be pageants, too, and band performances.

Many Churches are to be illuminated including Edgware Parish Church.

The parks are to have special floral displays, but to us in Watling we must consider every year in our park a special one as Watling Park is always wonderful in its floral display.

It is hoped that Hendon Park will be decorated with coloured lights in the trees. They hope to be able to provide refreshment facilities including a licensed bar.

On June 6th Hendon Borough Council hope to stage in Watling Park festivities such as pageants and dancing displays, square dancing and fireworks.

Some of the roads that the Council plan to decorate with bunting are Watling Avenue from Edgware Road to Orange Hill Road, Station Road, Edgware from Edgwarebury Lane to Edgware Road, The Green Man, Mill Hill and Mill Hill Broadway.

Buildings of interest the Council plan to floodlight are the Hendon War Memorial, Town Hall Hendon, Golders Green War Memorial, Mill Hill Library and THE WATLING CENTRE.

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Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
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Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
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Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
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Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	
(alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
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Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

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VIEWPOINT

ALL too frequently do we take for granted the many eyesores and danger spots in our area and we tend to make little or no effort to obtain necessary improvements.

It is all the more heartening when we find that at one Council meeting five points are raised—and we feel these five points do need immediate attention.

The two bridges—the one in Deans Lane and the other in Deansbrook Road—are not efficiently fenced and, unless something is done about it by the authorities concerned, we are likely to experience some nasty accidents with the children.

Rats are again rampant in the Deans Lane railway area, despite the complaints of local residents. When will the Borough Council and the Railway Executive get down to

this problem and successfully solve it?

Deansbrook Road is becoming increasingly dangerous to the public through the increase in traffic and we do suggest that attention is given to the crossings at the Edgware Road and Orange Hill Road. It has been suggested that traffic lights should be installed at Deansbrook Road and zebra crossings at Orange Hill. Local residents are being encouraged to leave Watling for Boreham Wood. They leave their friends and a well known shopping area for a wilderness of bricks and mortar—a wilderness which, as yet, does not have a decent shopping area similar to Watling Avenue nor has it an adequate bus service for the residents into the Burnt Oak area. We feel the 52 bus service should be fully extended so that buses will run to the new estate from Burnt Oak throughout the day.

We wonder how many of the Watling residents have a concern and whether they hope for something to be done.

DANCING INSTRUCTION

The Ballroom Dancing Class is still open for new members so anyone who is interested please come along on Monday evenings at 8 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

The results in the Table Tennis League are:

Boys — Won 2 Lost 0 Drawn 1
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In the last *Resident* it was stated that the Table Tennis League was the Middlesex League, but it is the *Hendon League*.

The netball season is well under way and the girls are doing quite well. The results are:

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WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club ended the Season on Sunday, October 5th, with a Spoon Drive.

At the end of the game a special tea was provided by the Club's caterers, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, and judging from the good fun and fellowship that prevailed during the afternoon the Officers of the Club have every assurance that the Club is well established socially as well as financially.

The Spoon Drive winners were H. W. Gair, C. Coleman, R. Gair and Mrs. Wilkinson.

The Club has had a very good year in the Finchley and District Bowling Association Competitions, having won the Singles, Pairs and Triples Competitions and runner-up in the Finchley League and runner-up in the Secretary's Competition.

In the Finchley Week Tournament J. N. Vaz and M. J. Brayley won the Pairs Competition and J. N. Vaz was runner-up in the Singles Competition.

Club Competition results are as follows:—

Singles Championship—

Winner: J. N. Vaz.

Runner-up: A. Steele.

Singles Handicap—

Winner: E. Brace.

Runner-up: R. Gair.

Pairs Competition—

Winners: H. W. Gair & W. G. Bennett.

Runners-up: G. Steele and L. V. Hogan.

Pairs Handicap—

Winners: H. W. Gair & R. Gair.

Runners-up: A. Withey & A. Durant.

Triples Competition—

Winners: W. Hollis, W. Parkes and Mrs. G. Smith.

Junior Handicap—

Winner: Miss M. Steele.

Runner-up: C. Coleman.

Mixed Pairs Competition—

Winners: M. J. Brayley & Mrs. G. Smith.

Runner-up: H. W. Gair & Mrs. Coleman.

Ladies' Singles Championship—

Winner: Miss M. Steele.

Runner-up: Mrs. E. Coleman.

Ladies' Handicap—

Winner: Miss M. Steele.

Runner-up: Mrs. E. Robertson.

SOCIAL SECRETARY

At the last Council meeting it was reported that the Social Committee had resigned "en bloc" and after a long discussion it was moved that a new Secretary should be appointed by that Council, who should be allowed to appoint his own Committee. After the vote had been taken the Chairman informed us that Mr. Henley had been appointed as new Social Secretary. Let us wish him well in his appointment and hope that he will get the help of us all in his new venture.

Dear Editor,

I have just spent a week in Edgware General Hospital, and I would like, through your columns, to thank my many friends and associates for their kind enquiries and best wishes for a speedy recovery, also for the many offers of help that my family received.

It is very comforting to know, that should the occasion arise, we should not be without help, so to all these people I say a very sincere 'Thank You.'

R. A. Needham (Mrs.)

U.S.A. & CANADIAN BRIDES PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Hello Friends,

Another month has passed, this one probably rather more hectic than others. However, at a meeting of the Management Committee, it was recommended by them, that our Monday evening meetings should commence at 8 o'clock, in an endeavour to get Club business finished early, so that the rest of the time can be devoted to fun and games. This suggestion was received enthusiastically and a good start was made on October 11th, when we finished off with three games of "Housey". Judging by the smiling faces at the end, the doctor has prescribed the right medicine.

We were happy to hear that Mrs. Larsen's daughter, Mrs. Mullings, and her two children had their worries ended, by getting passage for their return to Canada and Daddy. We do not like to see these families go, but duty has to be done. We give our thanks to the husbands, one and all, for the sacrifice they make in allowing our girls leave, to come home with their children. May it be our good fortune to entertain many more of them, during this coming Coronation Year.

All members were sorry to learn Mr. Bennett had to spend a few days in hospital recently; we do hope the rest and examination will give every satisfaction. Very soon

after discharge, he was with us at his usual place, reading his delightful minutes. Mrs. Brommage deserves a bouquet for the very able way in which she carried on the secretarial duties while he was absent.

I hope Mrs. Wynn and Mrs. Crossman are not too angry, having their names spelt wrongly in the last issue of this journal. I am afraid my writing is deteriorating, which accounts for the printer's error. Please accept my apologies.

Our trip to Margate was most enjoyable. It was a pity we had five vacant seats. Was this due to it being late in the year? Although the weather had been poor previously, it held good for us that day. It was a splendid journey, due to a very nice driver, who attended to all our wishes, which included seeing the "lights". Although we left Margate late, most of us were home by midnight. Some going, wasn't it?

The next thing to worry us, is to get our Christmas parcels off to America in time, so I will not delay you any longer and will conclude, with all good wishes.

W. ELLIS.

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FOOTBALL

LAST month, through the *Watling Resident*, I announced that the Association had once again fielded a football team.

At the same time, I asked you to give them your support, but this, so far, I regret to say, has not been forthcoming.

I would like to point out that the lads in the team will be up against some stiff opposition this season, playing in the top division of a League comprising seventy teams! *Among other things, too, they have to learn to play and think together as a team, yet the other teams are mainly composed of players who have played together for a matter of several seasons.*

This alone, you will appreciate, immediately puts us at a disadvantage, but it is rapidly being overcome and with your encouragement and support, we feel confident that we can, and will, give a good account of ourselves in the weeks to come.

To date, only two of the home matches announced last month have been played.

Results were:—

Sept. 27th (friendly), Watling 1; Westbourne R. 1.

Oct. 11th (League), Watling 3; Claremont S.C. 1.

On the Saturday following the drawn game with Westbourne, we played a return game on their ground and won 4—2.

The League game on October 11th was a particularly hard, fast and exciting game, and beating this team gave the boys a big lift. Our goals were scored by B. Parret (2) and D. Baston, while Hope scored for Claremont.

For the benefit of supporters, a fixture list will be placed on the

main notice board inside the Club, so that away matches, too, can be followed when convenient. Home games (Pitch 52, Mill Hill Park) for the coming month will be:
November 8th—

Watling 'A' v. Edgware Town.
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THE PLACE OF AFFILIATED BODIES IN THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AT a recent Area Meeting of the National Federation of Community Associations some discussion on the place of Affiliated Bodies in the Community Association took place and it was interesting to note the varied opinions of the delegates at the meeting. We heard the two extreme views on this subject—the one, that the Affiliated Bodies merely joined the Association in order to obtain a room at a cheap rent and not in order to aid the general work of the Association, and the other view—that the Affiliated Bodies come into the Association in order fully to share an ideal and to foster that ideal.

It was suggested that the Affiliated Groups should be kept fully informed of any Association project; from time to time the Groups should be called together for discussion on Association problems and needs; definite work might be undertaken or shared by the Groups; and the Groups must always be made aware of the fact that the Association would not, and must not interfere with its particular organisational

aspect.

It would be pertinent, at this moment, for us to think on this problem of Affiliated Bodies. They should be an integral part of the Community Association, if the Association is to truly reflect the local community. They should be fully aware of the greater needs of the Association and should actively share in the fostering of these needs. They should be accepted with friendliness and goodwill and made to realise that they are a part of a worth while whole.

From time to time, through lack of real contact, we do find a growing sense of suspicion as to the preparedness of our Affiliated Groups to take a fair share of our burden. When this suspicious attitude begins to show itself it is up to us all to overcome it. The Association itself must take steps to re-awaken an interest, which may have been lost through a growing concentration of the group in its own affairs, whilst the Affiliated Body must be expected to consider from time to time the Association and the needs of the area in which we work.

We need a mutual understanding and respect for one another through which we may both grow in stature. Let us throw out silly suspicion and intolerance and get down to a job of work together.

DESTRUCTIVE CHILDREN

We are faced with the regular task of paying for and repairing damage done by children playing in the grounds of the Centre.

There was the time when many said "Boys will be boys", but now it seems more fitting to say, "Girls will be worse than boys". We find that girls are some of the most destructive. At the rear of the building we had a length of pipe

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that is generally called waste pipe (you have one running from your gutters); three girls have pulled the pipe completely down and smashed it. The amount involved is approximately £5. Girls are to be seen most nights jumping from the old Air-Raid shelter on to the asbestos hut.

The boys at this time of year also cause us great expense by throwing for "conkers" and breaking the windows. We have notices that the library books borrowed from the Children's Library are used instead of stones when throwing up for "conkers" and pears from Dr. Matthews' trees.

Throughout the Estate we see and hear of mischief that the youngsters get up to. It is not only the fault of the children, but the sad story of no control by the parents.

Too many parents are content to let their child go to school, come home and go straight out into the streets—that is where the child's education ends, in the street. Surely it is not enough for a child's Mother or Father to let the teacher do all the teaching that has to be done. Teach them something in the home and then we will see some improvement.

Above all let the parents teach the child to respect other people and their property.

N.F.C.A. AREA CONFERENCE

The above conference was held at the Abbey Community Centre on Saturday, 11th October, to which representatives from London, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Berks, Bucks, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Hants and the Isle of Wight were invited.

In the morning session, Mr. Vear was in the Chair and after the roll call and introduction of representatives there was an Information Session and Open Forum.

After lunch the Chairman was A. Plummer, LL.D., M.A., B.Sc., B.Litt., Inspector of Further Education, L.C.C.

The Conference Secretary gave a report on the area conference, held on the 23rd February, 1952, and then Mr. Milligan gave a fine address on "The Contribution which Community Associations can make to Adult Education". This was followed by a lively and interesting discussion.

The position of constituent bodies in Community Associations was reviewed from many angles and the general conclusion was that they played a vital part in the life of the community and that they should be encouraged to enter more fully into the work of the Centre.

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On 6th October we were glad to welcome Dr. Elizabeth Monkhouse, B.A., who is the Prospective Labour Candidate for North Hendon.

Talking of human progress our speaker took us back to the time of prehistoric man. His chief concern was to provide enough food for his own family. Food was difficult and dangerous to get and scarce so that all men went in continual fear of each other as primitive people lived like wild animals and grabbed what they wanted without any consideration for each other.

Dr. Monkhouse asked if we were really very much better today. As the result of a continuing increase in world population and insufficient food supplies the people living in two-thirds of the world are underfed with very many actually starving, so that now groups and nations—instead of individuals—are living in fear of one another.

There was much concerned discussion of ways in which this state of affairs can be checked. Finally we agreed that only if we determine to live in accordance with a new pattern of life lived in common whereby men and nations regard the needs of others as of no less importance than their own, will fear and mistrust be dispelled and world brotherhood established.

In the absence of a speaker on 13th October, we read and discussed together the chapter from the Handbook "The Child at Play".

Children take their play very seriously, living as they do mostly in a make-believe world, and we mothers should give them a large measure of freedom to experiment and even to make a mess. We can

encourage them to tidy up again afterwards by helping them to put their things away, not scoldingly but brightly and happily, regarding it as part of the game. There should be within their reach plenty of paper, pencils, paints, boxes and tins of all shapes and sizes, sand, water, odd pieces of wood and all sorts of every coloured scraps of material for dressing up. Boys get much more enjoyment out of making a cart or a toboggan out of an old box and nails with plenty of hammering than from any expensive ready-made toy and a girl will spend many hours happily dressing up either herself or "Dolly" with odd pieces of material from mother's rag-bag.

In considering all these things we know how very difficult it is to put them into practice in small overcrowded houses, often shared with other people who are perhaps not very sympathetic. We mothers realise more than anyone how much our children's health and happiness depend upon each family having a house of its own. Nursery Schools are a great help where there are housing difficulties. They also teach children to understand the needs of others and the joys of the companionship of other children.

The parents' attitude to life and to each other has a great influence on the children and many thoughtful parents' lives have been completely changed for the better in consideration of the effect on the children. Having in mind our talk of the previous week we realised how important it is also for nations to learn to live happily together for the sake of the children and the future.

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We are very sorry that Mrs. Bye has been very ill. Some members have been to see her and have conveyed to her our good wishes and we hope she will soon be with us again.

Mrs. Thomas has given an interesting report on the Meeting of Council of Delegates at Westminster which she attended on 13 September.

We were very glad indeed to see Mrs. Errington, a member of many years ago, who has joined with us on two occasions. We hope our friend will be able to come often again.

WATLING ASSOCIATION BOXING CLUB

The Club have started their season with training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is hoped to stage an open show at the White Lion Hotel on DECEMBER 5th.

Much preparation goes into the running of such a show and more expense than many realise. Prizes for an Open Show cost between £40 and £50. We have to pay expenses for Boxers travelling from other clubs, fees to the A.B.A. and many other items have to be covered.

We are indeed lucky to have a sporting President and Vice-President, who are equally as sporting in donating and helping the Club. We are also grateful to have had such

a great following at all of our shows held at The White Lion.

We hope to have Robert Sharpe back with us in the New Year. "Bob" is serving in Nairobi at present, and we are pleased to record that Bob has carried his Club's name proudly while serving out there. He has had no less than 15 contests, winning 13 of them. He was chosen to represent Kenya against Uganda and has won two Championships, the Kenya A.B.A. Championship and the East African Command Championship.

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BLIND CLUB MEETING

ON FRIDAY, 10th October, the Section of the Edgware and District Club for the Blind held a Social to mark the opening of its winter programme.

Forty-five blind members and their guides were present and musical entertainment was provided by Mr. George Marshall on his clavichord.

Mr. H. J. Diston, the Club Treasurer, was M.C. and the dancing included a spot waltz and statue dance, both prizes being won by Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Ford. The prizes for the musical parcel game were won by Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Dyer, and the winners of the raffle were Mrs. Mallick, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Dyer and Miss Leason.

During the interval refreshments were served by the "Scrub" Committee of the Watling Association, after which Mr. Marshall gave a short recital illustrating to the members the various instruments that can be obtained on the clavichord.

The meeting, which proved to be very successful, closed at approximately 10 p.m. with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne", everyone present having enjoyed the evening.

Afternoon Session

At the Watling Centre on Tuesday, 14th October, approximately fifty members of the Club and friends enjoyed a very happy meeting, which was the opening Social of the year.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Walter Edwards, who sang and accompanied himself on his accordion.

Due to an electricity failure, the radiogram could not be used and the programme would have suffered considerably had not Mrs. Dyson, the President of the Hendon Inner

Wheel, volunteered to play the piano.

Competitions were won by Mrs. Goodson, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Shipman and Mrs. Bertell.

Attendance at the Club would be impossible for quite a number of members but for transport which is provided regularly by members of the Burnt Oak Business Men's Club, the Inner Wheel Club of Hendon and Mill Hill, and the Hendon and Mill Hill Rotary Club.

I'VE HAD MY MOMENTS (5)

By Fred Lake

During the time I was acting as Social Secretary I had occasion to visit a friend—we'll call him Tom—who was a musician, to see if he would do a "turn" for us at a social.

I arrived at his house, knocked at the door, but got no answer. I rang the bell, still no answer, so I knocked again. No result. I waited, then I looked through the letter box. No one was visible. All was silent.

I stood for a moment listening and was about to leave when I thought I heard a sound. I stooped and looked through the letter box again and was just in time to see my friend's wife dash across the passage and, but for a towel which she held in front of her, she was in her birthday suit. She was evidently in her bath when I first knocked and when the knocking ceased she thought the visitor had gone and made a dash for it.

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A short address on the progress and expansion of the Guilds all over the country was given by Mrs. S. S. Morgar, Vice-Chairman of the N.U.T.G.

The Drama Section was dealt with by Mrs. M. Venn and reports on visits to neighbouring Guilds were given by Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Francis.

Novelty awards were obtained by Mrs. E. Greenslade and Mrs. M. Lake.

The competition for plum jam, judged by Mrs. Knight (President), was won by Mrs. L. C. Francis.

At the Watling Centre on the 9th October, the B.O.T.G. enjoyed a talk by Mr. Taylor, Officer of Hendon Juvenile Bureau on the work and advice to boys and girls on leaving school, and parents were invited to interview and meet the Juvenile Officer prior to children leaving school.

A discussion followed and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Snell and Mrs. Hunt.

The competition, best holiday snap, judged by Mr. Taylor, was won by Mrs. Row. Novelty awards were won by Mrs. Haigh and Mrs. Simmonds. At the next social afternoon it was announced there would be a film show.

L. C. FRANCIS.

S. O. S.

In the near future residents on the Watling Estate may see the above sign (coloured RED) in a window and we would bring to their notice the purpose of this sign.

Old and lonely persons on the Estate may fall sick and be unable to look after themselves. On these occasions it is necessary for some immediate action to be taken. The doctor to be called in; next of kin informed, etc., and we do ask all residents who see this sign to immediately do the following:

1. *Go to the house and see if it is immediately necessary to phone for the doctor.*
2. *See if there is food for the person concerned.*
3. *Phone the Watling Association or the Secretary of the Watling Welfare Committee.*

For your guidance, the names, addresses and phone numbers of the following will be found on the S.O.S. cards:

The Doctor.
Next of Kin.
Watling Community Association.
Secretary of the Watling Welfare Committee.

This is an opportunity for us to carry out a practical neighbourly service and we do appeal to all residents to play their part in this work.

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Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.	
Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.	
Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.	
Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.	
Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.	
Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
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Townswomen's Guild	
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Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
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Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

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Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday	
in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd	
Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.	
School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

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VIEWPOINT

Next year the Community Association will be celebrating its 25th year and we are sure that, in reaching this landmark, we have sailed through many storms and that we may have lost old friends through these storms for one reason or another.

From time to time, when the many immediate problems allow, we do sit down and think of our losses and attempt to seek reasons for them. Almost invariably we reach the conclusion that the answer is "*Individual Personalities*".

It is, indeed, fortunate that in an association which is based on the well-being of one another we do so

frequently meet problems based on individualism which cannot be satisfactorily resolved. In a society which is primarily concerned with the individual we must expect differences of opinions—they are normal events in our lives—yet we can, and must, expect that these differences will not result in the bearing of personal grudges with a consequent loss of interest and membership.

During our 25th year we might well set ourselves a personal target—a target which sets out to attract old and new friends and which will be based on a growing determination to achieve a real friendliness.

The broad welfare and personal service aspect of the Association may only develop and grow through our *full and honest desire* to be tolerant and friendly. Through such a desire we shall grow in strength and value.

Those of us who may feel we have been badly treated; those of us who have "old scores"; those of us who may speak without thinking; those of us who read more in a remark than we should; in fact ALL OF US must take a fresh view of our association and our purpose.

Perhaps, this is asking too much. Maybe we all feel it depends upon some other person to make the first approach; someone else must admit their error.

Is it asking too much? If we are sure of our purpose; if we are sure to receive friendship and neighbourliness; can we say it is too much to ask for your friendship and neighbourliness?

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WE should like to wish all of you good readers a Very Happy Christmas, also a bright and prosperous New Year.

Our thanks to you for your kind support over the past year. We are grateful to have so many of you supporting the *Resident* and at the same time helping the Association.

The *Resident* has never been a money-maker and we have always shewn a loss at the end of the year. This loss, we are glad to say, has greatly decreased in the last year or so. This year should prove a good year in the history of the *Resident* as we are sure that the financial year will end without loss. Thanks for this goes to you, the readers, and to all old and new advertisers to whom we are truly grateful.

The *Resident*, over the past year, has not been all that it should be, with regard to reading matter. We mostly rely on Groups of the Association giving us news of their activities and we are sure that when this is included you are interested. Looking at the list of regular activities held at the Centre, one would imagine that the *Resident* would be swamped with News but this is not the case. Some of our groups give us a regular monthly write-up, but others seem to shun us as if they wish to keep their groups a secret.

On coming to the Association you will be told of all that goes on in the building every night and you will also be told of the need for more accommodation, but if you went by all the news of groups in the *Resident* you would be convinced that very little ever happened.

During the New Year we will try to give you a better news service. We will again contact the groups and the rest will remain with them.

Remember, when doing your Christmas shopping, shop with the traders who give support to the *Resident* by advertising.

NORTH KENSINGTON WOMEN'S WELFARE CENTRE

Edgware Auxiliary Clinic

Our readers may be interested to know about the services offered by the North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre, to residents in Edgware and district.

The Centre is affiliated to the Family Planning Association, whose Headquarters are at 64 Sloane Street, S.W.1, and is one of the largest of the 120 branches of this Organisation, where advice is given on the many problems associated with family planning and the marriage relationship. Lady doctors, specialising in this work, are in attendance at these Clinics.

Members of the public who would like to avail themselves of this service are invited to call at the Watling Centre between 10 and 11 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Letters and telephone enquiries should be addressed to the Superintendent, North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre, 12 Telford Road, W.10. Ladbroke 2532.

Any member of the medical or nursing professions, or social workers who would be interested to see the work of the clinic will be most welcome.

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WATLING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*The preachers at Watling for
December will be:*

14th Rev. A. G. Knight B.D.

21st Watling Nativity Play—"One
Night in Bethlehem".

28th Rev. A. G. Knight B.D.

Christmas Carols for the family.

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BLIND CLUB MEETING

On Friday, 14th November, the Edgware and District Club for the Blind held a Dramatic Evening, when the members were entertained by eleven members of the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild, under the direction of Mrs. Muirson.

Two one-act plays were read to the members from script and although they were unable to see the performance, the productions were well received and from the applause they were greatly appreciated.

Thanks were conveyed to the members of the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild by the Home Teacher, Mr. Sterling, and a pleasing response was given by Mrs. Muirson.

During the interval tea was provided and all agreed that the evening had been well spent.

The next Social Evening will be held at the Watling Community Centre on December 12th at 8 p.m.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

On the 23rd October, a Social Afternoon was held, when an interesting series of films was shown by the courtesy of Eastern Electricity Board; Demonstrator, Mr. Hammond.

Some of the films were of Switzerland, showing its beautiful scenery, the picturesque homes, farms, etc., and the Women's Institutes with Handycrafts, ancient and modern patchwork, spinning, etc.

Lowestoft home of the fishing was then shewn and this film was followed by Mr. Phillip Harben on variety of cooking, and of course a film was shown on types of electric irons, etc.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 6th November, when an apology was received from Mrs. S. S. Morgan, the Vice-President and V.C.L. of N.U.T.G. The Secretary read the annual report, showing the progress and activity during the past year.

The Treasurer, Mrs. M. Lake, presented the audited Statement of Account.

Novelty awards were won by Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. E. Knight and Mrs. Jell.

Election of Officers and Committee for 1953 was as follows:—

President, Mrs. L. C. Francis; Vice-President, Mrs. S. S. Morgan; Chairman, Mrs. E. McNeill; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Burton; Secretary, Mrs. A. Filby; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Lake. The Committee: Mrs. Beare, Mrs. Bicknell, Mrs. Couttes, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Eagle, Mrs. Lumber, Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Patching, Mrs. Stabler.

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| Saturday, 17th January | ... | Novelty Night. |
| Sunday, 18th January | ... | Members Dance and Free and Easy. |
| Monday, 19th January | ... | Old Time Dancing. |
| Tuesday, 20th January | ... | Drama Night. |
| Wednesday, 21st January | ... | Afternoon—Whist Drive.
Evening—Deansbrook Social Club. |
| Thursday, 22nd January | ... | Combined Social. |
| Friday, 23rd January | ... | Whist Drive. |
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WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLS CLUB

THE Club's Annual Meeting was held at the Community Centre on Friday, 14th November.

Unanimously voted President again was Mr. Coleman. Reporting on the Club, Mr. A. Stevan said that good progress had been made and that there was great prospect for increased membership in the New Year.

The standard of play was reported to have been very good indeed. Mr. F. Orchard, Treasurer, reporting on the finances, said that much had been spent on new equipment for the Club, but they still remained in a very sound position.

Club Captain, Mr. J. Vaz, outlining the Club's achievements, said that its successes in The Finchley and District Association would prove a record that should stand for a long time to come. Congratulations went to A. Steele, L. Freeman and G. Steele on their great performances in winning the London Parks Triple competition. Special praise was given to Mr. M. J. Brayley, winner of three Finchley and District competitions.

Other results were: Singles, Mr.

Brayley; Pairs, Mr. M. J. Brayley and Mr. J. N. Vaz; Triples, Mr. M. J. Brayley, Mr. J. N. Vaz and Mr. A. V. Stevans; Secretary prize, runner-up, Mr. A. V. Stevans.

The Ladies' Section was reported to have had good success. Captain, Miss Mavis Steele, reached semi-finals in the County Singles Championships.

Elections for 1953: President, Mr. C. Coleman; Secretary, Mr. A. V. Stevans; Chairman, Mr. F. Williams; Treasurer, Mr. F. Orchard; Captain, Mr. B. Darent; Vice-Captain, Mr. W. G. Parks; Committee, Messrs. J. N. Vaz, M. J. Brayley, E. Johnson, L. Freeman and G. Brown; Hon. Auditor, Mr. G. Richenson; M.G.B.A. Delegates, Messrs. A. V. Selan and A. Durant; L.P.B.A. Delegates, Messrs. A. V. Stevans and W. G. Parkes; F. and D.B.A. Delegates, Messrs. A. V. Stevans and L. Freeman; Francis Drake Fellowship Representative, Mr. E. Brace.

Ladies' Section: Captain, Miss M. Steele; M.C.W.B.A. Delegate, Mrs. Lindsay; D.L.B.A. Delegate, Mrs. Robinson.

EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

On Tuesday, 14th November, the Afternoon Session of the Club enjoyed a visit from Mr. Edwin Holt, J.P., M.B.E., and his wife.

During the afternoon he gave an interesting talk on his experiences as a Magistrate, which went back to 1924.

A vote of thanks was passed by Miss Tolman and seconded by Mr. Bryant, and afterwards flowers were presented to Mrs. Holt by the oldest member, Mrs. Knight.

WEIGH

After their success in winning the 2nd prize in the first team, which was promoted into the 1st team this season by winning the 1st matches.

The result of the following:

E. Booth (148)
R. Foster (136)
D. Foster (149)
Totals: E. Booth 616½; D. Foster, 1,828½. Watling.

The match was won by the 1st Team at I. Counties Championships. Two of the team were at Kentish Town on 25th September. They represented the 1st class and Don in to our regret they did not win any honours. Club, Ron, however, managed to secure 11 st. class.

The novices are being trained by Mr. D. Gommersall, a very keen interest. Mr. Gommersall is referee for the Weightlifters Association. New lifters take seriously, then promising lifters in the near future.

ORANGE HILL

Appointed Orange Hill School M.A. Mr. J. Coopers Company be filling the position.

WEIGHTLIFTING

After their success last season in winning the 2nd Division, Watling first team, which have been promoted into the 1st Division, started this season by winning their first two matches.

The result of the last match was as follows:

	Press Snatch L. J.			
E. Booth (148)	170½	187½	231½	
R. Foster (136)	192½	187½	236½	
D. Foster (149)	192½	176½	253½	
Totals: E Booth, 589½; R. Foster, 616½; D. Foster, 622½. Team total, 1,828½. Watling won by 73½ lb.				

The match was against Luton's 1st Team at Luton. The Home Counties Championships, in which two of the team took part, was held at Kentish Town on Saturday, the 25th September. Ron Foster represented the Club in the 10 st. class and Don in the 11 st. Although to our regret they were unable to win any honours for the Watling Club, Ron, however, was runner-up in the 10 st. class, while Don managed to secure 3rd place in the 11 st. class.

The novices of the Club are now being trained by a new instructor, Mr. D. Gommersall, who shows a very keen interest in the new lifters. Mr. Gommersall is also a qualified referee for the British Amateur Weightlifters Association. If the new lifters take their training seriously, then there should be some promising lifters for the Club in the near future.

ORANGE HILL BOYS' SCHOOL

Appointed as Headmaster to Orange Hill School is Mr. K. Howes, M.A. Mr. Howes comes from Coopers Company School. He will be filling the post from January 1st.

FOOTBALL

Since the last issue five matches have been played. Of these, we lost the first three, (a "cup" match to Frigidaire S.C. and a league game each to Westcroft Rangers, and Claremont S.C.) and won a league game 4-2 against Edgware Town 'A' also a 'friendly' against Kemps Limited by 6-2.

The mere fact of losing three games in succession is **not** an indication that the team is playing out of its class! As I pointed out last month we're in the top division of a very strong league and in every game to date, (with the exception of the first one) the play has been exceptionally even.

Certain team changes have of course had to be made, and we have been unfortunate enough to lose two of our regular first team players. The team however continues to improve with each match, not merely in teamwork and stamina, but in fighting spirit too, and the stronger the opposition, the better they play.

Our next match is on December 20th when we're home to the Crest F. & S.C. I would again like to point out that we would like you to turn out to support us whenever possible, and although, admittedly, the weather is somewhat grim, you will certainly find your presence very much appreciated.

In case you turn up late, our colours are black shirts with yellow collars and cuffs and white shorts.

THE U.S.A. & CANADIAN B.P.A.

Hello Friends,

Time flies these days, and another month has arrived very quickly it seems. This one, I imagine, will be for you all, the busiest and I trust the happiest one of the year. I expect, by now, all your parcels and good wishes have been sent off to the daughters, their hubbies and your grandchildren and all that remains with us now, is the imaginations of the thrill it is going to give, when they are received. What a consolation these presents are, and how precious are the thoughts that go with them.

The suggestion and introduction by Mrs. Nyberg of Old Time Dancing on alternate weeks, has been an outstanding success. Her idea of having two expert instructors to teach us, has had the gratifying effect of encouraging all those whose legs are fairly good, though our ages are getting on the secrets list, to try and learn the proper steps. This is better than leaving us to our own resources, and the novices do not feel at such a disadvantage. We are really taking this serious and I am sure the enthusiasm shown must lead to many happy evenings. These are open evenings and all friends are welcome, and the evening's pleasure plus instruction is only 1/-. Is there a better bargain these days? Perhaps. Perhaps we may see more husbands, who knows? To our instructors, may I, on behalf of our members, offer you our thanks for your efforts, and hope you enjoy the evening as much as we do. I attach these thanks to the lady who struggled to try to teach me the Marina Four-Step. She still has hopes for me, she said.

Mr. Bennett is still persevering

very hard, trying to get a small concession from the Exchequer, on the duty paid on our parcels arriving from overseas. Judging by the correspondence he has read to us, he has been very busy with his pen. This means also that Mrs. Bromige has been running her typewriter hot, typing these letters. How fortunate we are to have this combination. He has managed to get a few M.P.s to favour the idea and they have promised to take the case to the House of Commons. Mr. Bennett seems optimistic that his effort will meet with a small measure of success. If this is so, it will mean a little benefit to all members of the Association, and his name will surely find its way on our Honours List.

I would like to mention in passing, that these month-by-month notes are always written with one thought uppermost. That is, to be sympathetic and encouraging, and to give as much pleasure as possible to everyone, but on no account to hurt any person's feelings. Not being a professional journalist, probably the phrasing is not always correct, but one should try to follow the person who does the job, and the interpretation becomes easier.

By the way, I hear Mr. and Mrs. Bennett's daughter and grandson from Oregon are visiting them next April for a few months. This is grand news and the reunion will certainly be a Coronation event for them. We are looking forward to seeing you, Mollie and baby Robert.

I will conclude now by wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas, and may your stockings be filled to overflowing, but please do not make any ladders.

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Perhaps you have never thought of a raincoat as a fashion garment. Nor, it would seem, had the men who manufacture them—until a few short seasons ago. Now there is keen competition to offer attractive, stylish rainwear. One firm features designs by a famous Paris couturier.

Obviously, the most important thing when buying a raincoat is to make sure that it is genuinely waterproof. Beware of the vague claim, "showerproof"—especially in the cheaper types of gabardine. Some of these so-called showerproof gabardines not only let the rain through, but often shrink into the bargain.

When fitting your raincoat, remember that you will want to wear it over coats and suits during the winter, without feeling bunched-up and bulky. For this reason the loose styles are more satisfactory. With their roomy dolman sleeves and smart swing backs, you can wear them over the thickest coat without any trouble. One manufacturer has solved the problem by designing a tailored coat, completely rainproof, with a warm detachable quilted lining.

Winter or summer, a raincoat is such an important item for English weather that you might well make it the key item in your budget for the season, and spend as much as you

possibly can afford. There is a tremendous morale value in looking your smartest in depressing weather.

Among exciting new models, one of the most popular is the wool gabardine swagger, completely lined with a contrasting colour and reversible. A grand all-round coat, in fine weather the cuffs turn back to elbow-length to show the contrasting lining, and the fronts double back and button under the collar.

There are billowing coats of proofed dull taffeta, elegant enough to do double duty as an evening coat, country coats of proofed Donegal tweed, and glamorous raincoats with the finish of dull satin and crepe in gleaming jewel colours.

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Theatre Tickets at Reduced Prices for Even-numbered Parties of 10 or more

The drama leader can make arrangements with H. M. Tennent Ltd. for organised parties of 10 (or any even number above 10) to see the following plays now running in the West End:

Wilfred Pickles in "THE GAY DOG" (Piccadilly Theatre) 10/6 seats reduced to 5/-; 6/- seats reduced to 4/-.

Noël Coward's "RELATIVE VALUES" (Savoy Theatre) 5/- seats reduced from 7/5 and 10/6.

Dodie Smith's "LETTER FROM PARIS" (Aldwych Theatre) 5/- seats in Stalls and Dress Circle.

Paul Scofield and Pamela Brown in "THE RIVER LINE" (Strand) Stall and Circle seats reduced to 5/-, from 28th October.

THE GLOBE REVUE (Globe Theatre). Reduced seats available after Christmas.

"THE SQUARE RING" (Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith). Reduced rate tickets at 2/9 Sat. matinee only: 3/9, 4/6, 5/3.

If the Club is thinking of organising a "theatre evening"—and what better way of celebrating a special occasion!—all you have to do is to select your play and . . .

1. Send your list of ten names (or more—the number must be even) to the Drama Leader, Mr. J. N. T. Rule, 76 Wigmore Street, London, W.1., together with the correct ticket money.

2. At the same time, nominate the day on which you wish to go and an alternative date. (Reduced prices do *not* operate for Saturday evening last performance; only on

week-day evenings and Saturday matinees or Saturday early-evening first performances. See London press for times of performance.)

3. At least three weeks' notice of booking must be given. (One week for Lyric, Hammersmith.)

4. The number of the party cannot be increased after an order has been placed, and no refund can be made for tickets not eventually taken up.

5. Tickets, when received by the Drama Leader, will be distributed to clubs, the leaders of which should ensure that each member of the party arrives at the theatre in possession of and responsible for his or her own personal ticket.

Youth members wishing to take advantage of the above offer should contact Ruth, Sid or Stan on Club nights.

SPORT

The members of the teams in the Table Tennis Leagues and Netball League are doing very well.

The girls are leading at the moment in the Table Tennis League and they have only lost one game in the Netball. The boys have played eight games in the Table Tennis League; won five, drawn two and lost one.

If any members of the Club or Association would like to watch home games in the Netball League they are very welcome. The home pitch is at Deansbrook School, the entrance is about 100 yards along Hale Drive. The home fixtures are as follows:—

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Veteran's ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals ..	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class ..	2.30 p.m.
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Veterans ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players ..	6 p.m.
School of Dancing ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
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Boxing Club ..	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers ..	6 p.m.
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Men's Club ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters ..	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans ..	2 p.m.
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Guides ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club ..	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday	
in month) ..	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
in month) ..	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd	
Friday in month) ..	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club ..	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
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For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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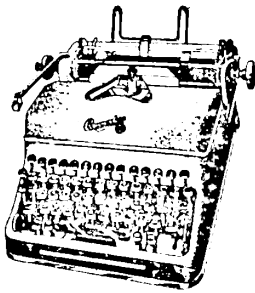
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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

Viewpoint

The Watling Community Association is twenty-five years old this year and we feel some mention should be made of this landmark in the history of the Watling Estate.

Almost from the first days of the estate the Association has been with it—and has been working for it. During the early years when so much appeared to be done for the immediate material betterment of the residents it was an easy matter to consider the worth of the Association. During "the lean and hungry" thirties the Association did a great deal towards making life more durable and many benefited through the Association.

The War Years found the Association fully alive to its responsibilities

and the service rendered by and through the Association made a marked impression, as it made the dark years more endurable.

Post-war years have brought many further problems which have been, and are being, faced on behalf of local residents—faced in order to make life more enjoyable and more fruitful.

All the work of the Community Association was made possible only through the unselfish service of some of your neighbours. Some of these have passed on; others are feeling the strain of twenty-five years' service; others have found it necessary to take a more passive part in the affairs of the estate.

To these past and present workers we owe a great debt of gratitude—a debt which may only be repaid through your own service for your neighbours and friends.

We cannot name the many who have served, but we do remember them and hope their work was not in vain.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Community Association is open to all residents on the Watling Estate. We ask you all to become members of the Association, not because of the activities run in the Community Association, but for the welfare and voluntary services which are carried on through the Association.

Those residents who come to the Association for help and advice are helped mainly through the membership fees and interest of a relatively small proportion of local residents. Will you help us carry on? Membership is only 6/- per year or 6d. per month.

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Early in October of this year, the Hendon Borough Council approved a recommendation that *"The Council agree, in principle, to the leasehold sale of Council houses to sitting tenants or, if a house is unlet, to applicants on the Council's occupied or has not previously been Housing Waiting List."*

The Council also approved, at the same meeting, a recommendation that houses which were to be built in Lawrence Street should be sold *only* to those persons nominated by the Council from the Housing List.

The Council of the Watling Community Association discussed these proposals and considered the principle to be wrong and a deputation was appointed to meet the Housing Committee for discussion.

As yet, the deputation has not met the Housing Committee, but we draw to the notice of residents certain facts which emerge through the meeting of those who constituted the deputation.

1. In October, 1949, the Housing Committee waiting list stood at 6,311 (Council Minutes of December, 1949). In October, 1952, the waiting list stood at 7,612 (reported in Council Minutes of December, 1953).

2. The Lawrence Street Houses (leasehold) will cost £2,000. This is to be repaid by the buyer in the following manner:

Initial Deposit: £200.

Annual repayments:

Repayable in 20 years: £138 per annum.

Repayable in 25 years: £121 per annum.

Repayable in 30 years: £110 per annum.

Added to these costs will be £50 legal fees plus the normal maintenance and upkeep costs of the house.

From (1) it will be seen that within three years the waiting list has risen by over 1,300 and, since we feel the real impact of the recent L.C.C. decision has not yet been felt, these figures are likely to increase at a greater ratio within the ensuing years. In view of the possible limited expansion within the Borough these figures are of real concern to us all and suggests it is time the *Building Programme* was the full responsibility of the Government — a responsibility the Government should more directly accept.

As the deputation has not yet met the Housing Committee, we feel it would be unwise to comment on the ask you to consider these figures and figures given under (2), but we do see if a house under this scheme will be a possibility for you.

CHEMIST SERVICE

Seven local chemists in Burnt Oak have a duty rota for late and Sunday opening. Their service is one week each in rotation.

On Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays they remain open from 6 p.m. till 7 p.m., and on Thursdays from 5 p.m. till 6 p.m. Sunday morning times are from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

All of the seven chemists display a card telling just which one of them is on duty that particular week.

MEMBERSHIP

Fees to the Watling Community Association are 6/- per year or 6d. per month, and we do welcome all Watling Residents who have the well being of our estate at heart to become members and to help us in our very varied work.

With increased support — and added finances — the Association should be able to more fully carry on its work. Through greater interest in the Association the full needs of Watling will be known and action taken to implement these needs.

We do not ask you to pay for nothing. We ask you to share in the increasing needs of the neighbourhood. Too many of us are armchair critics; too few of us carry on the work, with consequent criticism and weariness through lack of support.

For 25 years the the Watling Community Association has pioneered for the neighbourhood. With your support and interest it can pioneer for many more years.

Can you remember the early primitive Watling? Can you remember the "years of depression"? Can you remember the services rendered during the War Years? Can you remember the proposal to collect your rates, half yearly in advance? Can you now justifiably say the Association is not worth while?

Join without delay.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

Mrs. MacVie presided over a good attendance at the meeting of the Townswomen's Guild which was held at the Watling Centre on December 4th. The speaker was Mrs. D. J. Kenny, who gave us a talk on "Heinz Products", which included a tasting of some of the many varieties, and was much enjoyed by all.

A vote of thanks was recorded by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Francis.

The competition for the best scrap book was won by Mrs. Smith. All books will be sent to the Orthopaedic Hospital for the children at Christmas.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Beard.

The meeting closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

25 YEARS IN WATLING.

Many residents must have some outstanding recollections of life in and around Watling. These recollections may be of interest to present residents and we would appreciate articles for inclusion in the "Watling Resident."

The Community Association would also welcome any old photographs which would be of interest and which could be displayed in the Community Centre.

BLIND

The Afternoon
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BLIND SOCIAL

The Afternoon Section of the Edgware and District Club for the Blind held their Christmas Social on Tuesday, 16th December.

The programme included singing by Miss Gladys Calder accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Marjorie Graves.

Dr. Carmalt Jones gave a short talk on Christmas in New Zealand as compared with the English Christmas. This was followed by games and competitions which were won by Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Rowley, Mrs. Smithin and Ethel Coulters.

Christmas cake and crackers were supplied by members of the Inner Wheel Club of Hendon. After tea, each member received a present from the Bran Tub.

The meeting closed with the singing of carols and was followed by Auld Lang Syne and three cheers for the Blind Club Teacher, Mr. Stirling.

CORONATION STREET PARTIES

All organisers of Coronation Street Parties are asked to contact the Secretary of the Association in order to avoid unnecessary complications during the Coronation celebrations in June, 1953.

The Watling 25th ANNIVERSARY CARNIVAL PARADE is being held on Saturday, June 6th, and we feel this does need careful planning in relation to possible activities on the same day.

The Hendon Borough Youth Com-

mittee also proposes to organise a Carnival Parade which will affect the Montrose Avenue side of the estate.

Added to this it should be possible for many difficulties to be avoided if the Street Party Committee are able to get together for a general discussion.

The Watling Community Association is prepared to call a meeting for representatives of committees as soon as it is known whether such a meeting is required and the names and addresses of the appropriate secretaries are forwarded.

SERVICE IN THE FAR EAST

The Association has been concerned about contacts between Watling and those members of the forces who come from Watling and are now serving overseas.

We think it would be a good idea to obtain the names and addresses of servicemen in the Far East and we would appreciate information from parents and friends who will help us to compile a complete list in preparation for future action.

If contact is made and maintained with these overseas servicemen it will be necessary to create a fund to cover all expenses involved and as this scheme is for all Watling boys we do expect Watling residents to subscribe towards it. Contributions can be sent or brought to the Community Centre.

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JANUARY 6TH-24TH

Wednesday, January 21st, 1953

WHIST DRIVE

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Deansbrook Revue

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Thursday, January 22nd, 1953

Combined Social

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Friday, January 23rd, 1953

WHIST DRIVE

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Admission 1/6 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 24th, 1953

Old Time Music Hall

Admission 2/- & 1/6 7.45 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

Both the girls' teams and boys' team in the Table Tennis League and Netball League are still doing very well indeed.

The positions are as follows:

Netball

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
8	7	1	0

Table Tennis (Girls)

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
4	3	1	0

Table Tennis (Boys)

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
12	7	3	2

The Leaders would like to thank all Youth Club members who contributed and helped to make the Stall at the Bazaar a great success. Also, a special vote of thanks to Mr. Bickham who so kindly gave the Youth Club a canary for the Bazaar Stall, and to Mr. Davis who gave two hand-made rugs.

The Hendon Youth Carol Service was held on the 22nd December and members who attended enjoyed it tremendously.

EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

Blind Club Meeting

The Evening Section of the Edgware and District Club for the Blind held its final meeting of the year at the Watling Community Centre on Friday, 12th December, in the form of a Social Evening.

Members from the Deerfield and West Hendon Social Club entertained the blind folk, the Webster twins rendering popular numbers and Mr. Reg King accompanied the

pianist, Mr. Ratcliffe, on the banjo and also rendered a Bone Solo.

Prizes were given for two spot waltzes, the winners being Mrs. Benfell (2), Miss Pilcher and Mr. Annison. Two further prizes were given for a raffle and were won by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley respectively.

At the end of the evening the artistes lead the members in the community singing of Christmas Carols and the Social finally closed at approximately 10.15 p.m. with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Due to the progress of the Club and increased membership, it has become necessary to find other accommodation and subsequent Social Evenings of the Evening Section of the Club will be held on the second Wednesday in each month at the Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill.

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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mr. Sid Goode very courageously travelled from Arnos Grove on 15th December, on a snowy afternoon to speak to us on "The Adult School Movement", returning home in a snowstorm.

We are grateful to Mr. Goode who likened the Movement to a tree the roots of which are the individual schools like ours. The health and indeed the life of the tree depends upon the roots, so we are asking ourselves how we can improve our little rootlet.

Our aims are described in the following words: "Adult Schools are groups which seek on the basis of friendship to learn together and to enrich life through study, appreciation, social service and obedience to a religious ideal." Many of us have learned very much in our school especially about ourselves and how to live happily with other people. This has truly enriched our lives and shown us how we may help others. Most of our members are active workers at the Centre, some having been among those early residents whose hard work and enthusiasm helped to bring the Watling Community Association into being. We *do* work happily together in spite of many differences because underlying all our activities is a religious ideal—a real love of our fellows.

We have recently read and discussed together from the Handbook "Sources of Conflict Within the Family", on week, and "Conditions of Harmony" another. We have admitted that selfishness and refusal to try to understand another's point of view are usually at the root

of most of the conflict and that prevention lay chiefly in good example from the parents. This is, however, very difficult under the bad conditions of overcrowding in which many people live in their homes, but it was pointed out that it is in these conditions we have the opportunity to learn and be tolerant and, instead of grumbling, may help to create what ought to be and so take our part in bringing about a better way of living in co-operation with God, for in the words of St. Teresa, "He has no hands but ours", we did emphasise the need of constant prayer for courage and perseverance for we know we may fail again and again.

We are very sorry that Mrs. Lord has left London. She and Mr. Lord will be very much missed by all who knew them. Mrs. Lord will be especially remembered for her kindness to our children. Our sympathy and good wishes have been conveyed to Mrs. Lord in a London hospital where she has been for some time very ill, but is happily better now and has returned home.

The reports given at the A.G.M. by various officers. All members have been thanked and our Chairman, in November showed the continued enthusiasm of our members and much good work put in by the Mrs. Nyberg, re-elected with Mrs. Artis, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Moutell, Secretary; Mrs. Richardson, Treasurer; with Mrs. Fanthorpe to assist her and Mrs. Welsh, Social Secretary. We are very grateful to Mr. Richardson who, as in many years past, has audited our books.

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We await with pleasure a visit from Mr. Sewell Harris, and to a demonstration by the Gas Light and Coke Co., who will show us how to make marzipan fruits and to ice a cake.

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COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WATLING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Council Meeting of the Watling Community Association was held in the Community Centre on Friday, December 12th, with Mr. A. Bouchard in the chair.

Reports were received re the possible deputation to meet the Housing Committee to discuss the proposed sale of Council Houses and on the congestion in Watling Avenue.

For many years Watling Avenue has been a problem and it was felt some immediate action should be taken to make it more safe for the local shoppers. It was agreed to

support the recommendation that *No Parking* should be allowed in the Avenue; that deliveries to the shops should be made through the *rear service roads*; that the Barnfield Road should become a *One Way* street.

A complaint was received re the use by a few members of the Memorial Room and action on this matter is to be taken. Comforts for Watling Boys who are in Korea were discussed and it was agreed this matter be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration re the possibilities of raising funds for such a worth while service.

Early in May, 1953, the Association has approached the Middlesex County Council re the provision of seats outside the Old People's Home in Burnt Oak Broadway, so that the inmates could rest and watch the life of the Broadway. A letter had now been received giving the proposed action of the County Council in this matter. As it was felt the not sufficient, the secretary was asked to again press the original proposal of the County Council was scheme.

The Social Secretary, Mr. L. Henley, reported on his imminent departure to Pakistan and the necessity for his resignation. The Council expressed its sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Henley for the work they had so freely done for the Association and wished them every success in their new work.

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The need for articles and letters for the *Watling Resident* was discussed and it was pointed out that, the *Resident* is bound to be late in print if there are not sufficient articles handed to the Editor. The *Resident* is a magazine for the estate and articles from organisations and letters from residents would be welcomed. In view of the 25th year of the Association in 1953, it was felt residents might well write on events during the past twenty-five years. Mr. E. Allen offered to write a report of Council Meetings for the *Resident* and his offer was accepted.

Next Meeting of the Council:
January 2nd, 1953.

FAIR

During the Watling Week activities a fair has always been held in Montrose Park but for the past few years the Centre has been unable to obtain permission.

This June the Centre celebrates their 25th anniversary so we are hoping permission will be granted to hold the fair to celebrate both the Coronation and the 25th Anniversary of the Association.

MEN'S CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday, January 21st at 8.30 p.m. All members are asked to make every effort to attend.

INDOOR NETBALL

The Youth Management Committee are forwarding an application to the Youth Department at the Hendon Town Hall for indoor netball. This, they suggest, could take place in the larger halls in the district. This should prove very popular if this can be arranged at least, there is one consolation, matches will not have to be postponed or cancelled through bad weather.

Lets hope the Town Hall will pursue this interesting experiment.

JUVENILE PAINTING

The Juvenile Painting Class held at the Centre on Fridays is proving very successful. The average age of the "artists" is only six or seven and they are so enthusiastic that they arrive up to three-quarters of an hour early!

The Weightlifting section of the Association have a new instructor, a Mr. D. Gommersall he is a qualified referee of the British Amateur Weightlifting Association

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Sundays.

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Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	
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Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
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Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday	
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
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Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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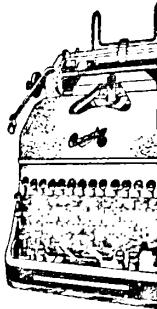
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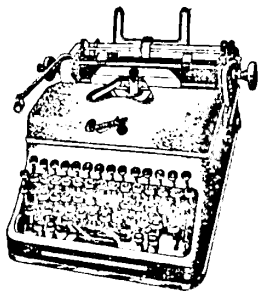
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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

Viewpoint

Elsewhere in this copy of the Watling Resident you will find a copy of a letter received from the London County Council, in reply to an enquiry of the Association's secretary, re the causes for Increased Rents. This letter was discussed by the Council of the Association following a resolution from the Edgware branch of the British Legion seeking a protest from the Community Association.

In view of the material contents of the letter, the Council was unable to support the resolution even though the increase was regretted and felt to place additional hardships on Old Age Pensioners and War Disabled.

At this stage, we do not propose to comment further on this rent increase since we feel there will be a continuing publicity through the local press and that residents must be given time to fully digest the reasons for the increase.

We are, however, concerned with the REAL place of the Community Association in the life of the estate and how the purpose of the Association may most satisfactorily achieved through a reasoned and considered policy. All too often do we tend to receive protests and resolutions on matters which affect local residents without the necessary FULL facts to implement and support such protests and resolutions.

It is not enough to protest because we dislike a thing. *We must* have a case if we are to stand any chance of successfully protecting residents and if we are to main-

tain a high level of standing for integrity. *We must not* become ONLY a protesting organisation we must also be a constructive one.

When the Hendon Borough Council proposed to collect the rates half yearly in advance the Community Association immediately took steps to protect the residents, since it was obvious such a method of rate collection would be almost impossible to put into operation and would result in distress within most homes. Within a very few days we had our reward and Hendon Borough Council recognised the case we had made.

For years we continued our efforts to re-open the Day Nurseries. On this, although we feel the facts were sufficient to justify an extension of Day Nurseries, we failed owing to the plea for a "need to economise." We still consider Day nurseries to be necessary. Proposals are continuously going from the Association to the L.C.C., Hendon Borough Council, Middlesex County Council and such bodies as the Transport Executive in the interests of Watling Residents. These proposals affect us all—from the young to the old, from the fit to the ailing—and we can be sure, so long as there is a spirit of service on Watling, the Association will continue to wisely fulfil its most important function on the estate.

In doing this it may, on occasion, create the impression that it is shirking the issue. We hope, and pray, this will never be true as we are determined that the Association will remain a responsible and reasoned body.

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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

After being most warmly welcomed on 5th January, Mr. Sewell Harris, in his usual wisdom as one who has indeed found the secret of the good way of life, helped us in our search for an answer to the question "What is Man?" the subject of our new study handbook for 1953.

Mr. Harris referred to the subject of Dr. W. E. Sangster's sermon given recently, on the effects on Britain of a revival of religion—religion being chiefly a belief in the triumph of right over wrong and the courage and understanding to discriminate between the two.

The last of the ten answers Dr. Sangster gave to this question was "to give peace and happiness." We agreed that our first and probably our only duty to our fellow-beings is to make them happy. The only people, our Speaker pointed out, quoting R. L. Stevenson, whom we can make good are ourselves, so that our first duty is to look to our own behaviour.

Dr. Sangster most likely meant that peace and happiness are not ends in themselves, but the result of right living. Happiness pursued for itself alone is like a will-o'-the-wisp, continually disappearing round the corner. So

Dr. Sangster was probably right in listing it last as it will naturally follow without being sought, after the other conditions have been fulfilled.

If we all lived in this way Man-kind would be as God intended, a reflection of Himself.

Our handbook for this year, as Mr. Harris remarked, is full of fine studies of the workings of Man's complex nature and needs and, after this very helpful introduction, we look forward to a most useful and enjoyable year's study with experienced people who have offered to help us, amongst whom we hope to see Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

Our following speaker on 12th January was the Reverend Mr. Knight, who very kindly came to tell us some Hebrew stories of Man's origin.

We listened to the first two Chapters of the Book of Genesis, which are slightly different, but both telling of Man's having come, not as the result of chance, but as a reasoning being, created by God, with a free will, able to know and to do right and wrong. Mr. Knight appealed to us to use the higher powers we possess as human beings to subdue our selfishness, to regard the other fellow as equal in importance to ourselves and to respect his point of view, thus contributing to the better and more satisfying way of living for us all.

We are very grateful to Mr. Knight and hope he will come again.

We look forward to seeing Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Freedman very soon and are preparing joyfully for 20th Birthday Party on 31st January.

I'VE HAD MY MOMENTS (6)

by Fred Lake

Christmas is over. I've stuffed myself with turkey and plum pudding. I have eaten nuts, dates, various fruits, and I've sampled many queer drinks, but the meal I really enjoy at Christmas is when the guests have gone and I settle round the fire to a snack of bread and cheese, home-pickled onions and a cup of coffee. It beats all the turkey. And speaking of cheese. In World War I we had stacks of it. There were times when we could have built a dug-out with cheese.

On Christmas Eve, 1917, we were up at Paschendale and, after days of hard fighting in bitter weather our battalion withdrew to "Dirty Bucket Camp," a group of huts behind the line, to rest and recuperate.

It was late at night. Snow was falling outside. By the light of a flickering candle we made our beds down on the floor of the hut.

"Do you know its Christmas Eve," I said to my pal, Steve.

"I didn't know," he answered. "But I do know I'm hungry."

"So'm I," I said.

We searched our haversacks. Steve turned out half a loaf of bread and the remains of a bottle of Worcester sauce. I found a hunk of cheese and an onion which I had scrounged from the cookhouse.

Several bods huddled closely round the stove in the hut, which was nearly out.

We made our own fire in a small, round tobacco tin. We had enough candle grease to half fill

it and we threw in a few fag-ends to act as wick. Then we lit it and a small, steady flame appeared on to which we placed a mess tin containing diced cheese and onion.

Soon there was a sizzling and bubbling and into this concoction we poured the Worcester sauce.

Meanwhile, Steve had been busy slicing bread. He had arranged four thick slices around an enamel plate. With a smile of triumph I poured out the bubbling, creamy cheese on to the bread.

Jim sniffed. I sniffed. The figures round the stove stirred sniffed. In silence we sat and scoffed the feast. It was delicious. Fit for a king.

You, dear reader, might like to try the recipe.

You will, no doubt, cook the cheese on a gas stove or in an electric oven, in a nice, clean saucepan. You will have thin slices of toasted bread with the crusts cut off. I am sure you will enjoy it—but not like we did.

LISTEN AND LEARN

The B.B.C., from time to time, issues a pamphlet under the above title to help listeners. This pamphlet sets out programmes of a more serious kind under four broad subject headings and should be of interest to many local residents.

A number of copies are available at the Community Centre and any interested resident may obtain one, free on request.

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CIRCUS

A brainchild of the Youth Management Committee (very ably organised by Mrs. Lambert) the coach outing to Bertram Mills Circus at Olympia last Saturday, January 10th, was a great success.

The Outing was originally intended to be confined to members of the Youth Club, but as not all the 35 tickets were taken up by them, it was decided that other members of the Association should be allowed to join the party. The coach left the Centre at 7 p.m. and shortly after 7.30 p.m. we were wandering among the many sideshows preparatory to taking our seats for the 8.15 performance.

Judged by any standard, this was a good show, with twenty-four acts on the programme, each one seemingly more clever, daring or amusing than the previous one. The hours simply flew by. The clowns were a show on their own yet, in the last act, when an unrideable mule was taking on all-comers (with overwhelming success I might add), even their antics were equalled.

It provided a fitting finishing touch to what we all considered a very pleasant, amusing evening and I hope that on our next outing even more of you will be able to join us.

STAN HASLER, Hon. Sec., Youth Management Committee.

SITTERS IN

Many parents with young children find it difficult to go out together, since one or the other must always be on duty at home.

We think it is time an organised scheme for " Sitters In " should be planned and we appeal to all those responsible persons, over the age of fifteen, who would like to do something to help parents have a night out together occasionally to forward their names and addresses to the Community Centre.

It is suggested that sitters-in should not be normally expected to be on duty after 10 p.m. In some areas children (over 15) from Grammar Schools undertake this work, since they are able to do their homework whilst doing a service—possibly in a more quiet atmosphere.

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RENT INCREASE

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 30th December relating to the Council's decision to increase rents, as you are no doubt aware, the ratepayers of London as a whole contribute heavily towards the cost of Council housing and in so doing keep down the rents of the Council's property. The rents now being charged for the great majority of the Council's houses and flats are based on a level fixed many years ago when costs and wages were considerably less than they are to-day. The rising costs of repairs and management have been brought about by increases in wages and the cost of materials, and it is estimated that the charge on the rates next year would be of the order of £2,700,000. The Council is bound by the Housing Acts to make a contribution from the rates, but even when this is allowed for there is the large balance of £1,800,000 still to be met.

After very careful consideration of all the relevant factors, it was felt that this heavy additional charge on the rates could not be allowed to continue at such a high level. To meet the whole of this additional charge an increase of over 4/6d. a week would be necessary on every dwelling, but the Council felt that this would impose too great a burden on the tenants. The Council, had, therefore, to consider how much of this amount it was fair and reasonable for the ratepayers of London to bear and how much should be met by the tenants, and decided that an average increase

of 2s. 6d. a week should be made.

The average weekly cost of a Council-dwelling, including supervision and management, repairs and renewals and debt charges, is estimated to be 24s. 6d. The average net weekly rent (including the average increase of 2s. 6d.) will be 15s. 3d. and the balance of 8s. 11d. will be met by an Exchequer subsidy of 4s. 1d. the compulsory rate contribution of 2s. 2d. and an additional rate contribution of 1s. 11d. Thus you will see that even after the increase has been made, the total charge of public funds is an average of 8s. 11d. per week or more than one half of the net rent charged.

The cost of repairs and renewals per dwelling in 1939 was in the region of £6 whereas the average over the last three years has been about £16 10s. and the estimated costs in 1952-53 is £17. Similarly, the cost of supervision and management has risen from about £2 a dwelling just prior to the war to nearly £6 in 1951-2.

I trust the foregoing will serve to show that not only was an increase in rent inevitable, having regard to the increased costs, but that the tenants will in fact have only a proportion of the burden passed on to them. There has been no previous general increase in rents on the Watling Estate, in fact, on 5th January, 1931, a general reduction of 1s. was made, and on 11th April, 1932, there was a further general reduction of 6d. Thus, when the present increases were made, the average increase for each dwelling will be only 1s. more than when the rents were originally fixed some twenty-five years ago.

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No separate figures of the cost of damage to estate gardens and trees, feature greens, etc., are available, as these figures are included in the general cost of upkeep. I need hardly say that any assistance which your Association can give in helping to keep damage to a minimum will be very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL H. WALKER,
Director of Housing and Valuer.

Dear Readers,

You will note in the last paragraph of Mr. Walker's letter a reference to damage.

This is a shameful thing on our Estate. It is a most common sight to see gangs of children wandering about our streets doing wilful damage.

Young trees planted to make the greens look pleasant have been snapped clean off and hundreds of shrubs have been broken. The wire put round the greens for fences to stop the parking of cars, was destroyed in just a few weeks, not only by children but by adults.

If you see someone doing some destructive deed on our Estate, remember you will bear the cost and that you should have the courage to tell them about it and also report them.—Ed.

At the January meeting of the Council of the Association, comforts for the lads and lasses serving in the Far East was again discussed. At the previous meeting of the Council, "Comforts for the Forces" was referred to the Executive Committee for discussion. This Committee agreed that a scheme should be brought into being provided we received support from people living on the Estate. It was reported that the local press had published an appeal from us asking for the names of any local men and women serving in the Far East, but to date we had not heard of anyone. It was announced by the Council to carry on with the scheme if support was received, but that we should not be able to bear the cost of providing gifts out of Association funds.

Rents. The question of the rise in rents was discussed. A letter from the L.C.C. was read. (A copy of this letter will be found elsewhere in the "Resident".) The letter was appreciated by the majority of council members, and these members felt the increase to be justified—no action was taken.

It was reported by the Secretary that our plans for extension of the Hall had been approved.

I hope next month to give you reports of Committees—Social, Finance, Youth, etc.

E. ALLEN.

Every Burnt Oak resident should listen into the 7.45 p.m. Service to be broadcast from Burnt Oak-Woodcroft Hall on Sunday, 8th February, 1953.

WATLING MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

A very successful Christmas Party was held in the Main Hall on the Friday before Christmas. Mr. A. Cook acted as M.C. and also started the evening's entertainment with an ingenious competition. This was a series of illustrations, clues to the names of various towns and villages in England, which have been visited by members since the club was formed. This was won by Mrs. Cook (all above board). Her prize was a gift voucher given by A. I. Jones & Son, Ltd. After some games and dances a voucher, presented by Messrs. Pegley's was raffled and won by Mr. Stan Allen. During the evening Stan and a friend paid a forfeit by lustily singing "Good King Wenceslas" outside the Centre. They were suitably rewarded with liquid refreshment by Messrs. Jones and Nightingale, expert barmen. Mr. F. Lake thanked the club on behalf of the guests. for a very enjoyable evening and especially complimented us on the quality of the refreshments. The evening ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Romance in the club? Oh yes! We offer our best wishes to Pat Deasy and Alec Wynd on their engagement, and forthcoming marriage in March. Of course they are looking for a flat, so if any member hears of one, furnished or unfurnished, don't forget them.

One of our members, Gwyn Jones, is in Edgware General Hospital. We send our best wishes and look forward to him joining us again.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. F. Bishop, our President, is now on the road to recovery and is

able to work for a few hours each day.

On Friday, January 9th, the 2nd Annual General Meeting was held in the club room. Owing to pressure of work, our Chairman, Mr. A. Cook, did not stand again for election and Mr. W. Yoxen was elected (a little persuasion here). Other officers, Hon. Secretary and Council Representative, Mr. J. Oliver; Treasurer and Club Captain, Mr. J. Eccles; Social Secretary, Mr. J. Munslow; and Ladies Representative, Mrs. P. Eccles, were all re-elected.

Arthur Cook, on handing in his resignation, thanked the Committee for their past co-operation and for the pleasure he found whilst working with them. Mrs. Eccles expressed the appreciation of the club when thanking Arthur for the work he has done in the past year, especially the parties and social evenings he has organised for us. We shall miss his organisation and helping hand, considerably.

The Club Captain thanked members for the support they had given to the Sunday runs. The Committee had made them as varied as possible, but would still be glad of ideas from club members themselves.

Displayed in the club room were a cup and plaques. These prizes, for competitions held during the year, are to be presented at the annual dinner.

Porlock was suggested as an Easter holiday run and further details will be announced at the club.

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Report for Year Ending
31st December, 1952

During the year, numbers have increased very slightly, but the standard of work was rather disappointing, only five proficiency badges being obtained during the period.

However, the company has taken its share of responsibility in the Division, and also entered a team in the Borough Youth Sports, where one Guide obtained a certificate for the High Jumping event. The company also held a very successful Penny Fair.

Five Guides were able to go to camp this summer, and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, in spite of inclement weather.

We have been very grateful to Miss Kirby and Miss Davis who have assisted with the company during the year. We were sorry to say goodbye to them and wish them good luck in their new undertakings.

Just before the company closed for Christmas we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Tumath as Captain. The company has been running without Guiders since October, 1947 and, no doubt, this fact accounts for the poor progress. Mrs. Tumath is a very keen Guider and we now look forward to better times.

More adult help is still needed, and anyone interested should contact Mrs. Pinkington, 1 West Way, Edgware.

only payment being the night's subscription of 4d. This gesture will enable us to get to know and mix with other "Centre" folk

On Friday, 13th February, we are giving a Film Show (Esso films). The place, Main Hall at the Centre, the time 8.30 p.m.

W.J.L.

YOUTH LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS

All the competitors in the table tennis team and netball team are still maintaining a very high standard of play.

The boys table tennis team are lying second and we are glad to report that the girls are leading and have been since the commencement of the games. Let's hope they will continue to keep this position.

The girls' netball team are also doing well. They are second at the moment, tying with the leaders in points, but failing to get as many goals as St. Peter's.

Results

Netball

Played 7 Won 6 Drawn 0 Lost 1
Table Tennis

Girls

Played 6 Drawn 0 Lost 1
Played 6 Won 5 Drawn 0 Lost 1

Boys

Played 15 Won 9 Drawn 2 Lost 4

FOOTBALL REPORT

Cup-ties, bad pitches and fog (in that order) have played havoc with our fixture list during recent weeks and since the issue before last we have only been able to play one League game and one friendly.

The League game on December 20th against the Crest F. & S.C., (they have yet to lose a League match this season), resulted in a 4-1 defeat for us. It was our first game for three weeks; this was hardly surprising, however. At the moment of writing we have only an eleven team division, the games, but this should not be taken too seriously. Although we are in ninth position in what is only an eleven team division, the two teams below us have yet to obtain their first point.

Of course, the lack of regular matches during this first part of the season has greatly hindered us in our efforts to weld our players into a team. Even now, some of our players have not had the opportunity to really prove themselves.

Now, however, we have an unbroken run of League fixtures, extending right up to the middle of April, and I'm confident that within a few weeks we shall have bettered our league position. The 'friendly' match that I mentioned earlier was on January 3rd against Mill Hill Reserves. They are, of course, in a lower division and in normal circumstances we should never have played against them.

That week, though, we had two league matches and then a friendly match, arranged and then cancelled within two days. (Cup-ties again!) After unsuccessfully

attempting to obtain a 'friendly' with four other teams, we had to play Mill Hill Reserves or go without a game.

We won 6-0, but had we not been experimenting with our team, the score would probably have been much greater. On January 31st we have an away match against Rye Field F.C. at Ruislip. A coach is being "laid on" to take the team over there, so if you would like to come along for the afternoon, please let Mr. Lodge know as soon as possible.

STAN HASLER,
Hon. Sec., W.A.F.C.

VETERANS CLUB

The Veterans Club held their New Year's Party on January 7th. Tea was provided under the supervision of Mrs. Lodge and Mrs. Roblow, assisted by Mrs. Nyberg, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Callagan, Mrs. Rollins, Mrs. Fanthorpe, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Coleman and Mr. L. Pym represented the Watling Youth Club who sent an iced cake, which was greatly appreciated by the veterans. Car service was provided by Mr. Hicks, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Walters and Mr. Roblow.

After the tea, which had proved a great success, entertainment was provided by Mr. Fred Cole on the accordion and piano, Mr. Charles Freeman, Comedian, Mr. L. Jones, Tenor, and Miss Betty Nyberg, Comedienne, and a few Veterans then came forward to entertain, compered by Mrs. Roblow. During the interval refreshments were handed round, drinks

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The Veterans then showed their appreciation to Dick Lodge for arranging the Party in the usual manner of closing with Auld Lang Syne.

60 seats have been booked at the Golders Green Hippodrome for Thursday, January 29th.

SERVICE

"Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on"

Almost daily we are receiving names and addresses of Old and Lonely people who would benefit and appreciate a visit from time to time. Being, as many of them are, tied to their homes, the world passes by and they become increasingly despondent and lonely. A visit of a few minutes from a neighbour, or a would-be friend, would often add colour and interest to the lives of the Old and Sick, and our experience has shown there is a very real appreciation for any friendly gesture.

We are not asking you to put your name down as a visitor; we are not asking you to completely tie yourself down; but we do ask you to look around and do all that is possible. Even if time does not permit visiting you may be able to help the blind and the old across the road; you may be able to help with heavy shopping bags; you may even be able to do essential shopping for those confined to their homes. Again, you may be able to look after the young child for a short time whilst the mother does her shopping or some other essential duty.

Let us pass our kindness on!

NUISANCE

On two occasions recently the Association has been approached re the disturbance of residents in Orange Hill Road and on both occasions it has been claimed that those responsible have come from the Community Centre.

Whilst not prepared to deny the truth of the complaint we do feel that, owing to the use of the Community Centre, it is easy to point a finger at our members and users. We can prove these complaints to be wrong through a proper exercise of good citizenship. We must show that we come to the Centre and go away from the Centre in a considerate manner; we must show that the outside of the Centre is not the place for "unsocial" behaviour; as we must show those who are responsible for "near hoodliganism" that it cannot and must not be continued.

When in or near the Centre we expect everyone to behave considerately, as we expect everyone to behave considerately wherever they may be.

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Help in the struggle to preserve Peace.

Contact the Secretary
MARJORIE MILTON

20 Maple Gardens

Phone : MIL 4865

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Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Veterans'	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	2.30 p.m.
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Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
in month)	7.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	8 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month)	7.30 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON
FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Visitors always welcome.

WATLING CARNIVAL QUEEN

The Community Association has decided that it would be more fitting for the Watling Carnival Queen to be chosen from Watling residents and this year—the 25th Year of the Community Association—a competition will be run for young women (over the age of 17 years) who actually live on the L.C.C. Watling Estate.

We are sure this will provide an opportunity for local girls to

prove they are, at least, as equally attractive and with as much personality as those who have entered our Competition in past years from a much wider area.

If you would like to enter, or if you know of a possible entrant, don't wait for later announcements but forward your/their name to the Community Centre. Entry forms will then be forwarded as soon as possible.

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

Viewpoint

It has been said that "rumour is a lying Jade"—it might also have been said that "rumour is the weapon of the fool and the rogue". It is a malicious instrument which, if unchecked, cuts deep into the life of any community and destroys all that is good in friendship and neighbourliness.

Our "friend," the Jade, has it that the Watling Community Association is the servant of the London County Council—a tool used by the London County Council in its attempt to carry through unwanted local policies.

Our older residents have had experience of the value of the Community Association—an organisation of residents and local groups which is concerned with the betterment of our well being and which is not controlled by anyone, other than your own representatives. New residents are not so well blessed. Yet, these new residents have benefited through the work of the Association in an endeavour to make Watling a better place for those who follow them.

This cannot be done by listening to, and accepting, mischievous remarks. It may only be done through a greater awareness of responsibility and a preparedness to seek out the Community Association and help in its work.

As can be seen from the Annual Report, the work of the Association is not confined to the running of a Community Centre; neither is it

limited through the "control" exercised by any statutory body. We believe that our life is enriched through service and, through this service, a fuller and more responsible understanding of citizenship is achieved. Let us have an end to rumour and lip service; let us accept the challenges of life without fear or favour—without prejudice or discontent.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Friday, March 27th, 1953, at 8 p.m.

Agenda

Minutes of last meeting.

Annual Report of the Council.

Treasurer's Report.

Resident Report.

Membership Report

Election of Officers :—

President.

Vice-President(s).

Treasurer.

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Election of Individual Members'
Representative to Council.

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Other Business.

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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

After having heard the Hebrew idea of Man's origin explained to us in January by the Reverend Mr. Knight, a good friend of our Association, we are extremely grateful to Mrs. Freedman, another good friend of ours, who presented the Jewish view of Man as he is meant to be. We learnt the Marxist view from Mr. Ford, a member of the Socialist Party of Great Britain, and again, the Christian view from the Rev. Mr. Slack, Congregational Minister from St. James' Church, Edgware.

Having listened very attentively to all these ideas we return to Mr. Harris' statement at the beginning of the year that we are here on earth to make people happy; that the only people we can make good are ourselves and that if we obey the first commandment to love God and our neighbours as ourselves all else of good will follow eventually.

The persecution of minorities, wars and the many other inequalities and cruelties which cause misery and unhappiness throughout the world occur because, as Mr. Slack pointed out, Mankind has removed God from the centre of life and substituted himself. Because of this, most of our courses of action are motivated by self-interest with little consideration for others, members of all creeds and classes being guilty of these things.

If we who call ourselves Christians obeyed Christ's teaching by acting on the belief that all men, whatever their race, creed or colour are our brothers whom we are commanded to love as ourselves, most of the misunderstandings and problems of present day life would not have arisen.

May each one of us try to the best of our ability, in our own little corners, to create a little happiness by removing misunderstandings wherever we can and by giving help where it is needed with a little less thought for ourselves and by studying the various problems of life as diligently as possible so that we may act with clear and honest minds consistent with our Adult School and Community Association training.

We thoroughly enjoyed our 20th Birthday party on 31st January, which was shared by members from other schools. We missed some friends of other years who could not be with us, including Mrs. Moutell, our secretary, and Mrs. Durant, secretary of L.A.S.U., who both attended the London Union Council Meeting the same day.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Lake who every year makes our lovely birthday cake. A very happy social evening was held afterwards, led by our jovial chairman, Mrs. Nyberg, while Mr. Lake led a jolly group of square dancers and Mrs. Taylor delighted us with songs.

Mrs. Welch, our social secretary, and her helpers work wonders preparing these happy events and we are most grateful to them. We have enjoyed many visits to London theatres during the year, the latest being to the Casino where we saw the pantomime Jack and Jill, these also being arranged by Mrs. Welch.

Our very helpful member, Mrs. Bye, brings us regularly, every month, full and interesting reports from the Executive of the L.A.S.U., so that we are well-informed about the wider movement.

The death of Mr. E. J. Fullwood, a very dear friend of our schools, was reported from the Women's Committee. A Memorial Meeting is

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to be held on 27th February at Westminster Friends Meeting House which as many of our members as possible will attend.

Members of the Women's Committee are very appreciative of the valuable help given by Mrs. Fairbairn during her period as our representative and her resignation, due to domestic ties, was received with genuine regret.

We are continuing with the study of the handbook lessons and are looking forward to many happy afternoons. We invite you to share our happy fellowship on Monday afternoons at 2.30, when you will be welcomed with a nice cup of tea.

WATLING MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Our main event in March will be the Annual Dinner, which is being held at the White Lion Hotel, Edgware, on March 7th. Awards will be presented at the dinner for competitions held during the past year, and a Social has been arranged for the latter part of the evening. We hope that our guests, members and their friends will enjoy themselves even more than last year.

The committee arranged a variety of Sunday club runs during the past month. These included two sporting events, the Minnie Grenfell Trial at Farnham, and the North-Hants scramble held at Hartney Wintney, an Essex by-ways tour and the most unusual, a visit to the Science Museum, Kensington. The latter proved to be very instructive as well as interesting.

Porlock has been chosen as the

club's Easter venue, and accommodation has been booked for a party of members. Day runs will be arranged for members who are not going to Porlock.

After Easter our summer programme will be launched, including "picnic" runs and coast runs. Several members have suggested camping week-ends and a meeting was arranged to discuss the amount of equipment needed and also the whereabouts of suitable camping grounds. Now that these preliminaries have been sorted out, we hope this summer to spend some week-ends camping.

On Friday evening, February 13th, we held a film show in the main hall of the Centre. About sixty members and friends enjoyed the show which comprised of films of sporting events held during 1952. Our Secretary, Jim Oliver, welcomed members of the Dolphin, Edgware and Mill Hill, and Roe Green Motor Cycle Clubs who attended the show. Our thanks are extended to Arthur Cook, who proved to be an able projectionist.

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WATLING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

24th
Annual Report
FOR THE YEAR
1952

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

General

Increasing internal problems which arise through the management of a Community Centre—especially a Centre which is by no means large enough to meet the demands of the neighbourhood—tend to clog the wider neighbourhood work of the Association and do not allow for the necessary critical assessment which should be made from time to time.

This year, through the Ministry of Education Inspection and subsequent Report, it has been possible for us to look more closely into our affairs and we hope will result in the future growth of the Association.

After 24 years it is possible there may be some complacency and some prejudice which is harmful to the Association and we must re-examine our customs and habits and relate them to present day needs; as we must continue to encourage a high standard—a standard which demands tolerance and understanding and the preparedness to serve our neighbours. The need for a constant flow of new energy and ideals has to be recognised and we need must welcome, and work with, all those who are prepared to join us in a worth while task.

The Council and the Association suffered further serious loss through the tragic deaths of two old and valued servants—Mrs. Leach and Mr. Fanthorpe—and our sympathy and thoughts have always been with those who have been left behind. Contact has been maintained with the National Council of Social Service, National Federation of Community Associations, London Federation of Community Associations, Hendon Borough and Middlesex County Councils, National Association of Boys' Clubs, National Association of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs, Pedestrians' Association, Mill Hill and Edgware Social Services Committees, Hendon Old People's Welfare Committee, Hendon Drama Federation, Council of Hendon Community Associations and the Association has also been represented on the Hendon Youth Sub-Committee.

Public Matters

Despite our many problems a great deal of work of a public nature has been carried out by the Council and the officers of the Association. Most of this work has been quietly pursued and we are sure, had residents been fully aware of the scope of our service, there would have been a greater interest shown in the Association.

Matters of major importance undertaken, and supported, by the Association included the protest against the Increase in Hendon Rents and the imposition of a "Lodger Tax"; representations to the M.P. and the Borough Council seeking support for an increase in War Disability Pensions; formation of Hendon Tenants' Association; protest against the acceptance in principle, by the Borough Council, of the sale of Council built houses and the appointment of a Deputation to meet the Housing Committee on this matter; extension of the 52 bus route; repairs to Deans Lane and Deansbrook railway bridges; proposals for traffic lights and/or crossings on dangerous corners; proposals to improve traffic congestion and safety

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Many other more personal and intimate matters, which affected a large number of residents, were also pursued with some measure of success.

Visitors

It is encouraging, and often stimulating, to receive visitors from home and overseas. When such visits take place we tend to see the Association through another's eyes and thus some benefit may accrue to the Association.

Among the visitors from home were members of Townhill and Mayhill Community Association, Swansea. For these visitors a football match and lunch were arranged.

Our visitors from overseas were more numerous than for some years—coming as they did from Iraq, India, Pakistan, Germany, Iran, Turkey, Israel, China, South Africa, Northern Ireland, Eire, Ethiopia, Australia, Ceylon, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, Malay States and the Gold Coast.

Membership and Use of the Community Centre

Despite our limited premises, membership of the Association has been maintained and we feel this has been mainly possible through the co-operation and services of membership collectors and *Resident* sellers. Some sections and groups experienced seasonal fluctuations in attendance but by the end of the year, although one or two groups were showing decreased membership, the majority had increased membership—even though this meant uncomfortable overcrowding of available accommodation.

The Centre remains in constant use during afternoons and evenings. Committees are, almost without exception, still held in the office, with resultant serious consequences for the work of the Association. Often we find residents, who have personal problems to discuss, being interviewed in the passageway to the discomfort of themselves and the officers of the Association. Besides the sections of the Association, the Community Centre provided meeting rooms for the Poultry Club, Oddfellows, Townswomen's Guild, Adult School, Youth Hostels Association, National Cyclists' Union, Deansbrook Social Club, Edgware Ramblers, Young Communist League, Liberal Party, Watling Allottees, various Trade Union branches, Hospital Savings Association, Women's Welfare Clinic, Briscoe School of Theatrical Dancing, and the Redwood Steppers.

The Memorial Room continued to remain a common room-cum-waiting room-cum-meeting room and it is hoped this position will be eased as soon as our proposed extensions have been completed.

Buildings and Equipment

The need for added accommodation has again been a pressing concern of the Council and the Planning Committee. This matter was discussed with Alderman Curton and, through his good services, a revised plan for extensions was drawn up and, in December, this plan was approved in

principle by the Local Authority. Subject to one or two modifications, it is hoped these extensions will be carried through by the winter of 1953.

With the passing years we meet numberless problems of repairs and renewals and we find, as this year, something has to be done to make the Centre more attractive and more safe. Settlement of the foundations had caused some material damage to walls and ceilings and it was necessary to seek permission to fell an oak tree which was one of the causes of settlement. When the Community Centre was planned it is possible its ultimate use was not envisaged and we consider our sad experience through the lack of suitable cupboards and storage space should be made known to all Associations which are planning their own Centres.

Finance

Whilst the income of the Association was higher than in previous years the Finance Committee found that increased development, the need to obtain new equipment and the need to carry through essential redecorations did give rise to many difficulties. It was not necessary to draw on reserves, but we feel every effort should be made to strengthen the finances of the Association in order to prepare for repairs and redecorations which are becoming more and more necessary. For many years necessary consideration has not been given to depreciation of premises and equipment. This year this has been done in order to obtain a more reasonable assessment of our reserves.

Adult Education

The Education Committee has not only been seeking to develop activities but it has also been fighting a losing battle with our accommodation difficulties. We feel greater emphasis and consideration should be given to the informal and formal educational needs of residents and that better provision—even though such provision would mean the increased use of the local school—should be made for these needs. It is recognised that there are greater demands for activities of a more recreational nature and that these activities may be more remunerative to the Association, yet—if we are to play our real part in the development of a more informed outlook—we must more fully accept our responsibilities.

Ballroom Dancing, Dressmaking and Handicraft Classes have been maintained throughout the year and, in December, a class on Beauty Culture was started by the Deansbrook Evening Institute. Plans are in hand for a Discussion Group and an Adult Painting Class.

Guild of Players

1952 saw a welcome re-organisation and strengthening of the Guild of Players and a more active year was enjoyed. A play was entered for the Watling Drama Festival and this play received a very good adjudication. In common with many other dramatic groups, the Guild lacks male members and efforts are being made to adjust this lack.

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Young People's Discussion Group

The Discussion Group continued to meet with relative success during the early months of the year. Unfortunately, after the summer holiday it was found that accommodation difficulties and other interests made it impossible to recapture early interest and the group lapsed.

Juveniles

Juvenile activities within the Centre remain a problem. Two Dancing Schools successfully cater for a large number of young girls and the Painting Group, on being re-opened, has met with some success, yet there remains a need for a more varied programme of activities throughout the week. Since these activities may only be organised between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., we still find it impossible to obtain the services of suitable helpers. The Hendon Children's Library continues to be a useful activity within the Community Centre and we regret the possibility of losing this worth while service through the proposed building of a Burnt Oak Library.

Girl Guides

The 4th Watling Girl Guides remain active. Although progress in expansion was slow we feel the recent appointment of a Captain will strengthen the Guides and will aid its development. Members continue to carry through a full programme of work.

Youth

From time to time we despair of our Youth and their support of the Club. National Service takes our members away at a time when they are becoming more responsible and we also notice occasional declines in the membership of the girl members. The Youth Leaders have persevered with the Club and by the end of the year it had grown in numbers and in responsibility. Teams were entered for table tennis and netball in the Hendon Youth Leagues and it is pleasant to report that the girls have won the league championship for table tennis and, possibly, netball and the boys are almost certain to be runners-up. A concert and a trip to the circus were among the outside activities planned by the Club.

Boxing

The growth of the Boxing Club has been discouraged by the poor and inadequate accommodation available. Trainers, committee members and the boxers themselves have all been handicapped by the confined space and the unattractiveness of their quarters and this has resulted in some lack of interest. Nevertheless, the Club has entered boys for various competitions and a club competition was successfully organised towards the end of the year.

U.S. and Canadian Brides' Parents' Association

The bonds which bind the Association together are strengthened by the varied and interesting activities which are planned. It is actively interested in the affairs of the national body and, from time to time, acts as host to regional meetings. Members take a wide interest in the activities and affairs of the Community Association and, through the co-operation of the group, it has been possible to commence an Old Time Dancing group. One interesting innovation has been the sending of birthday cards to the daughters and grandchildren in the American Continent.

Visits to daughters in America and Canada are undertaken and some daughters have been able to bring added interest to the group during visits to England.

Weightlifting Club

The sad tale of accommodation problems appears to be never ending. Whilst the Club has maintained a very full programme and has continued to do credit to the Association in the weightlifting world, it has been necessary to limit membership, with consequent difficulties. Potential membership remains high but members tend to stay away, since it is impossible for them adequately to practice their interest. Efforts have been made to obtain the use of the local school and, if this materialises, it is possible the Club will recapture membership and interest.

Men's Club

The decrepit state of the equipment in the Men's Club has materially affected membership. Older members tend to stay away and, although the table tennis table is now in good repair, it has been difficult to obtain a more regular attendance. Young members have been increasing and it is felt that, once the billiard table has been renovated, there will be a decided increase in interest and membership.

A senior football team has been formed and this has added to the interest of the Club.

Neighbours

We feel sure there will always be a need for service in one direction or another and we do welcome the slow increase in membership of the Neighbours Group. The source of unselfish service in the past, we can be sure of their continuing support.

Veterans' Club

Membership of the Veterans' Club has now reached its maximum and it has become necessary to admit new members only when a vacancy has arisen through the unfortunate loss of a member.

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Two coach outings were organised during the year—one through the interest and support of the Middlesex Sunday Entertainment Fund—and the annual New Year's and Anniversary Parties were thoroughly enjoyed.

51 Club

The 51 Club has met with varying success. At one time there was a tendency for membership to drop and it was also felt in some quarters that the Club did attract members away from the Sunday Members' Dance.

This latter did not, in fact, prove to be true and since the recent link up with the Motor Cycle Club the Sunday evenings in the Club have proved to be much more successful.

Motor Cycle Club

Limited accommodation, rather than dampening the life of this group, has acted as a spur and there has been a steady growth in its membership. Club runs, outings and social activities have been most successfully planned and the members are taking a widening interest in the affairs of the Association.

If the growth of the Club continues it will become necessary for some consideration to be given to the provision of more suitable accommodation.

Social Committee

The Social Committee has experienced a most difficult year. With the opening of other Sunday evening Dances and Entertainments in the area there has been some decline in attendances at our own functions. This, coupled with several changes in Social Secretaryship, has resulted in a number of problems which have taken time to resolve. Towards the end of the year a meeting to discuss problems was held and we feel this meeting did serve a very useful purpose and that the Committee should be more successful in the future.

Whist Drives have increased in popularity and our Mystery Drives and outings have all been well supported.

Canteen

Increasing costs made it necessary for some of our charges in the Canteen to be raised. Even so it was only just possible to maintain the financial value of the Canteen to the Association. This success was due in no small way to the service rendered by our Canteen helpers.

Bowls Club

Both the men's and women's section of the Club enjoyed a most successful year. Visits to other Clubs were organised, as in past years, and the Club competitions were well supported by the members.

Other Activities

Necessary fund raising activities were pursued throughout the year. Anniversary Week, Carnival Parade, Baby Show, Watling Week and the Bazaar proved to be more successful than last year and the Special Events Committee was greatly heartened by this success.

The Watling Drama Festival attracted more local societies than ever before and it is encouraging to record not only a high standard of acting but also our financial success in this venture.

Services

Service to the Community has remained an important part of our work. The closing of the Hendon Citizen Advice Bureau has meant an increase in the calls upon the time of the POOR MAN'S LAWYER and the Secretary of the Association and we consider some just claim for financial assistance to develop the necessary Citizens' Advice might well be made.

The WELFARE COMMITTEE has increased the scope of our work and we were pleased to receive such useful and willing assistance from local organisations and individuals in carrying through work in this direction.

The NORTH HENDON M.P. has visited the Centre once a month in order to assist or advise those of his constituents who had a problem they thought he would be able to overcome.

The BRITISH LEGION SERVICE COMMITTEE has met regularly in the Centre and has been able to assist many local residents.

Work on behalf of residents has been carried out by the Tenants' Welfare Officer. In the main this work has been successful, but it is to be expected that the impossible cannot be achieved and that the Welfare Officer must not be expected to pursue matters which are ill-founded.

Blind Club

Through the service of the Inner Wheel, Edgware Rotary and the Burnt Oak Business Club it has been possible to develop the work of the Blind Club. There is a very full Club programme and members find this programme to be varied and interesting.

Lack of accommodation for the monthly evening meeting of the Blind members made it necessary for other and larger accommodation to be found elsewhere.

Religious Groups

The Community Centre has housed the Society of Friends, Woodcroft Sunday School and the Board of Orthodox Jewish Education.

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We feel there should be a greater awareness of the place and value of our Affiliated Bodies in the Association. The Association's work lies with the estate "as a whole" and not with a particular section of the estate. Our sections and individual members cannot, alone, fully represent the estate and we must recognise that, through our affiliations, we do become more representative and more stable. At the same time we feel it essential for a very close affinity to exist between the Association and all its members and we would, and do, welcome all the interest and support which may be forthcoming.

Our affiliations were maintained during the year and we are pleased to report on the re-affiliation of the Almalgamated Society of Woodworkers.

Magazine and Publicity

Improvement in the position of the *Watling Resident* has been well maintained. Difficulties through the loss of sellers and the late delivery of the *Resident* on a number of occasions were experienced. Difficulty in obtaining suitable matter for publication has always been a problem and this year was no exception. Every effort should be made by all groups and members to submit items of interest to the Editor.

The local press has maintained a high standard in reporting the activities of the Association and through these reports the work of the Association becomes more widely known.

Thanks

The Association has received much direct and indirect assistance from individuals and organisations throughout the year. The work of the Association has been made more possible through this assistance and we do extend our sincere thanks to all those who have assisted in one way or another.

It is not possible to mention the many who have helped us by name but we would mention Middlesex County and Hendon Borough Councils, National Federation of Community Associations, Business Club of Burnt Oak, Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce, *Hendon and Finchley Times*, and those local traders who have assisted us in a variety of ways.

GROUP STATEMENTS

	1-1-52	Income	Expend.	Due	Balances at 31-12-52 in hand
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bowling Club ...	10 0 0				10 0 0
Boxing Club ...	15 6 2	107 6 11	118 0 0½		4 13 0½
51 Club ...	11 11 1	9 13 4	8 17 4		12 7 1
Guild of Players ...	2 16 8	10 17 0	16 10 5	2 16 9	
Girl Guides ...	3 18 4				3 18 4
U.S. & C.P.B.A. ...	65 5 4	116 13 1	195 7 0		56 11 5
Men's Club ...	29 13 6	65 1 6	72 4 1		22 10 11
Motor Cycle Club ...	5 13 0	26 9 6	14 17 0		17 5 6
Neighbours ...	13 6 4	4 10 4½	9 3 9½		8 12 11
Veterans Savings ...	3 10 0	9 1 0			12 11 0
Watling Follics ...	13 0	31 11 10	26 17 11		5 6 11
Weightlifters Club ...	11 13 8	25 15 0	20 19 0		16 9 8
Youth Club ...	5 19 3	43 11 8	47 1 9		2 9 2
	<u>£179 6 4</u>	<u>£520 11 2½</u>	<u>£529 18 4</u>	<u>£2 16 9</u>	<u>£172 15 11½</u>

WATLING RESIDENT—Profit & Loss Account for the Year Ended 31st December 1952

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WATLING RESIDENT—Profit & Loss Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1952BALANCE SHEET 31st December, 1952

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and certify same to be in accordance with the books.

A. BOUCLARD,
S. PONTER, Auditors.

For the year ended 31st December, 1952.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—for the year ending 31st December 1952

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
1951	£	s. d.	1951	£	s. d.
392 Wages and National Insurance ...	388	2 10	74 Membership Subscriptions ...	...	76 10 6
457 Light, Heat and Cleaning ...	408	13 1	26 Affiliation Fees ...	...	12 7 6
119 Rates and Ground Rent ...	117	1 0	656 Hire of Rooms and Equipment ...	...	722 8 6
Printing, Postages, Telephone and Stationery ...	94	7 2	179 Groups and Sections ...	...	138 16 6
186 Insurance and Advertising ...	76	15 9	Canteen ...	669	5 11
16 Sundry Expenses ...	52	12 3	Sales ...	441	17 3
18 Affiliation Fees & Delegates Expenses	17	4 14	Less Cost ...	...	...
Architects Fees ...	19	10 0	270 Cigarettes ...	849	6 9
8 Bank Charges ...	7	14 4	Sales ...	32	0 4
65 Contributions towards Secretary's Salary ...	143	15 0	Stock on hand ...	...	...
32 Members Copies of <i>Walling Resident</i> Association ...	40	10 0	Less Cost ...	881	7 1
10 Advertisements in <i>Walling Resident</i> ...	3	11 0	Profits on Bazaar ...	...	67 3 2
Advertisements of Anniversary Week, etc. ...	4	3 0	54 Profit on Anniversary and Walling Weeks ...	...	37 5 0
4 Voucher Copies ...	48	4 0	Profit on Drama Festival ...	...	96 18 2
Depreciation, Furniture & Fittings	128	14 7	46 Interest on Post Office Savings Deposit	...	13 17 3
Surplus for the Year ...	112	1 9	39 Donations and Sundry Receipts ...	...	46 13 6
494 Excess of Income over Expenditure carried to Balance Sheet	280 Repairs and Renewals now debited to Reserve Fund	31 2 11
			Amount advanced to <i>Walling Resident</i> previously written off	115 6 0
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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1952.

1951	£	s. d.	1951	£	s. d.
Building Fund, Grant from Pilgrims Trust ...	2700	0 0	Buildings at Cost, Community Centre at 31-12-34	4020	12 4
and Special Receipts ...	927	15 0	Expenditure to date ...	49	11 9
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2700 Donations and Special Receipts ...	927	15	0						
928 Boxing Section	900	0	0						
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				1850	0	0			
1850 <i>Extension Fund</i>									
<i>Repairs & Renewals & Curtain Fund.</i>									
At 31st December, 1951... ..	210	12	7						
211 Less Expenditure for the year ...	185	15	6						
				24	17	1			
				18	5	1			
18 <i>Memorial Fund</i>									
<i>Creditors and Appropriated.</i>									
57 Accruing Expenses	22	17	1						
11 Due to <i>Walling Resident</i>	169	19	3						
180 Veterans and other Group Deposits	27	14	3						
Bank Overdraft				220	10	7			
<i>Income and Expenditure Account.</i>									
Surplus brought forward	304	6	5						
Surplus for the year	112	1	9						
				416	8	2			
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<i>Buildings at Cost.</i>									
Community Centre at 31-12-34	4020	12	4						
Expenditure to date	49	11	9						
Hut at cost	13	8	1						
				4083	12	2			
4083 <i>Furniture and Fittings at Cost</i>									
31-12-1951	790	12	11						
Less Depreciation Reserve	128	14	7						
791 <i>Walling Resident.</i>									
Advance 31-12-50	125	0	0						
Amount advanced previously	115	6	0						
written off	240	6	0						
Advance years to 21-12-52	89	16	2						
Less Members Copies and Advertisements	60	19	5						
				28	16	9			
269 2 9									
<i>Sundry Debtors.</i>									
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1853 <i>Post Office Savings Account</i>									
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I have audited the above Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year 1952 with the books and records of the Watling Community Association and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

S. POYNTER, H. BOUCHARD, Hon. Auditors.

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OFFICERS AND COUNCIL, 1952

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Mr. S. Hasler	Mr. R. Hathaway	

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Bowls Club	- - - - -	Mr. G. Richardson
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Watling Guild of Players	- - - - -	Mr. A. Bouchard
Watling Neighbours	- - - - -	Mrs. Pavely
51 Club	- - - - -	Mr. J. Whitmarsh
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Watling Follies	- - - - -	Mr. B. Sullivan

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A.U.B.T.W.	- - - - -	Mr. D. Oxham
British Legion	- - - - -	Mr. A. R. Lodge
Burnt Oak Methodist Mission	- - - - -	Mr. A. W. Kay
Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild	- - - - -	Mrs. M. Lake

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By Fred Lake

The other day, on my way home from work, I was dozing blissfully in the Underground when a porter at Colindale shouted "All change!"

I awoke with a start and dashed out on to the platform, surprised, as the indicator on the front of the train distinctly said "Edgware".

The doors closed and the train glided out of the station. It was then I realised I had left my attaché case in the train.

Fortunately, I recovered the attaché case from the lost property office.

We all hate to lose things, but have you ever lost a donkey?

At one period of my life I went overseas with the British Army and, during the course of my travels, I was stationed at Khartoum. Nice place Khartoum—but very hot.

On pay days a small party of us would spruce ourselves up and spend an evening in the town. We would go to a restaurant, have a 4-course meal with a bottle of wine; then we would see the sights of the town—such as they were—and back to barracks.

On one particular pay day we "poshed up" and set out on our weekly jaunt. At the barrack gates we were, as usual, besieged by donkey boys, pressing up to hire their donkeys. (One rarely walked in Khartoum.)

We selected our donkeys, mounted and off we went at a jog trot. These donkeys never went any faster.

Arriving at our favourite restaurant, we dismounted, secured our donkeys to a palm tree, tidied ourselves up and bowled in for the cats.

After a sumptuous repast we came out to do a round of the town. We got on our donkeys—at least my

friends did—I didn't because it wasn't there. It had vanished. It was nowhere to be seen. There were dozens of people on the highway, all riding donkeys, but it was impossible to recognise any one of them as my moke.

When I got back to barracks my donkey boy was there waiting for me. "Where's donkey?" he enquired. I tried to explain. "You lost donkey," he said, a look of horror on his face. "I never lost it," I said. "It was pinched." But he would have none of it. "You lost donkey, you pay for new one, 100 piastres." "What!" I said. "You pay," he repeated and his mates joined in in support. There I was, surrounded by an arguing gesticulating mob.

Presently the Provost Sergeant arrived on the scene. "What's the trouble?" he asked, pushing his way through.

"I hired his donkey," I explained. "I tied it up to a tree outside a restaurant and when I came out—there it was—Gone!"

"Him lost donkey," shouted the boy. "Him buy new one, 100 piastres."

"I never lost the sanguinary donkey," I bawled. "It was pinched."

Just then a lone British Officer rode by on a donkey. It was the Adjutant.

The boy's face lit up as he ran towards the Officer. "My donkey!" he cried excitedly. "Him found!"

I learnt afterwards that some rascally native had seen us go into the restaurant and had hired my donkey to another client who happened to be the Adjutant.

Since that day I shudder when I see a donkey. Give me a bike any day.

FLOOD DISASTER

Within hours of the Broadcast Appeal for Flood relief the Community Association began to receive parcels of clothing for those in need. This clothing was not "the never to be worn again" stuff one may have expected, but was of first-class quality and condition. Those who so generously gave did, most obviously, give of their best.

We do thank our local residents for assistance they have given those thousands who are in need. Since practically all the clothing parcels were handed in anonymously it is not possible for us to personally thank the donors. Mention should, we feel, be made of the immediate and ready support of Mr. T. Coleman, of Pegleys, and Mrs. Young and friends from Murrays, Watling Avenue.

ACCORDION CLUB TO START IN EDGWARE

We have been informed that an Accordion Club is to be formed in the Edgware area. Organising the Club is Mr. Calcutt, a member of the pre-war Edgware Accordion Club. Musical Director and Teacher for the Club will be Desmond A. Hart, General Secretary of the British Association of Accordionists and the World Accordion Confederation, and Founder Editor of "World Accordion Review."

All ex-members of the pre-war club are asked to contact Mr. Calcutt at 82 Shrewsbury Avenue, Kenton. New members who are interested or anxious to learn are also welcome.

We are shortly to lose one of our most esteemed and staunch friends, Mrs. Larkin and her daughter Shirley. They are sailing to America on April 11th in The S.S. Georgic to live with her eldest daughter and son in law. We wish them all the best in their new enterprise. Good Health and Good Luck and hope they will remember our Association, and the happy times, we spent in each others company and hope to hear from them sometimes.

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Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday) ..	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
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Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
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Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	
(alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
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Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.I.'s. Service (3rd Friday	
in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd	
Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

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VIEWPOINT

We note from the Council Minutes of Monday, March 9th, that it is proposed to provide entertainment for 1,850 Old People from the Borough of Hendon. These figures have been obtained through the local clubs and we gather that nothing has been done to compile a complete list of Old People, excepting those already in membership of one of the existing clubs.

In view of this we consider there are two major issues which should be raised with the appropriate Committee responsible for Coronation Celebrations.

The first is that, owing to the tendency of a large number of Old People to belong to two or three Clubs, the figure given above must be an inflated one and there should, therefore, be a more accurate survey made of the individuals actually concerned.

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The second—and more important—point is that of participation. If the Borough of Hendon is setting aside money for Coronation Entertainment for the Old Aged persons of the Borough, this money should be used as widely as possible and not limited to those persons who are members of Clubs. Because an Old Person is not a member of a Club it does not mean that person should be penalised and we do suggest that any money which is provided through the rates must be used for everyone.

We do urge the Borough Council to look into this matter more fully and seek information re the numbers who are "without the pail", yet needs must be considered.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers held at the Annual General Meeting on 28th March.

President: Mr. A. I. Jones.

Vice Presidents: Col. Haygarth, Mrs. Sudgate, Alderman Naar, Alderman Curton & Mr. Warden.

Treasurer: Mr. Leach.

Membership Secretary: Mr. Lodge

Editor: Mr. Lambert.

Resident Secretary: Mr. Hasler.

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Since January our numbers have doubled, and all the girls are very keen. We held an enrolment and enrolled our recruits.

On "Thinking Day", February 22nd, we joined with the 20th Hammersmith Company for our service in St. Mary's Parish Church, London, W.6, at which the Brownies, Guides and Rangers renewed their promise.

Our first company Church parade was held on March 18th to Wesley Hall, Watling Avenue, and further parades will be held on the first Sunday of each month to the morning service.

As part of our Coronation Tribute to our Queen, who is herself one of us, a Guide, we hope to buy our Queen's Colour.

We will visit Alexandra Palace on the 2nd July, where a Camp Fire is to be held, and the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell will speak to us.

We hope to have some outings during the Easter holidays.

The Company is open to take girls between the age of 11 and 16 years, and we feel sure there are more girls on the Estate who are not "Guides" and who will find a welcome any Thursday at 6 p.m.

Adult help is urgently needed, and anyone interested over the age of 18 will be gladly welcomed.

MARION TUMATH,
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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

There was a crowded hall on the occasion of the Guild's 24th Birthday party, with members and visitors from many other Guilds. Small tables were placed round the room, and these were soon filled with cakes and tea. Games and dancing were enjoyed and the high spot of the afternoon was a pantomime performed by the Highwood Hill Guild, and was a skit on Cinderella and brought in many Guild activities and personalities. The birthday cake was iced by Mrs. Stabler, and cut by the President, Mrs. Francis.

A meeting held in February was well attended, the speaker was Mrs. Lambert, who is on the Women's Advisory Committee of the Hemel Hempstead Housing Trust, and who described the various houses which were being built there, and the many difficulties which they were up against, the main one being heavy costs. This was very interesting and photos were handed round of the Queen laying the foundation stone of the Church, and of the different flats and houses. Thanks was expressed to the speaker by Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Knight.

A donation of £3/3/- was sent to the Mayor of Hendon's Flood Distress Fund.

The competition was won by Mrs. Haigh, and other prizes by Mrs. Wicks and Mrs. Upstart.

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N.F.C.A. AREA SPRING CONFERENCE

The Area Conference of the National Federation of Community Associations for Spring of this year was held at the Abbey Community Centre on Saturday, Feb. 28th, a little early perhaps, but all the same, for the Spring of 1953.

Watling Community Association had five delegates there and this was the largest delegation. Mr. Vear was also present, although he was there as an elected representative.

The morning session was taken up by an extremely interesting talk entitled "Why Should I?" in which the question as to why one should give time to voluntary services in the community was very closely argued. The talk provoked many questions and plenty of discussion (and it was surprising on what subjects the discussion touched).

A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by the representative of the Hampshire Council of Social Services, and in his vote of thanks I am sure he expressed many people's thanks, admiration and a certain measure of surprise when he remarked that between 2 to 2½ hours had been spent on a seemingly unhelpful subject.

The afternoon session could reasonably be called a business session. Each Community Association represented had 2 voting cards, and to start with there were a number of resolutions already passed by other areas. The first one which intended altering the constitution was defeated by 6 votes to 36. The next two resolutions both dealt with the consti-

tution, and with both it was moved and agreed that no discussion should take place on them. The fourth resolution was an attempt to save time at the N.F.C.A. Annual General Meetings and with a slight alteration this was carried 43-0. Resolutions 5 and 6 both dealt with different aspects of the N.F.C.A.'s finance. They were, however, both defeated by 1 vote to 42. The 7th resolution came from Oxford and it was passed also with a slight addition of the words "where there is approval needed". An amendment to Standing Orders moved by Mr. Sewell Harris, was an attempt to prevent the Resolution Paper becoming shattered with resolutions that could well be called "old faithfuls", this was carried by 35 votes to 0. The next resolution asked for a record (not minutes) of all area conferences to be sent to all member associations in the area. This also was carried by 33 votes to 6.

Then Chessington C.A. put forward a resolution asking that Surrey C.C. should give greater attention to their needs. After what seemed to be rather heated exchanges between the Chairman and Chessington's representatives, the motion was withdrawn on the grounds that people's attention had been drawn to the matter.

Finally, the Secretary of the meeting submitted the following resolution "The Standing Orders Committee would like to see a committee to draw up the timetable for Area Conferences (i.e. London and the Home Counties Area and the South-East Area)". This was carried by 35-0. It was agreed that the elected

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It was good to know that the Abbey C.A. would house the next Area Conference and that it would be on 10/10/53.

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NORTH HENDON LIBERAL ASSOCIATION Burnt Oak Ward

Report of the A.G.M. on 16th February at 28 Arundel Gardens, Burnt Oak—the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Mr. E. Allen, 28 Arundel Gardens, Burnt Oak. MIL 4257.

Secretary, Mr. W. Hall, 73 The Meads, Burnt Oak.

Treasurer, Mr. J. Hare, 1 Woodcroft Ave., Mill Hill. MIL 1890.

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U.S. & C.B.P.A.

Hello Friends,

It is said, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again." Well, having been unfortunate with my two previous instalments, owing to the post being on the slow side in your area; I hope this third attempt will be more successful. By the time you read this nearly a quarter of 1953 will have passed by. In my January attempt I was offering you all, good health and happiness. Although only 75% of the year remains, I still ask you to accept those good wishes.

As you know, the first part of the year was a little hectic due to getting the Rules on a proper basis, also to the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year. Owing to the absence of a few prominent members on these particular evenings they were not re-elected. Outstanding among these being Mrs. G. Richardson and Mr. G. Thompson. It is to be very much regretted that their services are lost this year as they have always been such grand and loyal workers and sacrificed themselves for the benefit of others. I will take this opportunity of offering the sincere thanks of all members for their grand services in the past and hope they will make their services available at the next annual election. The main posts of the Branch were left in the good hands of the old officers, and under their trusted guidance we should have another successful year. We wish them well and will endeavour to re-create the Unity and good fellowship which is necessary to make this the happiest Branch in the Association.

Hasn't this been an awfully long winter? It has taken its toll through sickness of many of our members. Except for Mrs. Squires, who really got out of control and had to go into hospital, all the other victims managed to overcome their ailments at their homes. They are gradually recovering, looking a little the worse for wear, but once the absent sun does come to stay with us a little more, we hope to see the colour in their cheeks and they will feel on top of the world again. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Meredith in her anxiety over the health of her husband, who had to be admitted to hospital hurriedly for an operation, which we trust was successful, and hope he will make a speedy recovery.

By the time you read these notes, we will have said "Good-bye" to our good friend, Mrs. Larkin, who will be on her way to join and take up residence permanently with her daughter in Canada. Tragedy lies at the root of this departure and it is the wish of all her friends at the Branch that the evening of her life will be full of comfort and happiness. We will also be pleased to hear from you, Mrs. Larkin. In the meantime, Good Luck and God Bless You.

I hear the evening at the theatre was enjoyed by everyone. With members and friends, over 50 took the opportunity of this night out. It makes a nice break and thanks go out to Mrs. Nyberg and Co., for arranging this happy event.

In the near future it will be our great pleasure to give welcome to the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs.

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I must conclude now, so cheerio.

W. ELLIS

It is proposed to form a **PAINTING GROUP for ADULTS**. As we are uncertain as to the support this activity would receive, please let either your "Resident" Seller, or someone at the Centre know your name.

It is not expected that the class fee will be much, and of course the evening on which it will be held will be fixed to suit the greatest number of people.

FOOTBALL PREMIER DIVISION

Not Including Feb. 28th Matches

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Deerfield S.C.	8	7	0	1	36	6	15	
Westcroft Rangers	13	6	5	2	36	40	14	
Claremont	11	6	4	1	31	28	13	
Frigidaire	12	6	5	1	36	41	13	
Mill Hill	11	5	5	1	36	32	11	
Edgware Town 'A'	14	5	8	1	32	40	11	
Watling Association	12	4	6	2	27	41	10	
1st Hendon B.B.O.B.	10	1	7	2	17	25	4	
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Mill Hill F.C. 2 W

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MEN'S CLUB

It is very gratifying to note the recent gradual, but regular, increase in the number of members of the Men's Club. During the early part of last summer a decline in membership set in and continued until, at Christmas, only a dozen or so members remained. At the A.G.M. in January the question of whether to wind up the club was discussed at some considerable length. It was eventually decided to continue, and to call a Quarterly General Meeting in April to review the situation.

Various ways of increasing membership were discussed, particularly points concerning subs and equipment.

For at least two years now members have had to pay subs whether they attended the Club or not. This, however, was revised at the last A.G.M., and subs, now, are only payable for nights when members use the club.

Another billiard table has been purchased, and although not erected yet, will be in use as soon as possible. All old members and new ones too are invited to come up any Wednesday from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. and they're always welcome.

STAN HASLER,
Hon. Sec., Men's Club.

DAFFODILS

Have you seen the daffodils in the gardens of the Estate Offices? What a lovely sight they are.

Every year some of these flowers disappear as is already happening this year. These flowers do not get taken by people who creep over in the night. We know of one lovely bunch that went in broad daylight, to be exact they were picked on Sunday afternoon, March 28th by one of the council's own office staff from Deansbrook Road. Lets hope the staff have not been given permission to pick these daffodils or there be very few to look at.

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Contact the Secretary
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20 Maple Gardens

Phone : MIL 4865 Burnt Oak

Discussion Group

April 13th OPEN FORUM

7.45 p.m.

April 27th MONARCHY or REPUBLIC

7.45 p.m.

You will be welcome to any of these very interesting discussions at the Centre.

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By Fred Lake

I courted a girl in the heyday of youth and one evening, we were crossing the Finchley Road when I noticed something shining at my feet. I kicked it and it shot across the road into the gutter. When I got to the object I found that it was a lady's dainty, little oblong wrist watch. Little stones round the face glittered in the moonlight.

When I got home I showed the watch to my mother. "It's nice," she said. "It might be valuable."

She took it to the jewellers on the corner and he offered her £5 for it. Now £5 was £5 in the 1920's.

Next day mother met the jeweller in the street and he offered her £10 for the watch.

"Well, if it's worth £10 to him, it must be valuable," I said. "What do we do now?"

"Take it to the police station," said mother. "There might be a reward for it."

"I'll take it tomorrow," I said. But tomorrow I was working late and the next day and the next, and I forgot all about the watch till one morning at breakfast, mother handed me the newspaper.

"There's a £25 reward for that watch," she said.

I read the notice—"£25" it said. Lady's platinum wrist watch, studded with sapphires and diamonds. I nearly swallowed my sausage. So that's what the little stones were. I put on my hat and coat and off I went to the agents who had advertised,

a solicitor's office in St. Swithin's Lane.

"Why didn't you take this watch to the police station," said the man, a frosty-faced individual

"I intended to," I said, "but I was working late and I never got round to it."

"How do we know you haven't stolen it?" he asked.

"What!" I said. "I found it in the Finchley Road. The lady must have dropped it out of a car."

"All right," he said. "You'd better pop out and have some lunch. In the meantime, I'll get on to the police and get their advice on the matter."

I went out and wandered round the town. I knew the solicitor bloke was trying to scare me, and he himself might benefit by the reward. However, I had a good lunch and went back. He seemed surprised to see me. He coughed. "I've been on to the police," he said, eyeing me narrowly, "and they have got the matter in hand." He hesitated. "Have you got a Post Office account?"

"Yes," I answered.

"Well, it will be forwarded to your account," he said. "That is, if you are not charged with stealing by finding."

I went out. What a 'orrible man, I thought.

However, the money was paid into my account all right. Funnily enough, that night, going to bed, I saw something glitter on the hearthrug. It was a small diamond. I wasn't keen to take it back to old frosty face. So I had it mounted on a gold tie pin.

HENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Notes from the Minutes of Council Meeting held on March 9th

Official Lecturers from War Office and Admiralty

Recommended that the Borough Education Officer be instructed to inform the Head Teachers of the Secondary Schools and Schools with Secondary Sections

(I) that the Divisional Executive grant permission to accredited lecturers to enter schools for the purpose of giving senior boys information about the Army and Royal Navy, and

(II) that no boy should be included in the groups receiving talks if his parent/s expresses a wish that he should not do so.

Coronation Souvenir Mugs

An order has been placed with the Chief Supplies Officer for the provision of 6,500 souvenir mugs at a cost of 1/5½ each.

Use of Schools

Reported that the County Council had approved certain concessionary charges for the use of school premises, outside school hours, during the period 26th May to 13th June, 1953, inclusive.

Whist Score Cards

The Road Safety Committee has approved the printing of 5,000 whist score cards suitably printed with Road Safety slogans for distribution to local organisations, clubs, etc.

Watling Park Bowling Rink

Recommended that one rink at Watling Park—and other parks—be made available to the public

at all times when the rinks are open.

Gymnasium

Following the request of the Watling Community Association for the provision of a Gymnasium in the Burnt Oak district to commemorate the Coronation and that such a gymnasium should be available to local clubs and schools, the Council regretted they were unable to take any action in the matter.

Housing Applications

Applications outstanding at 31st January, 1953, totalled 7,614.

A PLEA FOR PEACE

The following plea went from the Watling Community Association to Mr. Charles Ian Orr-Ewing during March.

In view of our concern for the future well being of the world we urge you to take every step possible to bring about a peaceful settlement of present day conflicts and to bring about a strong and realistic United Nations Organisation.

We are sure the whole of the Watling Residents need a world at peace with itself; a world wherein differences between man and man and nation and nation may be resolved without resort to force and a wasteful spoiling of life and the earth's resources.

We ask you to help the nation to seek an answer to this problem and to press forward towards a real United Nations Organisation.

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Watling Association Youth Club is having a most successful year in the realm of sport. The girls' table-tennis team have won their division of Hendon Youth League, and Joan and Jean Bickham represented Hendon in an inter-borough match against Hornsey, which was lost by 4 rubbers to 5. Sheila Davis, who is also in the Watling team, was reserve. Roy Tebbs, a member of the boys' table-tennis team of the club, also represented Hendon on that occasion. The boys' table-tennis team are having a close struggle for promotion at the top of Division II in the Hendon League.

The Girls Netball Team on March 28th played their final game of league fixtures they won by ten goals to nine, this game made them league champions.

FOOTBALL REPORT

First of all I must apologise for not having written last month. This was due to an error on my part regarding the final date for submitting material for the printer.

However, as you can see by the list of recent league matches, the team has met with more success lately than it did earlier in the season. As I only receive a league table once a month, I'm not able to say definitely whether we've improved our league position, but in view of the small margin between ourselves and the two teams immediately above us, it is

quite likely that we have done so by now.

At the time of writing only four more league matches remain to be played. Due to several blank weeks during the recent bad weather, our season will now end on April 25th, which means that our last three matches will be "aways".

Some of you may remember that last Easter a match was played against a team from a Swansea community centre. A return visit was discussed, but as we hadn't a regular team at the time the idea had to be shelved. This year two Swansea community centres are sending teams and matches have been arranged for Easter Saturday and Easter Monday. The Saturday game is to be played on the Colindale Hospital ground, kick-off approximately 3 p.m. Not all of our regular players will be available, so that some of our members playing for other teams will have an opportunity to represent the Association.

On the Monday the match will be on the Cressingham Road pitch in Watling Park. As the visitors wish to go out during the afternoon, kick-off will be at 10.30 a.m. This second match is to be in the nature of a charity game in aid of the Flood Relief Fund, and for this purpose a collection will be made during the match.

So far, I'm afraid very few of you have supported us by your attendance at the games. It's true that I didn't pin up a fixture list in the Centre, but as so many changes have been made, the list would have been very misleading.

This time, however, both games

Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.40 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B. F.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	8 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
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Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month)	7.30 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

**THE COUNCIL MEETS ON
FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**
Visitors always welcome.

are near home, you know about them in advance, and the weather should be slightly more favourable than it was a few weeks ago. So I'm hoping that a good crowd of you will turn up.

A lot of inconvenience has arisen this season due to the fact that once a regular team has been decided upon, our other registered players have been starved of a game for several weeks at a time. Mainly to overcome this it has

been proposed that a second team be raised next season and entered in the league, providing sufficient support is given, there is every prospect of this being carried out. It is also likely that a Youth Club team will be started too, so that no reasonably good player need go short of a game next season.

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VIEWPOINT

At a recent Discussion Group meeting in the Community Centre the whole evening was given to Relationships in the Community and points made might well be brought to the notice of members and residents.

In such an organisation as ours, where our coming together is the result of a free desire and not of regulated necessity, it is very necessary for each one of us to

recognise our responsibilities and obligations.

We have to recognise that our smallest action or statement may create difficulties which will possibly have far reaching results; as we needs must recognise certain basic rights we all must have.

The Association encourages the development of the individual. It should do everything possible to help us all to become more

continued over.

NEWS

for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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balanced citizens, but it must not be presumed that the Community Association is here for personal self seeking or for the satisfying of one's own ego to the disadvantage of others.

There can be no room for dislike and personal prejudice; no room for the spreading of rumour or the manufacture of lies; and no room for division.

We, as individuals, have our personal weaknesses—we may be hasty in speech; we may allow our dislike of another to obstruct our sense of fairness; we may seek to hide our failings through pointing the finger of blame at others; we may hurt our neighbour and our friend. As members of a community we have to recognise our failings and make

efforts to put them right. In recognising our own failings we shall more readily see the need for greater tolerance towards one another and a greater preparedness to work with one another in friendship.

As members of a group we must recognise the right of others to have their own points of view and for them to express these points of view—even though we may *strongly* disagree with views expressed. Disagreement does not mean ill feeling, but it may result in our seeing one another's point of view and in our continuing to work more reasonably towards a common goal.

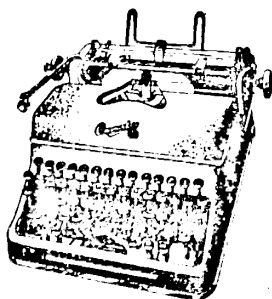
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WEIGHTLIFTING SECTION

The Weightlifting Section regret the leaving of their best lifter, Ron Foster, who, owing to moving to Hemel Hemstead, has left the club for good. However, they have managed to secure the services of a new lifter, Alf Peters, also from the Watling estate. Although only a novice to the sport Alf has already lifted in two matches, and on both occasions giving a very satisfactory performance for a chap with only three or four weeks' training to his credit. The previous first team lifters were E. Booth, R. Foster, D. Foster. In the first half of the season the first team were placed second out of the best ten teams

in the London League. Beaten only by Kentish Town I, who have won the First Division every year since it started soon after the war. In a recent match the totals were as follows:—E. Booth 300 lb., A. Peters 475 lb., D. Foster 635 lb. Watling beat Luton I by 42 lb. Weight-lifting is becoming more popular every day, young men no longer believing the old saying that Weight-lifting makes one slow and muscle bound. They know now as experienced Weight-trainer knows, that it develops speed co-ordination and split second timing all of which are a good foundation for any field of sport.

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Hullo Friends,

I hope you all had a happy Easter. Although the weather was inclined to be unkind, the Easter break is always appreciated after the very long winter.

A very good "Welcome home" Social was arranged by Mrs. Nyberg and as usual her efforts were crowded with success. Our guests of honour being Mrs. Gibbs' daughter and grandchild, who have been visiting here from California since Christmas. This was rather a belated Social owing to sickness and other causes and this was the first opportunity for a social welcome home. The little girl Pamela thoroughly enjoyed herself and I am sure her presence contributed to making the evening a most enjoyable one.

Another pleasant surprise was to have Mrs. Symes with us again after her serious illness. We all hope she will continue to make good progress so that her long stay in hospital will seem like a bad dream. The same evening we had to say goodbye to Mrs. Larkin who, as reported in the last issue, after her tragic experience last year, was leaving England to make her home in Canada. Everyone wished her good fortune in her new venture.

It was good to see Mrs. Davies back at the piano. Her popular selections are always enjoyed, yes, even as much as her pastry and apple tart. Our Sausage Roll expert, Miss Jones, again tempted our appetites with her specials and they soon left the Menu card. Many other ladies contributed their handywork, but space does not permit all names to be printed. Our thanks go out to them

all for their efforts in the various ways in which they help.

Mr. & Mrs. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Wood must be extremely happy with the visit of their respected daughters and grandchildren, who recently arrived in England. What a thrill it must have been for all of them. On behalf of all members I take this opportunity of saying "Welcome Home" to you and may we have the great pleasure of seeing you and your children in the near future.

With the improved weather the attendance at the fortnightly dance has improved, but it still requires more to attend to make it a "do." Our lady and gent instructors are very good and most patient with even the worst on earth dancers, of which I am one. So do try and get along to encourage Mrs. Nyberg and these good folk.

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THE MILL HILL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Mill Hill Council of Social Service was held on 24th February last, at the Hartley Hall, after refreshments had been served by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Ecob.

Mr. Stanley G. Shaw was re-elected President; Mr. H. Mantrip, Chairman; Mr. W. Wallace, Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. Wharhirst, Hon. Secretary; and Mr. Kenneth Lonsdale, Hon. Auditor.

Mrs. Wharhirst, in her report, spoke of the past year as having been an exceedingly busy one. There had been several events held in aid of the twenty-first Birthday Fund whereby £420 had been raised and the Committee expressed many thanks to those kind friends whose untiring help had made possible the work done by the Committee. A great deal of this work had been done in conjunction with S.S.A.F.A., the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts workshops. Help and advice had been given to 2207 homes, pensions and grants obtained for widows and aged people; wives of service men had been assisted regarding allowances, and disabled and sick men and women and their children helped in various ways. All kinds of forms had been dealt with, and a vast amount of official letters and reports sent out during the year. Layettes, cots, and prams have been supplied and many people clothed. Special help has been given to those in need in 199 homes at Christmas time. Many matrimonial problems had been brought before the Committee and in these cases no effort is

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spared so that broken homes and marriages may be saved. In this way sorrow has been wiped away or prevented and happiness brought to countless homes.

These and a host of other matters, each carefully and sympathetically attended to, are a splendid tribute to the loving care given by Mrs. Wharhirst and her Committee to relieve distress among the people of this district, many of whom are among our own Watling community and have reason to be very grateful for the energy and unfailing active sympathy with which every appeal for help is met.

Mrs. Wharhirst spoke of the sadness felt during the war at the tragic loss of Mr. Nyberg, who had been our representative on this Committee and their very good friend.

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FOOTBALL REPORT

As I predicted last month, the latest available League Table does show an improvement in our position in the Division. Unfortunately, however, both our league games since that time have resulted in defeat for us and with only two more League games before the end of the season we haven't much opportunity to climb any higher.

By the time you read this, the season will be over and done with. Summing up our first year, I feel that, although we've won no cups or championships, the results have certainly justified the effort.

The team was originally intended as an outside interest for the Men's Club—a mere sub-section, and in a number of cases the support pledged by various players did not materialise.

Considering the circumstances, a number of people (myself included), considered it somewhat futile to enter the League Premier Division, but enter we did, and the experiment has proved a success.

Of course, the initial outlay, for equipment, the pitch, affiliation fees, insurance, etc., was somewhat costly, but the money (loaned by the Men's Club) has now been repaid, and at last the team is self-supporting. It is now practically certain that a second team will be affiliated next season and to consider this and certain

other matters it has been decided to call a General Meeting of all interested members of the Association for May 4th at 8 p.m.

I'm happy to report that we won both our Easter matches, beating Townhill & Mayhill C.A. 3-1, and Bonymaen C.A. 4-2.

Unfortunately, the Monday match was marred by a heavy shower, and this rapidly dispersed what had been a steadily growing crowd of supporters. Their appearance, though brief, did much to encourage our team. However, and I would like to thank all who did attend.

Both the opposing teams were extremely keen for us to pay them a return visit, and it has been suggested that we go to Swansea one week-end next month. Failing this, we will probably make the trip before next season's League matches commence.

A few days ago we received our allocation of tickets for the England v. Scotland match and the Cup Final. Due to the great demand for these tickets we were only allowed one ticket for the International and two for the Cup and members of the team and the Men's Club had to draw for them.

Well, here's hoping we win our last two matches. Cheerio.

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Easter Diary

Good Friday. Up at crack of dawn—with Mum's help. Wash and dress, warm slacks and numerous woollies here, and then downstairs to a substantial breakfast, though excitement has taken the edge off my appetite. Just time for a kit-check before we leave, toothbrush, soap, money, etc. There, I nearly forgot a comb. We're ready. Astride the bright and shining Tiger 100, standing by the gate, and off we go to meet the others at the "Queen of Hearts." By 8 a.m. everyone had arrived. One behind the other we rode through Kenton out to Slough and then on to the Bath Road, via Reading and Newbury. Eleveses at Marlborough, coffee and delicious hot-cross buns in a small café at the beginning of the town. Then on through Frome and Devizes to Bridgewater—lunch-time.

Arrived in Porlock about 3.00 p.m. after a dry and trouble-free journey and were promptly greeted with a heavy shower of rain. Firstly, down to our "digs" for a wash and brush up and then a walk up Porlock Hill before dinner—couldn't have done it afterwards—and so to bed.

Saturday. Some keen types were out by 6.00 this morning, riding 12 miles into Lynmouth, to watch some of the motor cycles in the Lands End Trial climb the Beggars Roost section, getting back

just in time for breakfast. Later in the morning we went to the Roost again, this time to watch the cars going up. Part of the afternoon was spent in Lynton and Lynmouth looking at the flood damage and later a detour was made across Exmoor, on our way back to Porlock, finding some paths seemingly inhabited only by wandering sheep and wary-eyed Exmoor ponies.

Sunday. The day of the Beggars Roost trial and of dodging heavy sleet showers. Firstly, we went to Cloutsham, a rock hill, and in a fall of snow watched a number of the competitors climbing this difficult looking section, quite easily. Then to some tea-rooms near Exford for "elevenses"—luckily coinciding with heavy rain. The tap-room of an Exford hotel provided our lunch and there, above the bar, on the newly-painted wall was marked the flood line of August 15th. In the afternoon we joined a large number of spectators watching competitors climbing the hill at Slades Lane. Our last evening was spent in Porlock, a final wander round the pretty village.

Monday. Up bright and early and ready to pack before breakfast. A last look round the bedroom. Nothing left in the drawers or wardrobe. Farewells and many thanks to our very kind landladies and then we are on our homeward journey, taking with us the memories of a wonderful Easter holiday.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Since the Annual General Meeting of the Association the new Social Committee have met to discuss the many problems that seem to be facing them these days. One problem is that of the Sunday night dances. They were slowly declining sometime ago, but since the Savoy Cinema have been having Sunday evening concerts the hall has been almost empty. There seems to be no immediate solution and the Committee did agree that the dances should be cancelled on the nights of the Savoy Concerts.

Another Sunday night function that has been having a lean time with only a few people in attendance is the monthly Free and Easy. The Committee agreed that the three M.C's, Mrs. Nyberg, Mr. Lake and Mr. Bouchard, should be allowed to try a new scheme of entertaining the people attending with some forms of variety entertainment, etc.

Saturday nights were discussed and here again it was the same old story of attendance. The last two Helpers' Socials were ably organised, but very few of the helpers attended although we have many helpers in the Association. It was agreed that the Helpers' Socials should be carried on, on the first Saturday night in each month.

One thing Mr. Needham, the Social Secretary, is almost sure to make a success of is his mystery drives which he will be starting in June. Mr. Needham had great success with these drives last season and he hopes to have even greater success, as the drives will be on Saturday evenings instead of week-day.

The Friday night whist drives continue to have a good following. On the whole it would seem, or in fact we know, that the social activities in the Centre have been declining, but we are sure that the new Committee, under the guidance of Mr. Needham, will do its best and to that we must say "Thank you".

D.20 SOCIAL CLUB

The D.20 Social Club have arranged a drive to Clacton-on-Sea on Sunday, 28th June next, with lunch and tea at Cordy's Café, one of the best restaurants at Clacton.

Coaches leave the Centre at 8.15 a.m.

There are a few seats now available; price including meals and gratuities, approx. 24/-.

If any member would like to join this outing, please leave their names at the office or contact Mr. W. Townsend.

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On 16th February, Mr. Stevens very kindly came to tell us of the "Greek Gods and Legends". Mr. Lake, the following week, gave an interesting talk on the "Colour Bar" from the angle of both black and white people. We agreed that all men are God's children whatever their colour and that there are good, bad and indifferent among all races. We white people must put away our pride and treat all men as we ourselves would like to be treated. If this had been done throughout the past years there would now be friendship instead of enmity between races.

On 16th March, Mr. Vear, Secretary of Watling Community Association, shared with us his thoughts on "Personal Relationships within the Community Association" relating his subject to the parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard. This most interesting talk stimulated in us the belief that God is the Father of us all whatever our needs or abilities. He loves us all equally and expects from each of us according to our ability. Some are able to give only a little service, others a great deal, but if all is given in a loving spirit with no thought of either reward or even recognition and without criticism of another then we are equally pleasing in the sight of God. Mr. Vear rightly reminded us of the various needs which have been met through our Association and many of us will be for ever grateful for the help and kindness received in times of trouble.

Mrs. Currie Martin, a very dear friend of our School, talked to us of the parable of "The Talents"

appealing to us to use all our talents, however small, to the best of our ability for the good of our neighbours and not merely for ourselves. It was pointed out that the smallest talent can very often be fanned into a bright and powerful flame by regular use and training, while many and great talents misused or neglected tend to gradually die away to nothing.

We are sorry that Mrs. Rollins and Mrs. Hatch have been very ill and are glad that they are now better and with us again. Mrs. Higgs, another helpful member, has removed to Breham Wood. We miss her cheery presence and have been glad to see her on the two occasions on which she came to see us.

Mrs. Welsh has resigned owing to home commitments. We are sorry, but look forward to her return as soon as she is able and are very grateful for her help while she was our Social Secretary.

The banner awarded to the School enrolling the most Members during the year has been sent to Eversfield School with our congratulations and good wishes. We look forward to the Spring Rally which is being organised by their School, when we are to be shown over the Observatory at Mill Hill.

The North Thames Gas Board kindly provided a most helpful cookery demonstration on 30th March. The smell of good things—a feather-iced cake, two vegetarian dishes and a tasty fish dish—cooking pervaded the Centre that afternoon and must have made many mouths outside our room water. We sampled the cake and it was very good, the other dishes were won in a raffle by two lucky people.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor,

May I ask you to publish a word of warning to parents.

As the ice-cream season is now with us, it is only natural that our children will buy ice-cream. No one of us would wish to stop them enjoying ice-cream, but we can do our best to see that what they buy is fit to eat.

Cleanliness plays a great part in the health of our children and good health is something they will need all through their lives. I have seen ice-cream Salesmen riding around on this estate with old tricycles which are dirty inside as well as outside and I have seen one who had hands that were really filthy.

Please, Mothers, advise your children to buy from the better-known salesmen such as "Walls" or "Toni's" who both do rounds on this estate and steer them clear of these unwelcome, dirty types.—Mrs. B. G., Dryfield Road.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for sending me the resolution which the Watling Community Association passed at the last meeting of the Council. I think it is an excellent one, and I will certainly continue to devote my efforts to secure a "peaceful settlement of present-day conflicts and to bring about a strong and realistic United Nations Organisation". This is the policy of the Government which I support, and I hope that the Community Association will continue to support this idea and from time to time let me know their feelings in this matter.—Yours sincerely, Charles L. Orr-Ewing.

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

May 30th and 31st are the days when the Association's Youth Club will be entertaining 30 boys from Low Hill Community Association.

The boys are coming to London to see the decorations for the Coronation.

They will be sleeping in the Centre and supper and breakfast will be prepared by members of our own Youth Club. On the Sunday they will be shewn around London.

NETBALL

A matter of concern to many organisations of young people in the borough was discussed at Watling Centre on Friday. The problem is an old and thorny one. Throughout the winter the Hendon Youth Sub-Committee run a flourishing netball league. Over 20 teams compete, but they all meet with one snag. They have to change in the open, as the Borough Council do not open school premises. In snow, rain or wind, changing is done in the open. Recently another problem has arisen: "Peeping Tom" has been spotted at one of the school playgrounds and the police had to be called in. Watling Council intend to see what they can do about it, by making representations to the Borough Council.

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On the 21st April a film show was given in the Youth Club by the Southern Coca-Cola Bottlers Limited.

This was an advertising film show with a difference. In the past we have had good films supplied by other advertisers, but none with the friendly atmosphere caused by the good company of the two gentlemen who came along, Mr. T. P. Evans and Mr. Peter England.

One film of great interest was that of professional table tennis as played by Victor Barna.

The Coca-Cola film itself, advertising Coca-Cola, was really well presented in technicolor. It started off in period time dating back to the 1800's right up to the present day.

Mr. T. P. Evans gave a very pleasant talk, and most informal, on Coca-Cola.

Every member of the audience was given, free of charge, a bottle of Coca-Cola and for answering very simple questions all received a beautiful red propelling pencil.

Many thanks to Coca-Cola, Mr. T. P. Evans and Mr. Peter England.

EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

At the afternoon section of the above Club 37 members enjoyed a very interesting afternoon. Several members of the Club volunteered to give talks on "MY JOB" before they became blind.

This proved an excellent idea and after the talks all members felt they knew each other far more than was considered possible. The Speakers were:—

Mrs. Dyer, Tailoring; Mr. Bryant, "Trinity Circus" work on the Lighthouses; Miss Groom, Teacher; Mr. Hastie, Miner; Miss Richardson, Nurse; Mrs. Mullett, Coffee Shop; Dr. Carmalt Jones, Doctor; Mr. Sterling—Boys Club Leader; Miss Robertson, Teaching in a Blind School.

During the afternoon the Club were pleased to welcome a new member and Ladies of the Highwood Townswomen's Guild, who have offered to help in running the Club.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the meeting held on Thursday, 28th March, an expression of sympathy on the death of Queen Mary was given by the Chairman, Mrs. McNeill. There was a good attendance and the speaker was Miss Irene Veale. Her subject was "I saw yesterday" and after introducing many various food products, samples were given to the members. Mrs. Adams gave a vote of thanks for the interesting talk. The raffle was won by Mrs. Haigh and Mrs. Weekes. The competition "Something new from something old" was won by Mrs. Fitzgerald with a blouse made from a frock.

There have been two outings, one to the Ice Show at Wembley, and one to the factory of the Spirella Corset Co. Both were very enjoyable, but, of course, in a different way.

An interesting afternoon of films shown by the Gas Light and Coke Co. was enjoyed by all on the social afternoon.

Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
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Townswomen's Guild	2.30 p.m.
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Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
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Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	8 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
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Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
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Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON
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RESIDENT

We have had some difficulty in getting this month's copy of the "Resident" out. Many groups express their wish to have articles in the "Watling Resident", but very few ever get their copy along in time.

Copy intended for publication should reach the Editor by the

14th of the previous month.

If you are a member of a group and feel, as we do, that your group should advertise itself by letting readers know just what is happening in your group and what is likely to happen in the future, please see to it that your person responsible does get his or her copy in in time.

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VIEWPOINT

Extensions to the Community Association have been a sore point for many years. For some time it has been impossible to adequately meet the growing needs of this large Watling Estate and frequent efforts have been made to raise the necessary money to extend the Community Centre. Grant Aid from the Local Authority appears to be impossible and it now rests with the

Association and local residents to raise funds to proceed with the immediately needed extension to the hall and with the provision of dressing rooms and meeting rooms.

Money has slowly been placed in reserve, but we are sure this total reserve will not be enough to meet our expenses and we must seek the support and interest of *all* residents in an effort to extend and in an

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NEWS

for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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effort to recapture much of the dormant interest in the Association.

By supporting the activities of the Association; by the regular payment of membership fees; by interesting others in the Association; by seeking donations for the Building Fund; by reminding the many who receive so much through the Association, we may begin to see the coppers—and pounds—roll in.

Through the Football Club and the Men's Club a donation of £10 was received for the Building Fund only a few days ago and we are sure this gesture might well be copied to the advantage and benefit of us all.

1953 is the Silver Jubilee Year of the Association and we should commemorate this year in a more material way—through an extension which will be of value to many residents in the future as well as in the present. We must each one of us strive to make a contribution to local life.

We would remind residents that the services at the Community Centre—organised through the Association—are there for everyone regardless of membership. If there is a tenants' problem we do our best

to resolve it; if there is a need for advice, whether legal or otherwise, the Association provides it. With the closure of the Hendon Citizen Advice Bureau there has been an increase in strain placed upon the Association and this strain has been carried without complaint.

We ask you to make your contribution to local well being.

LOCAL INFORMATION Addresses & Telephone Numbers

Hendon Borough Council: Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4. Tel.: (all Dept.) HEN 8282.

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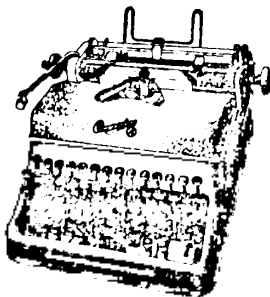
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Hullo Friends,

The past month was quite an interesting one, with the Eastbourne Conference and most important to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Wood the safe arrival from America of their respective daughters and three grandchildren. They had a good trip on the "Queen Mary" and the thousands of miles travelling with young children was accomplished successfully. I think our climate caused a few days sickness soon after arrival but now all are feeling quite fit I am happy to say. A "Welcome Home" Social and Dance was arranged soon after their arrival and I am sure everyone had a happy evening. Mr. Davies, although sick, made a great effort to get along to say a few words of welcome on behalf of all members to them. Mr. Thompson, another of our good friends who is also on the sick list, also made the effort, and we all hope the happy evening had beneficial effects on both of them.

The conference at Eastbourne was a very interesting and successful one. It was attended by a large proportion of our members from all parts of the country and it was a good muster. We were pleased to have Miss Rose Buckner of *The People* in attendance and she gave a nice interesting and kindly speech about our daughters in America and Canada. To quote her, she said, "They were the best ambassadors

England had ever sent," which gave everyone great satisfaction. She had recently returned from a visit over there so she should know. An invitation was extended to her to become the President of our Association, which she gladly accepted. All members felt we had gained a great asset in having this very talented lady in our ranks. Another asset gained there, was Mr Nolan, of the T.A.B.A., who delivered a very fine speech dealing with the Federation of our two Associations. He made a deep impression on all present and it was resolved to give the idea a trial for a year. It was most gratifying to hear the National Executive pay a nice tribute to our Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Bromige, for their great service and endeavour they have given during the past year, in attempting to get Customs concessions on gift parcels. These members were asked to stand up to receive the generous thanks of all present. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bromige had an individual honour which she richly deserved. Mr. G. Richardson is also included in these honours of hard working folk. The Mayor of Eastbourne honoured us with his presence and our thanks go to Eastbourne for entertaining us.

Hope you all have a happy Whitsun and a good view of the Coronation.

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Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Veterans'	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	5 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Moaday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service: alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON
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Visitors always welcome.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th at 2.30 p.m.

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4th WATLING GIRL GUIDES

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April has been a memorable month for the Company. First, we had our Queen's Colour Dedicated on Sunday, 26th April, at the morning service in Wesley Hall, Threleby Road. In his impressive address, Rev. W. J. Robson stressed the meaning of the Guide Law and Promise. The flag was received on behalf of the Company by Patrol Leader Marianne Changeur, with Acting Patrol Leader Maureen Wheelhouse, and Guide Barbara Cullen as escorts. The Lesson was read by Guide Pat Green, and the collection taken by Guides Evelyn Proud and Doreen Evans. The Girls' Life Brigade and the Boys' Brigade also paraded. Among those present were Mrs. A. W. Purkington, District Commissioner, Mrs. Weston, Badge Secretary, Miss Eveleigh, representing Local Association, Councillor Mrs. Suggate, Mr. Jones, President of Watling Centre, Mr. F. Lake, Chairman of Watling Centre, Mr. A. W. Kay, representing Methodist Mission. The Guides marched back to the Centre, accompanied by the Boys' Brigade Band.

Secondly, Patrol Leader Marianne Changeur has won her First Class Badge; we are all justly proud, as it is no mean achievement; we hope she will get "The Queen's Guide Award". Good luck, Marianne.

Patricia Green has got her Second Class Badge and has been made a Patrol Leader.

There is still room for more girls between 11 and 16 years. Adult help is urgently needed and anyone over 18 years will be very welcome.

MARION TUMATH.

Captain.

The following was included in a letter from our old friend Len Henly who is now in India.

Here is an amusing incident which occurred to us and I wondered if you would care to use it in the *Resident*.

We (the family) had been on a visit to the museum at Taxila, some five miles away. We travelled in what is called a "tonga", that is like a two-wheeled dog cart, seats back to back and a large canopy over; this vehicle is drawn by a horse.

On the return journey the driver stopped near a house that lay back some 50 yards from the road and went off across the field to the house. Some few minutes later he reappeared with a small foal, leading it by a halter and followed by a crowd of children. He led the foal up to our tonga, and it went straight to the mare in the shafts and had its tea. By this time we had climbed out of the tonga and stood looking on with much amusement and surrounded by quite a crowd of adults and children.

After the foal had finished its tea it was taken back; we got back into the tonga and resumed our journey.

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Saturdays.
 Religious Instruction 10 a.m.
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Meeting with the Poor
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EDGWARE & DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

On Tuesday afternoon fifty members of the above Club and friends were taken on a trip round the world by Miss Ida Cooke, best known as Miss Mary Birchall, the novelist.

Miss Cooke, in her talk, took us to Australia via Cairo and Singapore and we returned by way of America and Canada.

Her talk was so vivid we almost felt we had really been with her and enjoyed meeting and visiting all the people and places of interest.

A vote of thanks was given by Miss Tolman and Miss Langley presented Miss Cooke with flowers in appreciation of her second visit to us. Miss Cooke said she was always happy when invited to return a visit and hoped we would ask her yet again.

A. G. SNOW.

Coronation Street Parties

Although it is now too late to repair a breakdown in local Coronation Celebrations, we would draw the attention of our readers to the plight of many local children for whom no party arrangements have been made.

Many streets have planned and carried out a worthwhile project whilst others have not taken steps towards the provision of a worthwhile afternoon for the children.

It may now be too late to put on a Street Party, but we do hope it will be possible for other plans to be made for the children who have been onlookers ONLY at someone else's party. Collections can be made and an outing planned for these children.

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CARNIVAL QUEEN

On Saturday, May 9th, a social
was held at the Centre for the
purpose of choosing this year's
Carnival Queen.

Mr. Coleman and Mr. Moutel
acted as Judges.

Twelve girls entered and these
included well known members of the
Centre and Youth Club.

This dance was quite a friendly
affair, ably M.C.'d by Mrs. Lily
Nyberg.

Jean Bickham was chosen as
Carnival Queen and her attendants
Sheila Davis accompanied by Lily
Pavely.

Jean is a member of the Centre
Youth Club, netball team, table
tennis team and also a member of
the Youth Management Committee,
so she is no stranger to the Centre.

When Mr. Coleman announced
the finalist he did add that other

years the judges were asked to pick
three girls out of about a dozen at
each heat to attend again on the
final night so he and Mr. ? ? ? ?
were faced with a difficult task to
pick out three girls, one to act as
Queen and the others to act as
attendants all on the same evening.

I am quite certain, however, that
Jean will make an excellent Carnival
Queen and her duties will be made
more pleasant by her own charming
personality.

Barbara Adams (who also entered
the competition) is making the
dresses (free of charge) and as soon
as the finalists were named she took
their measurements and the dresses
are now well under way.

Mrs. Needham organised the raffle
and the prizes included six cups and
saucers with tray, bowl of fruit, box
of chocolates and a glass biscuit
barrel.

BABY SHOW

Class A.—Under 9 months.

Class B.—Over 9 months and
under 18 months.

Class C.—Over 18 months and
under 2½ years.

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

**The following three classes are
open to all:—**

Class D.—Under 9 months.

Class E.—Over 9 and under 18
months.

Class F.—Twins under 2 years.
Ages as on day of Show.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th.

Birth Certificates to be produced.

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No baby can enter more than one
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I'VE HAD MY MOMENTS

By Fred Lake

I like to think I can make a cup of tea. I ought to be able to. For the past 25 years, man and boy, I've taken my wife her morning cup of tea.

We all have our ideas about how to make a nice cup of char. I catch the water just as it is boiling and tip it into the tea pot. Some people boil the guts out of the water; when they pour it into the pot all the oxygen has gone out of it, consequently, the tea tastes flat.

I saw the most original method of making tea when I was outward bound on a troopship. We had just entered the Bay of Biscay and I was detailed for mess orderly. I arrived at the cook's galley with a large bucket and waited whilst he made the tea. The galley, like everything else on that ship, was smelly and grubby.

To prevent submarines picking up the ship's trail, nothing was dumped overboard; consequently a lot of refuse was left lying about.

There was a large copper on the boil and into this the cook tipped half a box of loose tea. He then busted open a box containing tins of

sweetened condensed milk and with an axe cracked open each tin and shot the lot, paper wrappers and all, into the boiling tea. I was annoyed. But he hadn't finished yet. He seized hold of a broom, and with the grimy handle gave the tea a vigorous stir.

"Do we have to drink that?" I asked.

The cook's reply was even more colourful than his shirt.

Come to think of it, how else could he have got the milk out of the tins?

But he might have taken the paper wrappers off.

I never told the boys. Enough of the poor blighters were sick already.

At dinner time I was coming down the steep steps to the mess deck, carrying a large flat tin of boiled rice—our afters. The ship rolled and I lost my balance. I descended the steps at great speed, still grimly holding the tin. Right across the deck I slid and planted the tin on to the mess table. It slithered the length of the table, hit the side of the ship and up went the rice like a cloud from an atom bomb.

The boys got their ration—but not on their plates.

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YOUTH NEWS

[The following is a condensed version of an address given at a conference of club leaders and helpers.—Editor.]

One of the main jobs of a boys' organisation is to anticipate the future on behalf of its members. For that purpose one must have a clear picture of both the past and the present, and I shall therefore start with a few remarks about the social advantages and social evils of this century. From there I shall move on to a consideration of some of the factors which come under the general heading of Club Standards.

To assert that the boy of today is very different from his father when he was a boy usually brings down a storm of protest upon one's head from those who did know the boy of 25 years ago. I did not know him, but surely, unless the boy has changed since 1927 he is a most extraordinary and unusual freak. Flesh and blood of course remain unchanged but the boy's emotional and psychological reactions to contemporary society cannot have remained static—if only because society itself has undergone a great social revolution since the 1914-1918 war and indeed since the 1930's.

Economic Changes

The biggest and most obvious change finds its roots in the economic position. There is an ever narrowing gap in income between the parents of the club member and the subscriber to the club of which

he is a member. One London club leader made casual reference to me last month about some parents of his club members who owned motor cars! There is also an embarrassing number of cases where boys in a club earn as much as the paid club leader. It is of course dangerous to generalise, but what is true is that club boys of today have far more spending money than did their parents—and they spend it rather than save it. The weekly wage earner has yet to learn to be thrifty. Are we losing a golden opportunity in our clubs by failing to teach this lesson? The old saying that what a boy is taught when he is young, he believes in when he is a man is still true, and while I do not want to digress on the value of savings bank schemes, I hope you will note the point that the virtue of thrift, provided it does not lead to meanness and lack of generosity, brings with it a sense of independence and self-respect.

More money in the pocket means changed social, cultural and recreational pursuits. Today a boy from, say, Poplar would not think twice about travelling to the West End for an evening's stroll in the bright lights of Piccadilly; Butlin's is tending to supersede the Hop-Picking Holiday, and so on. Social customs are changing, and a good example is in the matter of clothes. Before the war a boy's mother used to buy him his shirts and suit, but now he does his own shopping with the resulting drape suit, wedge-soled shoes and D.A. haircut. With this

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BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the monthly meeting of the Guild, Mrs. McNeill was in the chair and a very interesting talk was given by a New Zealander, Miss Elspeth Amess. New Zealand has just celebrated their 113th birthday, and its population was 20,000, the last one being a lad from Preston. Many interesting questions were asked by the members. Thanks were extended to the speaker by Mrs. Venn and Mrs. Chapman. The social afternoon was devoted this month to the Cancer Research Fund. A Jumble Sale was held among the members, and one member gave eggs, sugar and jelly, these were auctioned and brought in 6/6. The sum total for the Fund was £2 17s. 6d. Thanks were given to all members for supporting this afternoon.

The next meeting is on Thursday, May 21st. Why not come along and join us for an interesting afternoon?

E.B.

change in the balance of wealth, our job is not to disapprove or even feel that our work now has less of a vocational aspect. Instead we have the very great responsibility of encouraging boys to derive the *greatest possible good* from this changing structure of society. A recent writer to the Times Educational Supplement, commenting on this situation, regretted the golden age which had passed when his club was a boy's only and abiding interest. A club now has more rivals than ever before, each eager to attract the boys' attention.

Resident Sellers Needed

Make this year an outstanding one for Watling. Support the Community Association and help towards a more intimate and successful Carnival Parade on Saturday, June 6th.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

The Bowls Club held their third and final Whist Drive of the winter season at the "Royal Oak, on 22nd April. This and the two previous drives proved to be very sociable evenings and members and friends will look forward to the continuance of these enjoyable evenings once the winter sets in again.

Over 40 members and friends attended this last drive. Mr. Frank Williams, acting as M.C. in his usual inimitable way. Mr. "Tim" Coleman and his lady graced the evening with their presence. Club Captain "Mick" Durrant's wife presented the prizes to the following: 1st Lady, Mrs. Radcliffe; 1st Gent, Mr. L. Freeman; 2nd Lady, Mrs. C. Stevens; 2nd Gent, Mr. J. Forrest; Highest Half Score, Mrs. Parkes; Highest Half Score, Mr. Jones; Booby, Mrs. Hills; Booby, Mr. Hills. It rarely happens that a husband and wife both win the Booby, and with the same score of 112. Other prizes were won by Mrs. S. C. Brown, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Forrest and Mrs. Hamilton.

The Bowls season was opened at Watling Park on Sunday, 26th April, by the President, Mr. "Tim"

Coleman, who at the tea interval wished all members a successful and happy season. He also gave a warm welcome to new members and presented the Ladies Capt., Miss M. Steele, and Vice-Capt., Mrs. N. Lindsay, with their new badges. Capt. "Mick" Durrant also added a few words to the occasion, hoping the Club would continue to have the same happy and sociable games with other clubs who would be met in the season ahead. The usual match, President's Team v. Capt.'s Team, resulted in a win for the latter by 6 shots—100 to 94—a very evenly contested game.

G. G. BROWN.

Watling Association Bowling Club held a Spoon Drive on Sunday, 3rd, and Mrs. W. Parkes, A. Durant, E. Davis and T. Brace (skip) won the spoons with a score of 27 shots.

On Saturday, 9th May, the W.A.B.C. had their old friends the Oakleigh Bowling Club as their first visitors to the Watling Park Green. The result was never in doubt for Watling led from the first 5 ends 21—8, 10 ends 35—16, 15 ends 47—34 and finally on the 21st end won with 74 shots to 41.

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<i>51 Club.</i>	Sundays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Women's Adult School.</i>	Mondays	2.30 p.m.
<i>Poor Man's Lawyer</i> (by appointment).	Mondays, Thursdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Old Time Dancing.</i>	Alternate Mondays	7.30 p.m.
<i>U.S. and Canadian Brides Parents Assn.</i>	Alternate Mondays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Family Planning and Advice Clinic.</i>	Tuesdays	10.00 a.m.
<i>Youth Club.</i>	Tuesdays, Thursdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Dramatics</i> (Watling Guild of Players).	Tuesdays	8.00 p.m.
<i>Watling Follies.</i>	Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>British Legion Service Committee.</i>	Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Men's Club.</i>	Wednesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Edgware Ramblers.</i>	Wednesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Veteran's Club.</i>	Wednesdays	2.30 p.m.
<i>Whist Drives.</i>	Thursdays, 2.45 p.m. Fridays, 7.45 p.m.	
<i>T.H.A.</i>	Thursdays	8.00 p.m.
<i>Townswomen's Guild.</i>	Thursdays (alternate weeks) ...	2.30 p.m.
<i>M.P.s Advice Service.</i>	Third Friday in each month ...	6.00 p.m.
<i>Motor Cycle Club.</i>	Fridays	7.30 p.m.

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VIEWPOINT

With the recent Coronation we found a new emphasis being placed upon what we should normally consider to be a part of our civic duty; that is our service to our fellow man.

Of late years, although a decreasing number of people have been carrying on with an increasing social welfare burden, we have found far too much lip service to the *ideal* which lies behind our Community Association and too little preparedness to help one another. We have become set—almost fossilised—and tended to live on tradition without a thought to the protection of that tradition through the full continuance of all those services which make the life of our friends and neighbours so much more full and enriched.

The Coronation has produced the opportunity for many to point out the need for a greater awareness of our dependence one upon the other and to seek a greater practice of neighbourliness.

In our own local community we must again ask ourselves whether we have not become individually selfish; if we have not become too interested in our own affairs at the expense of others. Is there anything we can do; have we the desire to do it?

During the past twelve months the Community Association, with many local churches and organisations, has been concerned with this question of service to others. It has been concerned with the bringing of a new hope and a new life to many who are

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slowly losing their place on the road of life. The aged, the lonely, the sick and infirm, the widow and widower, the young parent, the young man and young woman, and the children all have problems which will best be overcome through being shared. These problems may also be overcome through practice of the essential material personal interest and assistance which is of so much value to any community group—be it large or small.

GETTING TOGETHER

Through the recent Coronation Street Parties many residents came to know one another in a new way. They were united together, and worked together in order to provide a memorable afternoon and evening for their children. Machinery for joint effort and joint enjoyment has now been established and it would be wasteful for this to break down. Is it possible for the Street Party Groups to broaden their original purpose so that they may plan social activities for their members and also to act as a link between residents and the Community Association.

All too frequently do we hear that people did not know of the Association and of the welfare work of the Association. They did not know through our inability to get to them. Street Party Committees can bring us all together in a much more positive way and we would welcome their interest.

At the same time, why stop at a Street Party for the children. Would it not be possible to organise summer outings and such things as local children's sports? We hope the street groups will think of these things.

YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Many of our residents must have seen the decorations at the Community Centre and noticed the commencement of the painting of the outside windows.

The Coronation decorations and floodlighting has been provided through the interest of the Hendon Borough Council and we are sure all will join with us in our thanks to the Council for this highlighting of the Watling Centre.

The painting of the windows has been commenced by Messrs. Lambert, Jamison, Gebler, W. Cowley and R. Cowley and we do thank these members for this assistance.

Many things can be done to help the Community Association and to help your neighbours. The Association needs willing friends to help us carry out our varied work and to keep the Centre in a presentable state of repair. Your neighbours need your friendship and your co-operation. If you feel you are able to help us, don't be afraid to come forward.

WATLING ASSN. EMBLEM

It has been thought many times over the years that the Watling Assn. should have its own badge or emblem—one that could be used to head notepaper, as a flag or as a badge for a blazer, etc. No suitable design has yet been found.

It is thought that some of our readers may have a bright idea as to what a good emblem would be. If so, please send the suggested design to the Centre and the one accepted will win a 10/- prize for the designer.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION SILVER JUBILEE AND CORONATION PARADE

The planning of our yearly Carnival Parade is always a source of headache and worry to the Events Committee and—this year—with its many national and local Coronation arrangements proved to be more of a headache than usual.

In September of last year we contacted a large number of organisations and groups re a possible entry in this year's Parade and the immediate response was the receipt of three entries only (two of these entries unfortunately withdrew at a later stage).

A continuing flow of letters passed from the Community Centre from November onwards and the Carnival Parade slowly began to take shape. An entry here; a promise there; and disappointment elsewhere.

Early this year we were sudden'y faced with the prospect of another Parade which would be organised on our day and which would travel over part of our route. After some negotiation we were fortunate enough in planning a joint Parade and so were able to avoid confusion.

This joint effort has produced a number of problems and we hope these problems will be born in mind in the future i fthe Parade is not to lose the interest and support of some entrants and the support of those local organisations who have so freely loaned us lorries in the past.

Despite our problems the Parade was held and we feel the standard of entry was higher than in previous years. Our local groups put on a

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tableaux which were very well prepared and these added to the colour of the Parade.

The finish of the Parade at Montrose Park was a new venture and, whilst providing an attraction to the Celebrations in the Park, did not result in that friedly gathering of entrants over a cup of tea and a bun which has been so characteristic of the "day's end" of our past Parades.

Winners of the various trophies were :

Class I. (National Advertisers) DAZ.

Class II. (Local traders and organisations) Lifeboat Committee.

Class III. (Assn. Groups and Sections). Watling Association.

Class IV. (Youth Clubs of Hendon) Girls' Nautical Training Corps.

The Association wishes to convey its thanks to all entrants and to all those who helped towards the success of the Parade. In particular we would mention the kindness and generosity of John Laing and Sons, Buckingham and Sons, London County Council, Townswomens Guild (for the decoration of the Queen's lorry), Misses Adams and Chalkley (for making such splendid dresses for the Queen and attendants), London Co-operative Society (shoes and hosiery for Queen and attendants) and the members of the Special Events Committee.

Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Veterans'	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	2.30 p.m.
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Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The past few weeks have seen a varied assortment of Club activities, two scrambles, a coast run to Bracklesham Bay, our Road Trial, a week-end at a Holiday Camp and also the entering of a decorated lorry float in the Watling Association Carnival.

The Club road trial is an annual event and this year was won by Mr. J. Eccles, who lost 2 marks. He will receive his award, the Jim Oliver cup, at the Club's next anniversary supper. Runners-up were K. Jeffcoate second, losing 3 marks and D. G. Nightingale third, with a loss of 4 marks. This year the trial took place in the Ware district of Hertfordshire. The various tests included a slow descent, slow hill climb, figure of eight and an easy starting test.

Unfortunately, the braking and steering tests had to be abandoned owing to heavy rain.

A dozen members spent the Coronation week-end at a holiday camp near Guildford. Indifferent weather did not spoil the very varied activities such as horse-riding, walking, square dancing and other entertainments. A television was put at the disposal of the campers on Coronation day. In between joining in the festivities at the nearby village of Ewhurst, which included the traditional roasting of an Ox, side shows and a grand carnival parade, campers were able to watch the Coronation ceremony.

This year for the first time, it was decided to enter a decorated lorry float in the Carnival. The committee would like to thank the many members, too many to be named here, who gave a helping hand. Also,

our thanks to the Association who loaned a lorry for us from Messrs. Buckingham. A number of our members attended the Carnival Social held at the Centre the same evening. The Coronation ceremony of the Watling King, ably portrayed by Mr. Needham and crowned by our secretary (Bishop) Jim Oliver, provided an amusing interval between the dances. After watching the ceremony we all decided there must be pleasanter ways of being crowned.

Our summer programme is now under way and we would welcome any new members and their friends from the Estate to our Friday night meetings, 7.30 p.m. at the Centre and also to our Sunday runs.

EDGWARE & DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held during May, 1953.

Reports were given by the officers of the Club and it was pleasing to hear of its continued growth and stable financial position.

This year the members of the Club will be participating in a free outing to Hastings and every member will be invited to the Borough of Hendon's Coronation Party and the Middlesex County Council's Theatre Outing.

Votes of thanks were passed to all Helpers and special mention was made of Mr. Sterling, the Home Teacher for the District and his wife.

CORONATION BABY SHOW

The Annual Baby Show of the Association was once again a great success. Entries this year were not quite so high as in previous years, but this resulted in a less hectic and more enjoyable afternoon.

From the four corners of the estate and from outlying areas a steady procession of prams and attendants made its way to the Community Centre. The Pram Park was quickly full to overflowing and the entrance to the Centre became almost inapproachable.

Babies were here, there and everywhere. The poor unfortunate males who were on duty found themselves constantly stepping on, falling over or being surrounded by crawling, toddling and running infants. There were cries for hot water for bottles; there was a rush of parents to and from prams for new napkins; there were the usual embarrassing events for parents; in fact, the Centre revolved (most encouragingly) around a mass of babies.

Drs. Waxman and Esterman faced their difficult task with courage and fortitude and we must congratulate them on having 'come through' with distinction.

Baby Day was a grand day for us all and we look forward to many more such days.

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Best Baby in the Show :

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WATLING ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Rail Extensions. Following the recent attendance of the secretary at the North West Light Railways Committee and his report on the proposed scheme for the provision of transport facilities to Bushey Heath and the electrification of the Edgware-Mill Hill East Line, the Council agreed to Mr. Vear acting as a permanent representative of the Association to the Light Railways Committee.

Emblem. For some years there has been consideration given to the question of an Association emblem and the Council agreed to press forward with this matter.

Watling Welfare Committee. The Constitution of the Welfare Committee has now been approved and the Committee has received the support of most local organisations. It was reported that the Committee was anxious to develop neighbourliness and service within the Community and hoped to receive the full support of local residents.

Youth Club. The Youth Management Committee registered its protest at the decision of Council to change one of the meeting nights of the Youth Club. The case for the groups concerned with this proposed change was again placed before the Council and notice of motion was given by the Youth Management Committee for this matter to be again discussed at the next meeting.

Carnival Parade. A report on the Carnival Parade plans was received. It was expected that, although the Committee had received many setbacks, this year's Parade would be most successful.

Coronation Service. The attention of the Council was drawn to the wish of the Queen for the people to pray for Her and that there was to be a Combined Coronation Service to be held on the Edgware Football Ground for this purpose. Members of the Council were asked to make this known and also to support it if possible.

Damage and Misuse of the Community Centre. Discussion on the climbing trees and the general misuse of the Community Centre by gangs of young children took place. One suggestion was that trees should be lopped in order to make it impossible for children to climb them, but it was felt that if the Association—or any other property owner—was to fully protect trespassers and illegal entrants from their own folly a great deal of expense would be involved without a corresponding increase in civic responsibility. It was agreed that local parents should attempt to encourage their children to use the open spaces provided for them and also to exercise their parental responsibility to the community.

ROSE BUDDING

At one time, all rose lovers on the Watling Estate budded their own favourite roses.

Briars were planted in February and in July they increased their stock by budding their own specimens.

On JULY 15th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Watling Centre, there will be a rose budding demonstration. It is hoped all those interested will turn up on that evening.

Further information may be had from the Community Centre.

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The months seem to be slipping by very quickly this year. I suppose it is all due to the interesting historical events that have been taking place. It has been quite nice to see all the gay decorations everywhere, after the many sombre years we have just passed through. The little streets seemed to have excelled in their efforts to go gay, and I am sure the children everywhere, will always remember their street parties, etc. What a pity the weather does not take on a festive spirit at these times. It says something for the spirit of the people that, even when the weather is really at its worst and Coronation Day was a typical example, it could not wash out the pastries for the kiddies or the fun and games.

There has not been much activity at the Club recently owing to the Whitsun holiday and sickness. Mr. Davies is having a trying time and is not making the progress he would like to. Being conscientious, he wanted to resign his position as Chairman. I am happy to report that all members were unanimous, that he retained his position and all present were happy to pay him a high compliment for all he had done in the past to give pleasure to our members. We hope this sign of loyalty from us, will help him on the road to recovery. These feelings apply to Mrs. Davies also, whose recovery is very slow. Mr. Bennett, our energetic secretary, is in the same category as the above and the same good wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery and we hope to see him again in the near future.

We hope the daughters and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Wood are still enjoying their visit over here. Perhaps we will have the pleasure of their company again soon.

Congratulations to Mr. H. Bromige, for making headlines in the grand Coronation film "A Queen is Crowned." I went to see the film and was thrilled to see his name with two of his colleagues thrown on the screen. He has been working hard and for a long while and the results were well worth the efforts spent. Everyone I know who has seen it, gave it very high praise.

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Did I ever tell you how I tied a lady's leg to a rose tree? Sounds funny, but it is perfectly true.

You remember that storm last autumn all night long it poured with rain and the wind blew and howled.

In the morning, I opened the front door to get the milk, when I noticed my favourite standard rose tree was down. The wind had snapped it clean. I was, naturally, a little upset.

After breakfast, I started out to work. I got to the front gate, when I saw a man helping an elderly lady along. She was a big woman and she was limping.

"Can I help?" I asked.

"If you could," said the man.

"What's the trouble?" I inquired.

"Well," said the man, "I've been on night-work. I came upon this lady, she'd tripped over and banged her leg on the kerb."

"Can I have a look," I said, "I am a first aider."

I ran my hand up her shin and felt a little bump.

"How far has she come?" I asked.

"Oh, about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile," said the man.

"How far has she got to go?"

"To Boston Road," he answered.

"Look," I said. She can't go another step. She's fractured her Fibia.

The man looked horrified, "What's that?" he queried.

"It's a bone in her leg," I explained, "and she'll have to have it tied up. Now. Let's sit her down."

We carefully sat her down on the pavement. "Now, just wait," I said. I went to my front garden, got the broken rose, snapped off the roots and splinted the lady's leg with the stem, using the lady's the man's, my own handkerchief and an odd piece of string, which I had in my pocket. Then, we helped her to my house. I took her in and my wife made her comfortable on the rug in front of the fire.

"Now," I said to the man, "I've got to go to work. Can you phone the ambulance?"

When I got home from work that night my wife said "We had a do this morning. The house was full of men."

"Men!" I said, "What men!"

"Policemen, Ambulance men," she said. "That man dialled 999 and the message was picked up by a police patrol. They phoned for the ambulance and they all converged on this house."

"What a to do," I said.

But my diagnosis was correct. The lady had fractured her Fibia.

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BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the monthly meeting of the Guild, held at the Watling Centre, with Mrs. McNeill in the chair, a most interesting and enjoyable talk was given by Mr. Cutler, of the Middlesex Horticultural Society, on "Pests and Diseases of Fruit Trees." Mr. Cutler told what to look for on the trees (apart from the fruit) and the treatment to give at various times. Even if one didn't have fruit trees it was interesting to hear of the habits, etc., of the pests, especially as Mr. Cutler made it very humorous. Thanks were given to the speaker by Mrs. Seddon and Mrs. Dunn.

There were a large number of entries for the competition "Posy in an egg cup," many being red white and blue. Mr. Cutler judged this and awarded the prize to Mrs. Haigh.

Owing to two resignations from the Committee Mrs. Cochrane and Mrs. Woods have been co-opted.

The Annual Outing to Margate will take place on Tuesday, 9th June. Thanks were given by the Chairman to Mrs. Venn and the handicraft class for making flowers and decorating the car for the Queen and her attendants in the Watling Carnival.

The Coronation social was very enjoyable. Mrs. Dimond gave two humorous monologues and Mrs. Hoskins sang delightfully. Games and dancing filled the rest of the afternoon.

E.B.

POST BAG

The following letter has been received from one of our old and valued workers (Mr. W. A. WOOD).
Dear Sir,

May I respectfully point out an error in the Local Information Column of the current issue of the *Watling Resident*. "Hospital and Ambulance EDG 8181."

The Hospital telephone number is correct, but as ambulances ceased to be stationed within the Hospital as from June 1st, 1952, it is not the speediest method of getting an ambulance. I will outline in the following the correct procedure.

Accident and Emergencies

By emergencies is meant, sudden illness in public places, i.e., street cinema, factories, etc., or maternity.

Procedure

Dial 999. This can only be done by any member of the public. When operator answers, "What service do you require?" state briefly Ambulance. You will then be connected to the Ambulance Station nearest to you. State briefly why you require the Ambulance and *where* you require it. If you do this correctly an ambulance will arrive in a few minutes.

For illness within the household call a doctor and, if necessary, he will phone the hospital and arrange for patient's admittance and also arrange for Ambulance transport, if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

W. A. WOOD, F.L.C.A.P.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

The W.A.B.C. met what was probably their hardest match in the Jackson Shield series in Roundwood Park, and won by 8 shots, 64—56. Club skips and scores: A. Steele 24—22, T. Brace 13—21, J.N. Vaz 27—13.

Gerrard Plaque (2 Woods Competition). A. V. Stevens met E. O. Davis in the final and won 15—4. Mrs. Santos Casani presented the new plaque and medals to the finalist. Lt. Col. Santos Casani who is a Vice-President always enjoys his visit for this competition he has a stock of jokes and fun to relate to members, that the day goes all too quickly. The medals presented by him are of the Coronation design, and were admired by all, in particular Messrs A. V. Stevens and E. O. Davis.

6th June

W.A.B.C. met old friends, Finchley Tudor, in a very happy afternoon's game, with a win for Watling by 18 shots, 62—44.

7th June

Another Jackson Shield result.

The W.A.B.C. visited Bratt Colbran at Preston Park, this was the biggest score of the series, Watling winning by 85—37 shots.

G. G. BROWN.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Our three local councillors are to be commended on the high level of attendances they put in for Council and Committee meetings during the year 1952-53.

Attendances of the Councillors are as follows:

	POS.	ACT.
<i>Councillor R. A. Cowton</i>		
Council and Committee	50	48
Sub-Committee	20	18
<i>Councillor A. Paul</i>		
Council and Committee	57	57
Sub-Committee	16	16
<i>Councillor S. E. Sharpe</i>		
Council and Committee	67	48
Sub-Committee	39	25
Totals:	249	212

Two interesting points from these figures should be noted.

The 100 per cent attendance of Councillor Paul and the fact that Councillor Sharpe, during the past year, has had more meetings to attend than any other member of the Council.

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In spite of many requests it was not possible to get a second coach for the outing to Margate on June 9th. Those members who were able to go had a very nice day. The morning was rather cold and dull when we started off, but in the afternoon the sun came out so we took deck chairs on the sand and really enjoyed the sun, also the fun and laughter.

The journey through Kent was lovely — passing cherry orchards, strawberry fields, to say nothing of the miles of hop fields. It was nice to see some of the cinemas open to admit the older folk to see the Coronation Film.

Our homeward journey through London was thrilling. Decorations everywhere, especially in some of the smaller streets, which were a delight to see for they really had the Coronation spirit. And so to the end of our journey; everyone saying what a lovely day it had been and all looking forward to the next outing.

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Poor Man's Lawyer: Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, (Monday and Thursday evenings by appointment). Tel.: MIL 2259.

North Thames Gas Board: Tel.: (day) EDG 0204 (night) WIL 1272.

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

<i>Weightlifting.</i>	Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>51 Club.</i>	Sundays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>Women's Adult School.</i>	Mondays	...	2.30 p.m.
<i>Poor Man's Lawyer</i> (by appointment).	Mondays, Thursdays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>Old Time Dancing.</i>	Alternate Mondays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>U.S. and Canadian Brides Parents Assn.</i>	Alternate Mondays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>Family Planning and Advice Clinic.</i>	Tuesdays	...	10.00 a.m.
<i>Youth Club.</i>	Tuesdays, Thursdays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>Dramatics</i> (Watling Guild of Players).	Tuesdays	...	8.00 p.m.
<i>Watling Follies.</i>	Tuesdays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>British Legion Service Committee.</i>	Tuesdays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>Men's Club.</i>	Wednesdays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>Edgware Ramblers.</i>	Wednesdays	...	7.30 p.m.
<i>Veteran's Club.</i>	Wednesdays	...	2.30 p.m.
<i>Whist Drives.</i>	Thursdays, 2.45 p.m. Fridays, 7.45 p.m.	...	
<i>Y.H.A.</i>	Thursdays	...	8.00 p.m.
<i>Townswomen's Guild.</i>	Thursdays (alternate weeks)	...	2.30 p.m.
<i>M.P.s Advice Service.</i>	Third Friday in each month	...	6.00 p.m.
<i>Motor Cycle Club.</i>	Fridays	...	7.30 p.m.

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VIEWPOINT

Those members of the Association who were fortunate enough to attend the Annual Conference of the Federation did, we feel, gain through their attendance and we would bring to your notice one important point from the inspired summing up of Dr. Mabel Tylecote.

In our Associations we are concerned in the development of friendliness and community of spirit and every opportunity is taken to press this idea down the throats of the neighbourhood around us. Yet, often, we come into the Centre itself and see the failure to keep that spirit going amongst the individuals and in the Committees.

This statement should not be taken

as a full truth, although there can be no doubt that there is strong grounds for it being made.

We do find our own limitations all too frequently. In our leadership and in our day-to-day relationships we tend to allow our small personal prejudices, our dislike of particular persons and our ill temper to eat into our very existence with consequent chaos and loss of friendliness.

We should see to it that our first requirement is not dominant and efficient leadership; is not weekly screams in the local paper as to the volume of noise we may make in local affairs; not the provision of accommodation wherein local scandal and local ill will is fanned and

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NEWS

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Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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extended; not the provision of a heartless machine.

We must, firstly, seek the essential goodness and friendliness of our neighbours; we must find a soul. Let us come together, not for the purpose of becoming a noise in local affairs, but in order to understand one another, to work with one another, and—to use a biblical word—‘love’ one another.

This can be done; it **MUST** be done if we are to grow in value and if we are to honestly represent a neighbourhood.

Once again we throw out this challenge to our members, friends and residents—**CAN YOU DO IT?**

RESPONSIBILITY AND INITIATIVE

Responsibility and Initiative and what Community Associations can do to develop these qualities was the theme of the 8th Annual Conference of the National Federation of Community Associations, held at Bristol on July 10th to 12th.

Delegates and observers from all parts of England, representing many Community Associations and other interested organisations, were present.

The first Session on Saturday morning was a meeting of members, when propositions and amendments regarding the work of the Federation were discussed and resolutions made.

The 1st Session in the afternoon was opened by Professor Lester Smith, who gave his Presidential Address on “The place of the Community Assns. in Industrial and Public Affairs”. This address was followed by a discussion.

The 2nd Session was an address by J. J. Gracie, C.B.E., M.I.E.S., on “Responsibility and Initiative in Industry to-day,” which provoked a very interesting and helpful discussion.

In the evening there were visits to local Community Centres, including Bristol University Settlement, Headley Park Community Association and Kingswood Community Association.

The Sunday Session was a discussion on “Responsibility and Initiative in Public Service,” opened by Alderman St. John Reade, M.A., Chairman of Bristol Education Committee.

Dr. Mabel Tylecot, Chairman of the Council, in her summing up of the Conference stressed the non-material aspect of our work. She said that the Annual Meeting was a review of the work of Community Associations; a look into the nature of the service we are rendering. The Centre was a place where the individual discovered himself; where the true meaning of Education was to nourish, to enable the odd man out to find himself and to develop his latent talents. Some people live and die without discovering what they believe.

Great opportunities were offered people in a Community Association and the Association had a valuable contribution to offer to social and civic life.

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One immediate need of to-day is the care and attention of the Aged, Sick and Lonely and we have to seek ways and means to make lives more rich and fruitful.

Recently the Watling Welfare Committee started the S.O.S. Card scheme so that those in need of immediate help should be able to receive this help through the display of the S.O.S. Card in a window. Within a few months we found the L.C.C. were also working along the same lines and had introduced an H Card, which served the same purpose as the S.O.S. Card. It has been possible for these two schemes to be related more intimately one with another and there will be, from now on, an increasing use of the H Card and the withdrawal of the S.O.S. Card when the present holders have no further use for them. Residents are asked to make this matter known and also, to make it their business to take action when they see either the S.O.S. or the H Card in a window. On the reverse side of each card are instructions which will help you in an emergency.

There are a number of immediate ways in which we may all help those in need. *For the bedridden.* You may find a surplus of flowers in your garden; in which case make an effort to find someone who would enjoy them. If in doubt, send them to the Community Centre.

Volunteers are also needed to occasionally sit with the bedridden in order to give their relatives a few hours' relaxation.

Hot water bottles are always in

need. If you have one to spare; if you can afford to buy one, please do.

STREET OUTING

On Monday, 6th July, parents and neighbours of the children living in Langham Road, Langham Gardens and part of Deansbrook Road, watched them go off for a great day by the seaside.

The children from these roads did not have a Coronation party but they had their day by the sea through the efforts of two ladies, Mrs. Sarson and her daughter, Kitty.

This is an effort well worth noting as they needed no Committee and made light of the whole arrangements by themselves. It took them just under a month to collect the money necessary to send 58 children away for a day they will remember for some time.

Mrs. Sarson had the support of some local traders and neighbours.

Every penny collected by these two ladies was spent in entertaining the children. A coach full of mothers did accompany the children but each mother paid for her own trip thus leaving plenty for the young ones.

The day was spent at Littlehampton and the coaches started off at 8.30 a.m. Each child was provided with a bag of sweets and potato crisps for the journey.

On arrival at Littlehampton they were given a bottle of lemonade, apples and oranges.

After spending some enjoyable hours at Butlins Fun Fair, with half price tickets provided by Mr. Butlin, the children were given a high tea. A shilling was also given to each child.

Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT LIGHT RAILWAY COMMITTEE

With the building development on the outer fringes of the Borough of Hendon there has grown up a need for more satisfactory transport facilities 'into' and 'out of' town.

The proposed tube extension from Edgware to Elstree has, it appears, been definitely suspended and the electrification of the Edgware-Finchley line has also been stopped.

It is obvious that, with a very large increase in residents in this Hendon area, there will be a corresponding increase in the need for transport services. We do not find industry being developed to such an extent that all residents are absorbed in work locally—rather do we find the majority still going into the already established industries in the London area.

We feel these travellers have a very real need and that this need should be met. A committee has been set up to press forward with proposals for a general improvement in transport and the Association is supporting this committee on three main points.

1. To support the residents of Elstree, Boreham Wood and the outer fringe Hendonians in their claim for extended tube and bus services.

2. To support the electrification scheme for the Edgware-Finchley line in order to provide more direct transport services to the areas served.

3. To provide local residents with facilities through which it will be possible for them to more readily enjoy the countryside around them.

If residents are meeting any difficulty in transport we would be pleased to receive full particulars to strengthen the case of the committee.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF MEMBERS

At the Quarterly General Meeting of members the decision of the Council to change the day of meeting of the Youth Club from Friday to Monday, and so provide accommodation for the Motor Cycle Club in the Games Room, received unanimous support.

The Meeting spent a great deal of time discussing problems and difficulties facing the Association and a number of proposals were put forward for the consideration of the Council.

These proposals included:

- The reforming of the Discussion Group.

- A Bottom Drawer Club.

- A Loan Club.

- Saturday Night activities.

- Attractive Common Room.

- Closer contact with street organisations.

- Organisation of outside activities.

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U.S. and CANADIAN BRIDES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Hello Friends,

During the past month our branch and association has suffered a grievous loss through the passing away of our very good friend and secretary, H. G. Bennett, I.S.O. The sad news was so unexpected that all members received a great shock when informed of the news. Mr. Bennett was a very keen worker in everything he undertook, not only for the U.S. & C.B.P.A., but also for the Centre and his loss will be severe.

Our thoughts go out to his family and Mrs. Bennett, who we trust will bear up under this severe blow.

The Daughter of Mrs. Wood—Mrs. Matalone—who is over here with her two children for a few months' visit has very kindly accepted to write a contribution this month. I am sure you will all appreciate her effort and the change of diet.

Over now to Mrs. Matalone:

I am very pleased to be able to visit 'Merrie England,' as I affectionately call her during this Coronation Year, and having the opportunity of seeing her at her best. A chance which is envied by many of my American friends. There have been many improvements since I went away and I am happy to see the gardens as well kept as ever.

I was both surprised and flattered by the Social and Old Time Dance given in Mrs. Molly Lees' and my honour. It was nice to see the familiar faces of old friends again. We have a club of our own in Buffalo with 22 members—all English brides

and we meet every fortnight and chat about home.

My two children are thriving on Edgware air and Susanne, who is very happy among her new-found friends will be sorry to leave. She would be content to stay in England with her Grandma, Grandpa and Uncle Peter if "Daddy were here too".

I myself will be very sorry to go; it has been a wonderful holiday and I have been made most welcome everywhere.

Cheerio and God Bless,

MARY PAT MATALONE.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION COUNCIL NOTES

For the first time for many years the Council of the Association had to be adjourned owing to the number of items on the Agenda.

The continued illness of Mr. Leach has been felt by many members of the Association and the Council wishes Mr. Leach a successful recovery. To bridge the gap created in the Treasurership of the Association it was agreed to ask Mr. A. Bouchard to undertake the post of Acting Treasurer. Mr. Townsend as appointed Acting Auditor.

Report by our representative to the recent Annual Meeting of the Edgware Group Hospital Management Board was received by the members with interest.

Once again the question of the Youth Club accommodation was raised following the Quarterly Meeting of Members and the Notice of Motion of the Youth Management Committee. Stan Hasler very ably put the case of the Youth Club and there was a very lively discussion on this matter. Whilst the Council was fully appreciative of the need for a live and active Youth Club it had also to consider the need of other groups and it regretfully felt there could be no change in the recent decision re the change of nights for Youth Club activities.

The use of the Centre was also discussed, following the expressed concern of the Finance Committee on the question of cancelled bookings. This loss of bookings meant some loss in needed revenue to the Association, especially as it is not too easy to arrange for odd meetings to fill vacan-

cies. The Council agreed that in future there must be three months' notice of long term cancellations and that in the event of these cancellations being for a long period the Association could not guarantee accommodation at a later date.

Extensions. The recommendation of the Finance and Planning Committees was received and it was agreed to accept the tender of Buckingham and Sons for the work we have in mind and that any necessary loan should be authorised. Members were asked to support any fund raising activity for the Building Fund.

Editor. The Council received with regret the news of the resignation of the Editor of the *Resident* and a vote of thanks to him for his work for the Resident and the Youth Club was unanimously approved. Mrs. Filbey, on the resignation of Stan Hasler, was appointed Secretary to the Resident.

Memorial Committee. The Memorial Committee recommended the fitting of a plate, to commemorate the work of Ernest Cole and Gordon Nyberg, in the extended Hall and also the provision of a Memorial Beck for officers and workers of the Association. After discussion this matter was referred back to the Memorial Committee.

The Meeting then adjourned.

LETTING and HIRE of EQUIPMENT

All booking of accommodation and hire of equipment must be done directly through Mr. L. Vear, the Secretary of the Association.

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HENDON GROUP HOSPITALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Notes from the Annual Meeting
24th June, 1953.

It is essential from the space point of view that I be brief, so I should first mention the most important points made by Mrs. Suggate in her annual report; the bombed wing of Colindale Hospital had now been rebuilt, but the waiting accommodation which is needed at the Deansbrook Road entrance to Edgware General Hospital is still very much a remote prospect. The 5 per cent cut in expenditure ordered by the Ministry of Health, while it is not possible to say it would not impair the health service in some way, was only being carried out in the non-nursing and non-medical staff.

Three ways to help the Hospital:

- 1). By joining the National Hospital Reserve, whether you have previous experience or not. First aid training will be given to those who have not.
- 2). Encouraging the interests of others in the Health Service, and in the hospitals in particular.
- 3). Joining the LEAGUE OF FRIENDS—which helps the patient in the less specialised ways. If you have a spare hour or more a week, this is very valuable voluntary work. By writing letters, shopping, providing books and magazines, flowers from the garden, and a hundred other small comforts are some of the suggestions for helping those who are unfortunate enough to be sick in hospital. Why not adopt a patient?

Dr. Trenchard, of the Edgware Chest Clinic, speaking on Tubercu-

losis, was to most of us present the "star" of the evening. The delegates listened to him carefully as he spoke of the causes of tuberculosis, its treatment and its prevention. Bad housing, undernourishment and worry were largely responsible for the increased number of cases discovered. There were still 400 local cases annually, but deaths from the disease were falling due to improved treatment. Dr. Trenchard hoped that people would make use of the Mass Radiography units available in the area. He added that it was interesting to note that in the better-off residential areas, the incidence of the disease was far lower than that in working-class areas.

The Matron of the Edgware General Hospital answered questions, as did other speakers on the platform, on a variety of aspects of the Hospitals' services.

My attendance at this meeting aroused in me an interest in the hospitals' service which I feel should be passed on to others and I have endeavoured to do so here.

MARJORIE MILTON.

BLIND OUTING

On Tuesday, the 9th June, the Edgware & District Club for the Blind took a party of 112 members and friends to Hastings for the day.

From the moment of their arrival at Hastings the day was spent in brilliant sunshine and a good time was enjoyed by all.

The whole party met for a meal before leaving and arrived home at Mill Hill tired but happy at 10.30 p.m.

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ONE MOMENT

by Fred Lake

Foreign travel is getting very popular these days. You don't have to know a foreign language to travel abroad. Supposing for instance you were going to Spain. Well, here are a few easy phrases which I am sure will help you to get by in that sunny land.

Some easy phrases :

Como usted : Watcher cock.

Haga el favor de traeme una palangan : Steward!

A que hora abren : What time do they open?

Que hav para comer? : What's cooking?

Me hase usted el favor de pasar el salero : Oh, Yeah!

La campanilla no toca : Oh, for a cup of char!

Espere un momento : 'Arf a mo.

A su salud : Chin, Chin.

Custara usted tomar algun refresco : What's yours?

Me sasqito ver usted otra vez, senhora : What about a date?

Esta muy herm oso! What a smasher!

Hace mucho calor hoy : Phew!

Vaya esta seguida : Scram.

Muchisimas gracias : Ta very much.

Wan tosee meanti : Lend me a penny!

Adios.

JACKSON SHIELD

At Watling Park :

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At Pitshanger Park :

W.A.B.C., 63. Clissold, 45.

Clissold were the holders of this Shield, and now Watling meet Enfield in the Semi-Final at Noel Park, Wood Green, on Saturday 18th. 94 London Parks clubs entered this competition, and the people can well be proud of the Club's achievement to date.

Other Results :

W.A.B.C., 30. Edgware and Colindale Hospitals Club, 41.

At Watling :

W.A.B.C., 81. Hurst (Berks), 93.

At Lupton (Canons Park) :

W.A.B.C. and Lupton, 140.

Berk's Graafers, 101.

At Watling :

W.A.B.C., 75. Schweppes, 44.

In the Finchley and District League, the Club are third from the top with two more games to play, and just one point behind the leaders.

Ladies' Section

Middlesex 3rd round Triples :

W.A.B.C., 22. Fassidge (Uxbridge), 17.

Middlesex 3rd round Singles :

Capt. Mavis Steele beat Mrs.

Piercy Hounslow W.B.C. 21-10.

Miss Steele gained her second county badge when picked to play for the successful Middlesex Ladies against Northamptonshire.

2nd rnd. Harrow & District Singles :

Mrs. Colman beat Mrs. Norman, 21-5.

In two triple rinks at Watling Park, the ladies met and beat the Mill Hill W.B.C., 35-32.

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"FAIR CITY" OF THE WEST COUNTRY

Some members of the Association were fortunate enough to represent the Association at the Annual Conference of the National Federation. I say fortunate, because through this they visited that 'fair' city of the West Country—Bristol.

The City of Bristol, with its history and beauty, is held dear by its sons and daughters and from what we saw and heard this is understandable.

It is claimed that the city was founded in the dim past by two Irishmen named Brin and Belin. These two had been to see Rome and had returned to England to found another city on seven hills—a city which has played an important part in the history of England.

The merchants of the city travelled throughout the world and brought wealth to the West Country; the Bristol Pirates ranged the seas and returned to build such beautiful buildings as St. Mary Redcliffe Church out of the plunder of their voyagings; Cabot sailed to discover America; the Roundheads and Cavaliers fought for the City; the large Durdham Downs and other stretches of parkland were preserved for the citizens; and the Brunel Suspension Bridge brought added dignity to the City.

We saw the Coronation displays and lighting and we, with all other members of the Conference, agreed that these displays and lighting were, perhaps, the best to be found in the country.

We would recommend you to visit this city of pride and dignity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Madam,

I think your readers may possibly care to have advance information about developments in connection with the activities of this Institute which will take place when the 1953-54 session begins in the autumn.

An interesting programme of adult classes will be offered at *Orange Hill Grammar School* on two or three evenings each week. Among the subjects it is planned to include are Cookery, Recreational Woodwork, Dressmaking, Home Crafts (basket work, leather work, lampshades, etc.) and Art Needlework. Of special interest to men will be a course of talks and discussions on Angling, including the making and repair of tackle, and for women (of all ages) a Keep-Fit class, including national dancing, should be an attractive proposition. Beauty Culture, Health and Hygiene will form the subject matter of yet another women's course, and it is hoped to arrange talks and discussions on the fascinating hobby of Stamp Collecting for interested members of both sexes. Amateur actors, and others to whom good clear speech and a pleasing speaking voice are important, will have the opportunity to join an Elocution class.

Fuller details of these activities will be published by poster and leaflet early in September, but in the meantime I shall be very pleased to give information to anyone interested who cares to write to me or to 'phone me at MIL 4805.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. BAILEY (Mrs.).

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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We were glad to have with us again Mr. Ford who told us of the life of Thomas Hood, the British poet, a master of laughter and tears as was Dickens. Our speaker delighted us with a recital of some of Hood's humorous verse and some of his more serious poetry which is of the finest quality and among which must be mentioned the well-known Song of the Shirt and The Bridge of Sighs.

We are sorry that on this occasion time did not allow Mr. Ford to finish the excellent talk he had prepared. As a consequence we have decided in future to open our Meeting at 2.40 p.m. so that our speaker may commence at 3 p.m. leaving ample time for discussion afterwards. We offer our sincere apologies to Mr. Ford and look forward with pleasure to his next visit.

Mr. Stevens has given an interesting talk on African Problems. With the help of a map he explained the differing problems existing in various parts of Africa. Mr. Stevens certainly gave us food for serious thought and we agreed that "as the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" we all have still to learn to share the good things provided for us and to allow to each one of God's children the world over according to his need, while each in his turn must be willing to give according to his ability.

We enjoyed a splendid treat when Mrs. "Terry" Rouse shared with us her thoughts and thanks for "what I owe to the Adult School Movement." Before she left we learned that the secret of her success is a love of all kinds of people which she

claims to have been learned from the Adult School Movement. We ask ourselves why we also have not a similarly happy personality and answer that we do not always give sufficiently of ourselves for our fellows as Terry has done and we have made up our minds that only thus can we be true Adult School and Community Association Members.

Mrs. Mantripp provided a grand musical afternoon on the eve of Coronation Day when she played most beautifully on the piano some lovely music by English composers. Mrs. Target, her friend, also sang for us, in a clear, sweet voice, some English and Scottish songs. We thanked our two friends warmly and hope they will come again soon.

Our May Breakfast was held at the Centre on 3rd May and happily shared by friends from other Schools when a splendid meal was provided by our members and thoroughly enjoyed.

After Breakfast Mr. Reece Walker spoke on "Science and Religion" when we heard how science has produced many wonderful changes for the good of mankind and has in fact taken the drudgery out of life: In medicine and surgery it has prolonged life; many diseases which in days gone by were almost certainly fatal are now completely curable. In the realm of communications it has enabled the world to become ONE and made possible the Brotherhood of Man. It has increased the production and variety of foods. It seems that we have been given everything to make a Heaven on Earth. "Why then is our world in a greater state of turmoil and fear and distress than ever before?" our speaker questioned. His reply was that

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science gives us these gifts but does not determine how we shall use them. So we need religion to tell us how. Scientists themselves are now telling us "to repent or we perish." Events are surely proving that unless we cease to use God's bounteous gifts in selfish ways the end of civilisation is indeed not far ahead.

We are very grateful to the Eversfield School who arranged the Women's Rally on 28th April when a visit was made to the Mill Hill Observatory preceeded by an introductory talk on the stars by Mr. Kiang after an opening prayer by the Rev. Mr. Knight. We very much appreciated a hymn very sweetly sung by four members of Eversfield School. The presence of Mrs. Lord looking well and very fit after her recent illness added to our enjoyment of this most interesting day.

As part of our service to our Community Association it fell to the lot of our School during June to provide flowers for the Memorial and Mrs. Nyberg our Chairman asked to be allowed to buy the flowers. Our loving thoughts were with Mrs. Nyberg in a special way this month as it was in June, 1944, that her husband, Mr. Nyberg, was killed while fire-watching during an air raid.

It was a pleasure to see Joy, the newly-married daughter of our social secretary, Mrs. Lake, one afternoon. We all wish Joy and her husband much happiness in their new life together.

We have been very glad to have Mrs. Welsh with us on several occasions when she has brought her lovely little grandson to see us.

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OUR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOUR MR. A. W. LEACH

It is with very deep regret we report the tragic loss of Mr. A. W. Leach, our Treasurer, who died in Edgware General Hospital after an illness of several months.

His friendship and sense of Community responsibility was an example to all of us and we are sure all of those who were privileged to know him will join with us in our expression of sympathy to his family and in our appreciation for his services.

He would not have liked us to stress his offices in the Association but would, we feel, prefer to be remembered as a friend and as a good neighbour.

As a Resident seller Mr. Leach was known by a large number of residents living in the Montrose, Silkstream area and he always interested himself in their problems and quietly did his utmost to help in solving them.

His death has again impressed upon us that we are losing those old friends of the Association who have freely given their time and services to the work of the neighbourhood. We would make it quite clear to residents that, although these services have been given to the Watling Association, they have been only forthcoming through the strong sense of neighbourliness and community

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held by individual residents on the estate.

The wider aspects of the work of the Association, and the development of this work, is of real importance to us all and, if we are to add to the good name of Watling, it becomes necessary for more of us to play a more active part in the life of the Association. The playing of a more active part does not necessarily mean that one must spend every night in the Community Centre. It does mean that we must give a certain amount of thought to the needs of our neighbours and that we implement that thought with a certain amount of action.

This action may—and must—take a number of forms. You may be able to convert your neighbour to the need of support; you may be able to sell Residents in your own street and so publicise the Association; you may be able to collect membership from interested friends; you may be able to lead a group or help a group; you may be able to help in the canteen; you may be able to type letters or act as steward and so help ease the pressure of increasing office work.

We must always remember that lip service is not enough; no amount of talk will add to our stature—action counts. Let us see some action and let us see your Association benefiting through YOU.

THE HENDON SHOW

The attendance at the Hendon Show was much greater this year, especially on Bank Holiday Monday and the following Saturday. It was not so good during the week. Some

people think that if the mid week price of admission had been reduced a good attendance would have been maintained.

It is possible that this might be the last show of its kind. It costs a lot of money—£12,000 I am told—and, up to this year, it has been run at a loss. To me it seems that the organisers can't make up their minds whether to turn it into a horse show or a military tournament.

Personally I am in favour of the show, but I'd like to see it run on the lines of the Welsh eisteddfod. There is plenty of local talent, the youth clubs, men's clubs, Scouts, Guides and women's guilds would, I am sure with a little financial help organise quite a good display.

Was it necessary to have the Guards band? Massed local bands could give a good show and probably wouldn't cost as much; in any case the money would be kept within the Borough.

Another criticism; the public conveniences were poorly indicated. Thousands of people were at the show and many of them were wandering about looking for somewhere to go.

Most of the side shows were very good; the Aquaria, Cage Birds, Horticulture, Arts and Crafts, and so on.

Then, there were the various gadgets which sold in hundreds. Many people bought gadgets because they felt they had to buy something as a souvenir. There was a kind of knife for coring apples and peeling potatoes, an ingenious device for making apple fritters. A fancy elastic belt for keeping your trousers up.

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for 4/6d. containing a tin cup for separating the yolk of an egg (as if we want to separate eggs at 7d. each) a little spout for extracting the juice from an orange, personally I always suck oranges in the normal way, and there was a recipe I think the man said for making tadpole jelly.

The stall sponsored by the Hendon Federation of Community Associations at which with the help of my wife I did two spells of duty, was better than last year but, in my opinion, nowhere near good enough to put our case over.

Have the people of Hendon benefited from the show? Have we been entertained, interested, educated in the right way? In short is the show worth while?

I think it is.

GARDENING HINTS

To preserve cut flowers, cut off the tips of the stalks each day.

A little camphor or soda in the water is another way of lengthening the life of flowers.

If flowers are drooping, put a penny or an aspirin in the vase to give them a new lease of life.

Sometimes the stalk of a perfectly fresh bloom becomes bent or broken. A strip of adhesive plaster placed round the break will save it. Bulbs—When buying bulbs, be sure that they are firm to the touch. This is more important than the size.

Plant bulbs in bowls that do not turn in at the rim. Bowls with rims allow too much water to remain in the bowl which causes the bulbs to rot.

Bulbs in bowls or pots should be

planted with their tips just above the soil level, and kept in the dark for six weeks.

FRED'S MOMENTS

Fred Lake's Moments have brought about some interest in the Resident and some comment as to why he was lucky enough to have such moments (One Moment in particular wetted the appetite of some readers).

We can all remember interesting "flashes" in our lives, we can jot these down on paper for the next issue of the Resident.

Before the war, during a walking tour in Scotland, we happened to approach a small village. On the outskirts there was a very large notice board bearing these words, "VISITORS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO WALK THROUGH THE VILLAGE ON SUNDAYS". Have you experienced any such local customs? Have you any comments to make on such an attitude?

Yet again. During a course of training at a place we will not name, it was noticeable that the male students all went for early morning walks. It was also noticeable that a certain young lady dressed in front of a prominent—and open—window and that the "walk" always went past this window at the right time.

We have heard many stories from friends who have returned from their holidays. Have you any interesting stories to tell? Did you have any moments? Then stop a moment to give us the enjoyment you may have experienced.

Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.40 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club	7.20 p.m.
A.U.B.F.W. (alternate weeks) ..	5.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	8 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month)	7.30 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club of the Association has been closed during the month of August.

During this closure certain steps were taken to build up membership and to seek leaders.

All boys and girls under the age of 21 who wish to join the Youth Club are asked to obtain an application form from the office at the Watling Centre and all those who would be willing to help in the leadership of the Club are asked to contact the secretary at the same address.

Much can be done with a strong and flourishing Club. The Games side could be developed; holidays arranged; country walks and visits to places of interest organised; new activities developed and so on.

Make it a point to join the Youth Club in September.

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

On being appointed Secretary of the above Association, my first office is to write an appreciation of my predecessor. This is a bitter-sweet task, for no one appreciates all that Mr. Bennett has done for the club and the Movement as a whole more than I, who have been privileged to help him. Although handicapped by poor eyesight and failing health, he did not spare himself in his efforts to make Edware a real live club and not merely a collection of lonely and distracted parents. He warmly supported all our Social activities and was ever in the forefront to keep a loving bond between our daughters overseas and ourselves. He initiated the Birthday Card Scheme under

which each daughter and grand-child received tangible evidence of love and affection from the Old Country and are thus assured that, though far from home, they are not forgotten, but are ever foremost in our hearts.

He worked unceasingly on the task of securing concessions from the Customs Authorities for all members and their daughters—so hard in fact that he wore himself out, but, although he knew he ought to give up and rest he kept valiantly on, buttonholing Members or Parliament within the very precincts of the House of Commons itself, refusing to take "No" for an answer, fighting every inch of the way.

A lovable personality, his loss is keenly felt by us all. It seems unthinkable that we shall not again see his kindly face and receive his smiling welcome. In our sorrow we think of his family and hope that Mrs. Bennett, who supported him so staunchly, will find comfort and solace in our midst.

From my last visit to him I had the great pleasure of seeing him romping with his grandson, who had been brought over from America by his Mother for a visit to the Old Country.

For myself, I can only humbly hope that I may do as well for the Club and members as he, whose assistant I was glad and proud to be.

A. Bromige.

Do right and fear no man.

Don't write and fear no woman.

Do write and help the Watling Resident.

Club Reports, Articles, Local news welcomed.

Watling Association

September 18th to

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

8 p.m.

Dinner & Dance

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Tickets 8/6

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

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SOCIAL EVENING

Admission 1/6

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th 7.30 p.m.

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SURPRISE NIGHT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

7.45 p.m.

Old Time Dance

Organised by U.S. & Canadian Brides Parents Association

Admission 1/6

M.C. Mr. A. W. Matthews

SEPTEMBER 22nd 7.45 p.m.

Admission 2/- & 1/6

TUESDAY NIGHT THEATRE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd 7.45 p.m.

Admission 1/6

WATLING FOLLIES

WEDNESDAY, AFTERNOON 2.30

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Association Silver Jubilee Celebrations

September 18th to 27th

8 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

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COMBINED SOCIAL

Edgware Ramblers, Watling Mens Club, The Neighbours,
Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild and Womens Adult School

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

7.45 p.m.

Whist Drive

Admission 1/6

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

WATLING FAIR

(ON THE STAGE)

Admission 1/6 Acrobats — Maypole — Performing Fleas, etc.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

8 p.m.

Watling United Thanksgiving Service
at Wesley Hall, Thirlby Road

All Welcome

Also on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

7.30 p.m.

JUVENILE DANCE COMPETITION

for the Watling Association Challenge Cup

Admission 2/- & 1/6

at Eversfield Church Hall

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At the monthly meeting of the Guild, held at the Watling Centre, Mrs. Mc Neill was in the Chair. After the business, a very interesting talk was given by Mrs. Laurie, one of the Guild's members, on her 3 months' visit to Naracaibo, in Venezuela, South America. Mrs. Laurie described her air trip and places of calls, then went on to talk of Naracaibo, which is reported to be the richest town in the world. Oil was struck there about 50 years ago, since when, a modern town has been built, although the old one is still there. Postcards of the place were passed round and at the conclusion the Chairman thanked Mrs. Laurie, and loud applause was given. Two new members were welcomed by the Chairman. The competition was won by Mrs. Counts, other prizes to Mrs. Leakes and Mrs. May.

An outing to Eastbourne has been arranged for 25th August. Also, one to the Ice Show "The Great Show" at Wembley. A beetle drive took place on the social afternoon and was much enjoyed.

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IN CASE OF ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCIES

By emergencies is meant, sudden illness in public places, i.e. street, cinema, factories, etc., etc., or maternity.

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State briefly why you require the ambulance and *where* you require it. If you do this correctly an ambulance will arrive in a few minutes.

For illness within the household, call a doctor and if necessary he will arrange for patients' admittance to hospital and also arrange for ambulance transport, if necessary.

DEANSBROOK EVENING INSTITUTE

Mondays 7.30—9.30.

Cookery, (more advanced work).
Home Crafts, (i.e. cane work, stool seating, leatherwork, gloves, lamp-shades, etc.)

Tuesdays 7.30—9.30.

Art needlework, (i.e. smocking, quilting, Jacobean and Richelieu work, etc.)

Elocution and Drama.

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Wednesdays 7.30—9.30.

Dressmaking.

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Keep-Fit (Women).

Recreational Woodwork.

All these classes will be held at Orange Hill Grammar School. Classes in Dressmaking, Home Crafts, Art Needlework, Soft Furnishing, Choral Singing, Ball-room Dancing, Old Time Dancing, Keep-Fit, French, German, and Flower Arrangement will also be available at Deansbrook School.

Students may enrol either at Deansbrook School on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday 15th and 16th September, or at Orange Hill School on Thursday, 17th September, (between 7.30 and 9 p.m.)

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WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

Watling had a very successful
season in the Jackson Shield this
season, they reached the Semi-Final,
only to be beaten by the Enfield
B.C., by 8 shots 59—67, a game
that may easily have gone in
Watling's favour.

The Ladies even had a better
season than the men, for Mrs.
Coleman, Mrs. Smith and Miss Steele
won the final of the Middlesex
Women's County Triples, when
they beat the Gunnersbury B.C.
represented by Mrs. Birkitt, Mrs.
Mowatt and Mrs. French 18—12.
The Watling trio now represent
Middlesex County, in the inter-
county Championship to be played
at Wimbledon at the end of August,
"good luck, ladies"!

Mr. A. V. Stevens club secretary
also won the "Perfection" Cup at
Wimbledon. This is a competition
for London Parks Clubs' secretaries,
this was indeed a grand performance
by our secretary.

Other results to date—

(Away) Handley Page 82

Watling 63 Lost

(Away) Roundwood Park 52

Watling 59 Won

(Home) Albert 44

Watling 79 Won

(Away) Lupton v. Watling, the
latter lost by 7 shots.

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I'VE HAD MY MOMENTS by FRED LAKE

I expect many of you saw the
decorations in Oxford Street. I
knew Oxford Street well; my Mother
was born in Davies Street just off
Oxford Street. I have swept Oxford
Street with a broom. It happened
like this.

Some years ago I met an old army
pal and we went and had a drink.
My friend told me that he had no
regular job, but he had been taken
on as a casual to sweep the snow
from the streets. He said there had
been so much snow down and the
authorities couldn't get enough men
to sweep it away.

"Well, I've got a day off tomor-
row," I said. "I'll go."

"You couldn't do it," he said,
"you being an indoor worker."

I arose at dawn the next day.
Donned an old suit and a thick pair
of boots and presented myself at the
Council Depot.

An odd assortment of men had
already collected there. Casual
labourers, down and outs etc.

I was given a broom and assigned
to a Ganger along with several other
blokes and we wended our way to
the bottom end of Baker Street,
where we made a start on sweeping
the snow.

The morning was cold and the
snow was hard. Some of it had been
down three weeks and had frozen
into the ground. We worked
steadily along Orchard Street and
turned round Oxford Street by
Selfridges, when the Ganger told us
to stop for lunch. I had not found
the sweeping over strenuous; in fact
I made a jocular remark about it to
an old boy with a shovel. When
the Ganger gave the signal to start

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again the old boy with the shovel said " Like to have a go with this? " " I don't mind," I said and took the shovel. Now that's where I made a big mistake. I didn't know he was an old hand. Sweeping snow with a broom and trying to chip at frozen snow with a shovel are two different things. The stuff had been trodden into the ground by countless feet and was like concrete. I hacked away at it till early afternoon when I tried to get rid of the shovel but nobody wanted the ruddy thing. So for the rest of the day I chipped and hacked, and wasn't I glad when we knocked off. For my day's work I received 12/6d. which was good pay in those days. And so, dear reader, if ever you take on a job at snow sweeping, avoid the shovel at all costs. Stick to the jolly old broom.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mrs. Wharhirst, a friend of ours for many years, recounted to us, on 22nd June, the history of the Mill Hill Council for Social Service of which she has been the well-loved secretary for the twenty-one years of its existence. Through this period Mrs. Wharhirst has put in an enormous amount of work in her loving care for the needy and distressed of our district. She expressed her deep thankfulness especially to Mr. Sewell Harris for his help and co-operation in the early days of this organisation at the time of the industrial depression when this Council was brought into being through the concern of business men and women interested in the well-being of their fellows. Mrs. Wharhirst acknowl-

ged with gratitude the help she had received from our Community Association whose workers are mostly Adult School Members, while we too have cause to be deeply grateful—both as helpers and " the helped "—for this proud twenty-one years record.

Mr. Chown has given a fine description of the new Purification Plant at Mogden which has been in operation since 1936, and described the purpose and workings of the wonderful machinery there. Mr. Chown as an ex-borough councillor of Hendon has an intimate knowledge of the needs of our people and expressed the hope that this system would soon be in action all over the country and far beyond, as is, in his opinion, quite practicable and indeed necessary for the sake of public health.

We were glad to welcome Mr. Robson, the new Minister of Wesley Hall and Goodwyn Avenue Methodist Church, when he paid his first visit to us and spoke on Man's Relationship to God, with particular emphasis on Belief in God. Our Speaker pointed out that there are many roads by which people travel to reach a knowledge of God and asked us to respect each man's road though it may not be the same as our own and to look to our own attitudes that we may not spoil or divert our own road or in any manner make the way more difficult for others.

We have read and discussed part of the chapter in the handbook on Friendship preparatory to an afternoon on this subject which we are taking ourselves later and also part of the lesson on The International work of our Movement.

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Mrs. Thomas one afternoon
expressed her warm thanks to our
School for having made it possible
for her to attend the Summer School
at Farnecombe and gave a report on
her stay there which she had enjoyed
and from which she had learnt much
which will make her an even more
valuable Adult School Member.

On 5th June, we spent a lovely
day at Bournemouth and look
forward to another equally happy
one at Southend on 17th August,
these and a happy social afternoon
now and then being arranged for us
by Mrs. Lake.

Our good wishes have been con-
veyed to Mr. A. I. Jones, whose
wife has been very ill and whose son
is undergoing hospital treatment
for severe eye trouble. The help

and friendship given to us all by Mr.
and Mrs. Jones over a long period
has been very great and we pray
that God will grant Mrs. Jones and
their son recovery very soon and
will uphold their splendid courage
in the meantime.

We have learnt with sadness of the
death of Mr. Leach, whose wife, our
dear friend and Member, died only
last year. Our sympathy goes to
their children, one of whom, Mrs.
Rostrom, was our social secretary
for a time and we hope she will soon
be able to join with us in fellowship
again.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

A continually expanding number
of members shows that our policy of
providing a social and motor cycle
club combined is needed in the
district.

Club runs in the past few weeks
have covered both these aspects and
have included our first camping
weekend. This was at Henley.
Fortune was with us and the weather
was perfect. The campers were
joined on the Sunday by a party of
members who rode out to Henley
for the day. So successful was this
weekend, that we hope it will be
the forerunner of many other
successful camps.

A scramble organized by the
South Reading M.C.C. at Beenham
in Berks, provided the most recent
sporting event. Here, on one of the
best courses for spectators in
S.E. England exciting racing was
provided by many of the riders.

Forthcoming runs include a night
run to Cheddar Gorge and Weston-

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super-Mare starting at Midnight on the Saturday and returning on the Sunday. It is hoped to spend part of the morning looking around Cheddar and the caves and then to ride on to Weston prior to returning home.

Also a number of members are competing in the Trade Winds M.C.C. Road Trial. These road trials comprise a series of tests to find out the skill of the driver, the tests assimilating conditions that might normally be met on the road, i.e. steering tests, braking tests, etc. These tests plus various time checks throughout the route provide an interesting and enjoyable day's outing.

Our Club night is held every Friday at the Centre from 7.30--10 p.m. Here a pleasant social evening can be spent, table tennis, darts and billiard facilities being provided. Occasionally socials and other entertainments are arranged. We are always pleased to see new members, both riders and their friends, and they can be sure of a warm welcome.

Finally, on Saturday, September 19th, during Watling Week, we are

running a social in the main hall. There will be games and dances for all ages and we sincerely hope that all the members of the Watling Community Centre who attend will spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

EXTRACT FROM "THE FIRST 21 YEARS"

The first cottage on the Estate was occupied in April 1927.

For the early residents and particularly the women and children, the change was tremendous, from the accustomed congestion of their old quarters with long established institutions, shops close at hand, pavements, cinemas, public houses, and street lights, to the new estate with fewer than eleven houses to the acre, unmade roads, and unlit streets with no schools, or churches, no shops.

For months many children ran wild.

In 1928 there was nothing but bricks and mortar and acres of mud. The main thoroughfares were narrow lanes, little more than footpaths and cart tracks.

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<i>51 Club.</i>	Sundays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Women's Adult School.</i>	Mondays	2.30 p.m.
<i>Poor Man's Lawyer</i> (by appointment).	Mondays, Thursdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Old Time Dancing.</i>	Alternate Mondays	7.30 p.m.
<i>U.S. and Canadian Brides Parents Assn.</i>	Alternate Mondays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Family Planning and Advice Clinic.</i>	Tuesdays	10.00 a.m.
<i>Youth Club.</i>	Tuesdays, Thursdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Dramatics</i> (Watling Guild of Players).	Tuesdays	8.00 p.m.
<i>Watling Follies.</i>	Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>British Legion Service Committee.</i>	Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Men's Club.</i>	Wednesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Edgware Ramblers.</i>	Wednesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Veteran's Club.</i>	Wednesdays	2.30 p.m.
<i>Whist Drives.</i>	Thursdays, 2.45 p.m. Fridays, 7.45 p.m.	
<i>Y.H.A.</i>	Thursdays	8.00 p.m.
<i>Townswomen's Guild.</i>	Thursdays (alternate weeks) ...	2.30 p.m.
<i>M.P.s Advice Service.</i>	Third Friday in each month ...	6.00 p.m.
<i>Motor Cycle Club.</i>	Fridays	7.30 p.m.

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VIEWPOINT

As a community we appear to be unable to deal adequately with the increasing trend of vandalism: Organisations and residents are being subjected to the unasked for attentions of children and young people who appear to be unable to make use of the open spaces of the area, but MUST damage and destroy houses and public buildings.

It is not enough for us to sit back and say "something must be done"; neither is it enough for our magistrates to adopt a policy which errs on the side of leniency at the expense of the community. It is not enough for us to watch acts of vandalism without taking action; as it is not enough for us to be terrorised by the usual reaction of those

we attempt to guide into a better understanding of citizenship.

We are sure the time has come when this problem must be fully assessed by us all and some concerted policy adopted towards its cure. Individually we must make our stand in the setting of an established standard of good conduct. Collectively we must see to it that this "destructivism" is guided into less anti-social channels and our young people encouraged to help us build a better society.

It is not enough for us adults to carry out our own many little "unlawful" acts and expect our juniors not to notice them and not to copy them. If we "borrow" something without intention to repay or without permission; if we accept

NEWS

for WATLING RESIDENTS

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

the "smart Alec," the "spiv," the "drone"; if we do not respect the right of our neighbour; then how can we expect those who so readily follow our example to have a clearly defined standard of right and wrong?

The magistrates' court is not the answer to this problem. The answer lies within our own homes and within our own workshops. It is up to you and I to improve ourselves and so help to improve others. It is up to you and I to consider more responsibly our neighbours and our duty as neighbours and citizens.

We have fallen down. Are we prepared to pick ourselves up?

HOUSING

Although we find from the Minutes of the Hendon Council Meetings that an increasing number of local residents are being housed there yet remains a need which does not appear to be easing to any extent. In the Community Centre we are meeting numberless tragic instances of housing problems and of the difficulties many young people have to meet today.

We consider it to be more sensible for newly weds to live on their own during the early years of marriage so that personal problems, which so often arise, cannot be complicated by family interference. We consider the fact that so many families are living in confined and depressing premises to be a serious reflection on modern society and a cause for discontent and the breaking up of homes.

We ask our building authorities to proceed with all speed with their building programmes; we ask our builders to consider the needs of their friends when they are "on the job"; we ask those who are able to help others through the provision of accommodation to do so; we ask those who are living in houses too large for their own needs to consider a possible exchange; we urge those in need to bring their need before the councillors and their M.P.s.

WATLING CENTRE MEMORIAL

The Association would welcome the names and addresses of groups and individuals who would be prepared to help in the provision of flowers for the Memorial. The more helpers there are the less each group or person will have to do. If you are willing to take your share on the Rota, please let the secretary have your name and address.

Memorial Room Quota for October

Week commencing:

- Oct. 4th—Neighbours.
- .. 11th—Veterans.
- .. 18th—Youth Club.
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MEDICAL HINTS

By LEO

Instead of giving a sweet or piece of orange after the medicine, try giving it before. This will destroy the unpleasant taste of the medicine and there will be no further trouble.

Medicine-Bottle Corks.—Screw a dresser-hook into each cork. This saves trouble and delay with broken corks when medicine is required.

Iron Medicine.—Medicine containing iron must always be taken through a tube, or it discolours the teeth. For a child, a stick of macaroni is even better than the glass tube sold for the purpose as the glass might be accidentally bitten.

When sterilising a needle in boiling water to remove splinters, etc., it is often very difficult to remove the needle from the water. Try threading the needle with cotton, and there will be no necessity to burn your fingers when removing it.

To avoid Pricked Finger.—Put a finger-shield on the first finger of the left hand when sewing. A thimble answers the same purpose, but it is clumsier.

Busy housewives find cut fingers are a nuisance to keep clean. But if the finger is dressed, then wrapped in a piece of transparent paper, the dressing will remain clean and any risk of infection avoided.

When adhesive tape is used for a cut finger it always leaves a dark sticky mark, which is very difficult to remove. A small piece of a clean white handkerchief (the same size as the adhesive tape required), wound round the finger first, prevents the tape from touching and staining the flesh.

Neuritis.—Slice threepenny-worth of camphor thinly and add to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of methylated spirits (costs about 7d.). When camphor dissolves, mixture is ready for use. Daub on affected part once or twice daily. **(Do not rub.)**

VISIT TO THE ROMAN MANOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

On the invitation of the Warden, 25 people from the Centre visited the Roman Manor Community Centre at the Albert Docks. We left the Centre by coach at 6.30 and about 7.30 we arrived at the Albert Docks.

This Community Centre was built by the East Ham Education Committee and cost £20,000. As a community centre it certainly has everything—a rest room with a carpet on the floor, armchairs and small tables. Then there are other rooms, some used as clinics. Plenty of cupboard space, a roomy canteen and a very fine stage. The activities at the Centre are run by a series of clubs, similar to our Sections at Watling. There is a large Darby & Joan club, two dance clubs, old time and modern. A darts team, 40 strong, a Horticulture group, a Small Youth group and a Theatre Outings group. The Youth Club do odd jobs around the Centre! The Centre is administered by two Committees. One composed of representatives of the Local Authority and a management Committee of elected members from the Community Centre.

We were made very welcome at the Centre and we are inviting their members to pay us a return visit at a later date.

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Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday) ..	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild ..	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Year at the Centre.

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Club (Mixed)	4 p.m.
Painting Class	7 p.m.
Service (3rd Friday in month)	6 p.m.
Flowers Service (1st Fri.)	6.30 p.m.
Flowers	7.30 p.m.
Meeting (1st Friday in month)	8 p.m.
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THE WATLING MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Can you imagine a September morning about 9.30 a.m.—the sun shining above and everything looking well set for a fine warm day?

This is indeed like an Indian summer and just the right day for touring the lanes and by-ways of Hertfordshire.

Already a grand number of members were assembled at the appointed meeting place "outside" the "Queen of Hearts" at Queensbury, and soon we were all wending our way like a long crocodile towards the country.

Once through Bushey and Watford, we quickly turned off, avoiding the main roads, twisting and turning through the lovely fresh green lanes.

There is always the feeling of unexpectancy on these kinds of of runs—what fresh beauty or picturesque scene will meet the eye round the next bend—quaint cottages tucked away amongst the trees or ye olde village pub with its low thatched roof and clean white-washed walls—or even the sight of Jim E. mounting the bank with his "ballast" perched high up in the chair now resting half way in the hedge in his endeavour to allow another vehicle to pass in the narrow lane.

On and on we go till eventually Chesham is reached (an old world spot), where we stop for elevenses.

Continuing our tour through Flaunden and Chenies we come across a small village green complete with its old water well and pump in the centre and decide this is the spot for the mid-day break.

Sitting under the trees, picnic

fashion, with the warm sun streaming through, so lovely and peaceful—quite a number of us, I think, would have liked to have lingered longer in these pleasant surroundings, but we had a full programme ahead of us for the afternoon.

This was in the way of attending a Gymkhana at the Hendon Police College, so 2 p.m. found us at the sports field at Hendon.

It was an excellent afternoon's entertainment and the Police put up a very good show on their motor bikes.

To add to our pleasure we met several of our good friends from the Dolphin and Edgware Club and as always the main topic was **motor bikes** and their "ballast"—bless 'em.

Finally to round up a really nice day, most of the members rose out to Northwood for an evening meal before wending our way home.

Peggy E.

THE BIG TOP

Those of you who missed seeing this truly exciting film of the circus, or even if you have seen this film before, will be thrilled by the scenes, and the life of the circus folk, who make this film such a success.

It will be a treat for the old, as well as the young, and we are sure that you will remember the performance on October 10th, and consider the evening well spent.

We extend a hearty welcome to all those who will want to meet under the "Big Top" at Watling Centre, Saturday evening, October 10th.

This film is sponsored by the British-Soviet Friendship Society, Edgware Branch.

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BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

There was a large attendance at the open meeting of the Guild in August; this is the afternoon of the year that members entertain the committee, and what a good afternoon this was! The business concluded, Mrs. Eagle and her helpers took over. A splendid tea was pro- vided and the committee were waited upon by the members. Then followed an entertainment by the Edgware Townswomen's Guild. This included sketches, and songs, and was loudly applauded. Two of our own members, Mrs. Dimond and Mrs. Grewslade gave monologues and songs. The afternoon concluded with community singing. The Chairman, Mrs. McNeill, thanked everyone for the enjoyable afternoon. The raffle was won by Mrs. Purt and a member from Edgware.

The social afternoon this month was a whist drive and 7 tables were in play, Mrs. Couttes and Mrs. Stabler getting the highest score.

A lovely day was spent at Eastbourne on the Guild's outing, everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves.

There will not be a social afternoon on Thursday, 24th September as members will be going to Wembley Town Hall for the Annual Rally.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Stabler, one of our very good workers, in the sad loss of her husband.

Mice & Men

They were entertaining friends in their new prefabricated home.

Suddenly one of the guests sat up and listened. "Surely you're not troubled by mice already?" "That's not mice," replied the householder, "that's the people next door eating celery."

Counted Out

Bill came home with two black eyes and a broken nose. "Fighting again," said his mother, "didn't I tell you that when you are angry you should always count a hundred before you do anything?" Yes, Ma, I know," returned Bill, "but the other boy's Ma told him to count fifty."

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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S SCHOOL

Though some of our Members have been holidaying during August our School has continued to be held every Monday as in other years, so that those of us who are at home may meet each other once a week for a social time or a talk together, that we may go on our way encouraged and refreshed.

Mr. Vear gave an account on 31st August of his visit to an Old People's Home at Reigate, Surrey, of which his brother is Warden, a most delightful place where the old folk have the maximum freedom of movement and every loving care. The fee of four guineas was criticised by our members as being too high, but Mr. Vear told us that this is subsidised where needed. We were glad to hear that there are these lovely places where old people may spend their last few years but are sorry they are so few and hope more will be provided very soon.

It is the opinion of Mr. Vear, who has a deep concern for the welfare especially of old people, that these places, though so helpful and necessary, do not solve the whole problem. Many people keep their faculties very little impaired far beyond sixty-five or seventy years and there are many useful jobs they are able and eager to do amongst the younger ones. It was suggested that more small flats amongst the bigger houses should also be provided in addition to these splendid places, similar to the one Mr. and Mrs. Vear had visited at Reigate during their holiday.

We were glad to again welcome Mr. Sid Goode, when on 7th September he spoke about Wilfred Thesiger, the lone explorer. Mr. Goode reminded us that Man is an inquisitive being, continually searching and wanting to know more and more about all kinds of things. From the beginning of time men have studied, explored and experimented, often giving up their homes, wealth, comfort, health and life itself in their quest for knowledge.

Some research is carried out by teams of men, while some problems are more successfully dealt with by a lone adventurer and Wilfred Thesiger was such a man. Amongst other daring adventures about which Mr. Goode told us, with the aid of a map and pictures, Thesiger explored the Rub el Khali, or Empty Quarter, in Arabia, crossing and re-crossing an area of 800 miles by 400, mapping as he went what had hitherto been an almost unknown region, a lone European amongst strange people amongst whom he found happiness, at the same time adding to our knowledge of far off lands.

Our journey to Southend on 17th August, a warm, sunny day, was delightful and our few hours by the sea a real tonic. Arrangements for this happy day were made by Mrs. Lake, who is also enquiring about possible visits to other interesting places.

We have warmly welcomed Mrs. Woolhead, Mrs. Huxley and Mrs. Haarhoff, who have recently joined our School and hope they will be very happy with us.

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Loving greetings have been conveyed to Mary—now Mrs. Canfield, the daughter of our Chairman, Mrs. Nyberg, who is on holiday here from America and we look forward to seeing her at School one afternoon.

Our programme for the future includes—during October:—
on 5th—Reverend Mr. Robson, on "Ye must be Born Again";
on 12th—A visit to Shredded Wheat Factory at Welwyn Garden City;
on 19th—Mrs. Terry Rouse, on "Ideal Humanity";
on 26th—Mrs. Jean Anderson, on "Body and Mind".

We will be very glad to see you on any Monday afternoon at 2.40.

MEN'S CLUB

A social club from John Lewis & Co., Watford, paid a return visit to the Watling Centre on Wednesday, the 26th August and was entertained by members of the Watling Men's Club. For the second time this year, Snooker, Darts and Table Tennis games were organised smoothly throughout the night and competition was keen. We won the Table Tennis 21-4, the Darts 4-2 but were well and truly beaten at Snooker by 5 matches to nil.

Before leaving, the visitors expressed their appreciation and hoped they might be able to return again later in the year. The Committee of the Watling Men's Club hope to arrange further matches this year with different clubs, as they feel that inter-club matches stimulate interest

in their own club. How true this is can be seen from the number of club members, which was twelve in February of this year and now stands at 52, an increase of over 300 %.

If there is sufficient demand the Sunday Free and Easy Socials will also continue to function.

We extend our congratulations to Len Knight, son of the popular local pianist, and Beryl Knightly, on their recent marriage.

The Gay Forties will be busy again this winter entertaining local old people's and blind clubs. They also find time to support many activities at the Centre.

The Youth Club is in process of re-formation. It is hoped that they will take more active interest in the running and maintenance of the Centre. Also we should be glad to see more of them at the Council meetings.

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By FRED LAKE

During the War, there was a shortage of labour on the farms, and appeals were made for helpers to pick peas, potatoes, beets, etc., etc. Early one October I volunteered to do a week's potato picking. I was given papers and instructions and told to report to the Ministry of Agriculture Officer at Woking.

On the Monday morning I dressed as much like a farmer as possible and caught an early train at Waterloo.

When I got out at Woking Station, people were hurrying, to catch trains, cars were coming to and fro, lorries were standing about, but I could not see my guide. Then I spotted a bloke with a band round his arm, and he turned out to be the man from the Ministry of Agriculture. I presented my credentials and enquired where I was to go. "That covered lorry over there," he said. "It's just going off to the farm. You'd better hurry." Indeed, the lorry was just moving. I ran after it, caught hold of the tail-board and heaved myself up. Willing hands helped me in.

I stood up, a little breathlessly, and looked around. **The lorry was full of girls sitting on forms.**

"Is—is this lorry going to Chase Farm?" I enquired.

"Yes," they answered, almost in unison. I looked around. "But—where are the men?" I asked.

"Oh!" someone said, "One man turned up at the station, got scared, and went back."

I made a quick count of the girls. There were fourteen of 'em.

"I'm the only man," I said, "and I've got to spend a week on a farm with all you girls."

"Ugh! Ugh!" said some wench. There was a titter of laughter.

For a moment panic seized me. I was tempted to drop off the lorry there and then, but my old mother used to say, "Never let it be said that your mother bred a jibber," and so, being a good mixer, I stayed!

U.S. AND C.B.P.A.

I should like to thank Mrs. Bromige for her valuable contribution last month. Her tribute to our late esteemed friend and secretary, admirably expressed the feelings of all members I am sure. Another thank you must go out to the daughter of Mrs. Wood (Mrs. Matalone), for her very interesting contribution in the August issue, just prior to returning home to America. We were all very pleased to meet her with her happy smiling face, and her two bonny children and to have a few lines from her as a parting gift is just the thing that makes our Association so valuable. The entertainment given by her little girl singing those three songs to us on **their** social night was a wonderful performance by one so young and everyone was touched when she sang "Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner." She was "mighty fine," was the opinion of everyone. Mrs. Matthews kindly M.C.d the evening which was enjoyed so much. We were glad to hear her safe arrival home was accomplished without incident.

Unfortunately, a few weeks later we had to say farewell to Mrs. Bennett's daughter, Mrs. Lee and her little Robert. Another happy social evening was given for their benefit. This time our M.C. was our old faithful Mr. G. Thompson who, although not yet in the best of health, turned out specially to give Mrs. Lee and Robert a good time, and he did! It was good to see him around again. Mr. Mrs. Davies, although both on the sick list, attended, and it pleased everyone to see Mrs. Davies entertaining us at the piano again. Thank you, Mrs. Davies for your grand contribution to give these folk a happy send-off and we hope to see you more often.

Although we have said au-revoir to two daughters recently, another daughter has arrived hot on their heels. We are very pleased to say "Hi and welcome" to Mrs. Nyberg's daughter Mary, and her two children who have just arrived for a few months' visit. Our very best wishes go out to them and we hope their visit will be blessed with every happiness.

What a grand day we had at Felixstowe.

Cheerio,
W. Ellis.

Chain of Events

Guest (to host in new home):
"Well old pal, how do you find it here?"

Host: "Walk right upstairs, and then two doors to the left

4th WATLING GIRL GUIDES

On Sunday, September 13th, we paraded to Wesley Hall for the Harvest Festival. In July some of us had a few days in camp. The weather was lovely most of the time, rain coming the night before we left, however, none of us got wet, and we all enjoyed ourselves. We also had a few hikes at which we lit fires and cooked our dinner.

We attended the Coronation Camp Fire at Alexandra Palace. One of our Guides, Marianne Changeur, had the honour of presenting the Division Tributes to the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell. These will go to H.M. the Queen. Another Guide, Beryl McLean, represented a foreign Guide.

We would like to see more of the children of the Estate joining the Company. We also need adult help urgently. Any person over 18 years, will be very welcome.

Marion Tumath,
(Captain).

Congratulations to the Centre's Football team. At the time of writing they have played their first game of the season—a friendly match against the R.A.F. at Hendon. Watling won 5-2.

It is proposed to re-organise the 51 Club which, it is hoped, will resume its activities on Sunday evenings.

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MONDAY NIGHT AT THE CENTRE FOR MEMBERS

Individual members often find
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It has now been agreed that the
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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

<i>Weightlifting.</i>	Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays ...	7.30 p.m.
<i>51 Club.</i>	Sundays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Women's Adult School.</i>	Mondays	2.30 p.m.
<i>Poor Man's Lawyer</i> (by appointment).	Mondays, Thursdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Old Time Dancing.</i>	Alternate Mondays	7.30 p.m.
<i>U.S. and Canadian Brides Parents Assn.</i>	Alternate Mondays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Family Planning and Advice Clinic.</i>	Tuesdays	10.00 a.m.
<i>Youth Club.</i>	Tuesdays, Thursdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Dramatics</i> (Watling Guild of Players).	Tuesdays	8.00 p.m.
<i>Watling Follies.</i>	Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>British Legion Service Committee.</i>	Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Men's Club.</i>	Wednesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Edgware Ramblers.</i>	Wednesdays	7.30 p.m.
<i>Veteran's Club.</i>	Wednesdays	2.30 p.m.
<i>Whist Drives.</i>	Thursdays, 2.45 p.m. Fridays, 7.45 p.m.	
<i>Y.H.A.</i>	Thursdays	8.00 p.m.
<i>Townswomen's Guild.</i>	Thursdays (alternate weeks) ...	2.30 p.m.
<i>M.P.s Advice Service.</i>	Third Friday in each month ...	6.00 p.m.
<i>Motor Cycle Club.</i>	Fridays	7.30 p.m.

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THE WATLING RESIDENT

For over twenty-five years the Watling Resident has been produced and has been, through the voluntary assistance of a small number of people, circulated throughout the estate. Of late years we have experienced losses through death and other causes of our sellers and we now find ourselves faced with the position of printing a Resident and yet having extreme difficulty in selling it throughout the estate.

Three members are, between them, selling Residents in 15 of the 61 roads on the estate: a few others are covering two roads.

These sellers are working under extreme difficulties and cannot possibly hope to adequately

cover the roads they serve—they can only drop the Residents into the doors.

If the Resident is of value, then it is time more helpers came forwards to sell it throughout the estate and so make our Association more known. If sellers cannot be found; if people have lost the interest in the Association and their neighbours there remains no alternative but to stop the issue of the Resident.

For too long have we been forced to curtail essential work of the Association through lack of help: a Welfare State cannot on its own provide us with voluntary service and friendliness—it needs to be helped. The Association needs your help. Are you too lazy to do anything about it?

NEWS

for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

WHY JOIN A YOUTH CLUB ?

I was talking to a father on the Watling Estate recently, and he told me that he was a little worried about what his son did in his spare time. He knew that he did not belong to a youth organisation, and wondered why.

Perhaps there are many such parents on the Estate, who also wonder why their sons or daughters do not belong to a Youth Club. So perhaps I can offer them a few reasons.

In the first place, there are not enough organisations for young people. The few that there are, you will find, are so understaffed that they can do very little.

What generally happens is that when young persons join a Youth Club, they find little to do and soon drift away.

Now the parents are mainly to blame for this. They should be willing to take an active interest. If this is not possible, they should agitate for some kind of legislation from the State.

It is unfortunate that a certain political group in this country have poisoned people's minds about the State doing anything at all. But we must remember that these people are opposed to the Welfare State and State Trading, etc., only because they feel they will not be able to have such a high standard of living themselves if the State takes over in the real interest of the people. But this should not blind us to the need of a social conscience regarding our Youth, and something must be done about this problem. Can we find suffi-

cient people prepared to give up their time to helping these clubs? I don't think we can. Then we just cannot leave it there. We must consider some form of legislation from the Government. Most responsible people to-day recognise the need for young people to have organisations to use in their spare time. Of course the cry will go up right away that we are trying to nationalise our Youth. But we only smile.

HAROLD LEE.

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A CAMPING HOLIDAY ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA

A holiday on the Continent, if tackled in the right way, can be as cheap as a similar one in this country. We in our party have moderate means, and having been blessed with motor bikes, found the holiday well within our scope. The party consisted of Peggy and Jim Eccles (Thunderbird and sidecar); Jim and Ted Oliver (A.S. twins); Pat and myself (solo Thunderbird).

It was a lovely sunny day when we started out on our journey from Edgware—our machines looking more like overloaded pack mules than touring bikes, in spite of our "travel light" motto. Our destination in England was Lympne Airport, as we had chosen to fly across the Channel so as to save time and trouble.

Our holiday coincided with the peak holiday period and we found many others waiting at the airport as the planes were two hours behind schedule.

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We motored through Abbeville, Beauvais and on to Versailles so as to by-pass the traffic in Paris. When we set off we hoped to do three hundred miles that day, but our good intentions were short-lived as we came up with one of the country's most popular annual events, the Tour de France. We came at right angles to a main road. Our route was to cross this, but the road was closed to all traffic except that concerned with the cycle event. People were standing about twenty deep on either side of the road. We asked one gendarme how we could get over, and he just shrugged his shoulders, saying that it was impossible. Not content with his reply we decided to have a look for ourselves and proceeded along parallel to the main route, turning first left and then right, up back streets and so on until we came to a definite stop. We had literally "gone up a blind alley," but to our amusement, when we found a large and assorted pack of vehicles had tacked on to our rear in hopes that we could guide them through the thick traffic and crowds. There may have been a little excuse for us getting lost, but when the French follow foreigners on their own soil and they too get lost—tut! tut!

Fortunately the French drivers saw the funny side of it, too, as we quickly departed, leaving them to sort themselves and their vehicles.

(To be continued)

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1953

Dear Residents,

Christmas is coming, the cards and calendars are in the shops, and at the Centre we have made some plans for Christmas Eve. We want all who can to come and sing carols round the Christmas Tree, which will be set up in the front grounds of the Centre.

The Churches have got together and their choirs and youth groups who do the rounds every year for their own favourite good cause have decided to rendezvous at the Centre at 8 o'clock; we will sing carols for an hour and then have cocoa inside the Centre to warm us up before we go home.

There will be another feature. Enquiries are being made to discover a children's home or hospital somewhere near which does not get much in the way of toys and sweets for the children from outside sources. We will send them some from us all at Watling. Bring some small present—repeat small—the kind of novelty sweets or small toy which you give your children as a "make-weight." We will put them all together and see them off to their destination on Christmas Eve.

If you will not be able to come on Christmas Eve, Mr. Vear will accept toys and sweets at any time from now on. We can trust him not to take any samples home.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. KNIGHT

(Minister of Eversfield Congregational Church.)

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

The Area Conference was held at the Abbey Community Centre on Saturday, 10th October, and there was a very good attendance of Full, Associate and Individual members of the N.F.C.A. There were four representatives from Watling.

The Chairman at the morning session was Mr. A. T. Carr from the Slough Community Association, and after the Roll Call and welcome to the representatives attending, there was a period for general information.

The main topic for discussion in the morning was "Difficulties experienced in the actual running of a Community Association," opened by Mr. R. A. Nunn, Warden of Gerrards Cross C.A., and some of the main points which came out in the discussion were: Activities for group and individual membership; sections working together; publicity; press and posters; how to get the Community idea across to those outside the Centre; to find out what residents need in the way of an activity and to organise it; to have open meetings at the Centre; to get the youth of the area interested in the Community idea and to encourage them to take a more active part in the running of the Association.

If a Community Association tries to carry out all its activities amongst its own little circle it will perish. How to encourage and retain membership was another well discussed point.

The discussion proved that

most Community Associations are encountering the same problems.

The Chairman for the afternoon session was Mr. G. B. Howsden, Wimbledon C.A., and, after a brief report of last February's area conference, we had a very interesting talk by Peter Hodge, first Warden of Accra, Gold Coast, Community Association. The subject, "Aspects of a Community Centre in Rural Africa, brought out a very lively and enlightening discussion on how Africans, craving for education are settling down to the Community idea.

THE WIDOW'S MITE

We recently received a donation of 5/- from a local widow towards the building extension fund and we do bring this to the notice of all residents and members and ask, "Can you offer a comparable sum?"

It is not enough to take the Community Association for granted; it is not enough to sit back and rest on the work which has been so unselfishly done in the past. We have to recognise the worth of the Association in our neighbourhood and make efforts to keep the Ideal of community living alive.

The Association has two main functions. The first to protect the wellbeing of the residents residing in the Watling area, and this can only be done through a continued awareness of the needs of the area and through the preparedness of us all to see to it that these needs are adequately expressed in the right quarters.

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Through also our preparedness to undertake many small acts of neighbourliness.

The second function is to maintain a Community Centre where in the needs of residents may be fully enjoyed. If our Centre is small we cannot in any way pretend to provide for more than a few interests (Within the past few years we have been unable to develop photographic, discussion, painting, dancing, P.T., and other groups owing to this lack of accommodation.) We therefore feel that our second function cannot adequately be carried out unless our building is materially extended and it cannot be extended without funds.

the questions asked and answered caused a great deal of laughter.

The previous programme was "Members' Choice," when members were invited to play their own favourite gramophone record, saying why they liked their chosen record. The result was a most interesting programme of contrasting music. Miss Tolman was a most able Mistress of Ceremonies and the afternoon was such a success

THE BLIND ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES

The Edgware and District Club for the Blind finished their summer season with two programmes organised by their own blind members, an experience much enjoyed by participants and members alike.

The programme last Tuesday was an old favourite, "Twenty Questions." This time two challenging teams were drawn from the Club consisting of Mrs. Friend, Mr. Gofton, Miss Tolman, Miss Veronica Young; and Mr. Atherton, Miss Groom, Miss Henley, Mrs. Tennet, with Mr. Sterling as question-master. Both teams excelled and the fitting result was a draw with seven wins each, the question-master gaining only two successes from each team. The subjects chosen, and

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

Bazaar Carnival Social

7.45 p.m.

Admission 1/-

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

To be arranged. Come just the same.

MIXED ADULT SCHOOLS

Adult Schools are groups which seek on the basis of friendship to learn together and to enrich life through study, appreciation, social service and obedience, to a spiritual ideal.

A mixed group is meeting on Wednesday evenings at the Wesley Hall, Thirlby Road, Watling, to which men and women are cordially invited.

This is a non-party political, non-sectarian group which in this modern material world of rush and tear, provides helpful sources alike of inspiration and personal service.

DO YOU WANT A HENDON SHOW?

Following the receipt of a report from the Hendon Ratepayers Association, it has been agreed to call an Open Meeting to discuss this vexed question of the Hendon Show.

Mr. F. Gilmore will put the case for the Hendon Ratepayers and we do seek your interest in this meeting, which is to be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday, November 11th at 8.00 p.m.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF MEMBERS

A Quarterly Meeting of Members is to be held in the Community Centre on Friday, November 13th, at 8.00 p.m. All members of the Association are welcomed to this meeting.

LONDON JUNIOR CUP

V. Wembley Town at Vale Farm Wembley, K.O. 2.15. p.m., 21st November 1953. Supporters wanted, if sufficient a coach will be run from the Centre. Come and give your team the support which they need.

J. D. Blake.

FIRST AID HINTS

Every home should have a first-aid box containing the following items:

Scissors, safety pins, tweezers, small enamel bowl or two, a glass jar or calico bag containing cotton wool, boracic and plain lint, antiseptic gauze, oil silk, and scraps of white rag which have previously been boiled.

A small bottle each of Dettol, peroxide of hydrogen (5 vols.), and boracic lotion — antiseptics. Dressings for burns, castor oil, olive oil, medicinal paraffin and vaseline. Boracic crystals (for making lotion), smelling salts, eucalyptus (for colds).

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Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends	11 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
School of Dancing	4 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.T. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers	6 p.m.
Dance	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	4.58 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	3.2 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7.30 p.m.
N.C.U.	6 p.m.
Guides	8 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
in month)	7.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	8 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting /1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	7.30 p.m.
Friday in month	7.30 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON
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WATLING ASSOCIATION MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The day of the Chalk Chase arrived.

Competitors started from Northolt at five minute intervals — an arrangement which was soon disrupted as Number Seven caught up with Number Three, who had taken a wrong turning, and so on. The trail was followed across Buckinghamshire and into Hertfordshire with such zeal that lunch stops were forgotten, until the chalk marks ran out and the markers were discovered having their one-hour lunch break.

Starters for the afternoon stage departed, once more at five-minute intervals, and followed a diminishing number of arrows across Hertfordshire to finish at a well known cafe on the Watford By-pass. The winner being the rider covering the route with the smallest margin over the standard mileage of 65, the prize will go to Ron and Barbara Lynn, who recorded 73. As for the runners-up and also-rans, they all voted it a most enjoyable day and have made many enquiries regarding plans for the next Chalk Chase.

A visit to the scramble at Beenham had been planned for the following week, but the majority of members preferred to visit Brands Hatch Stadium for their last road racing meeting of the season, and a worth-while visit it was, too, racing of a high standard being provided.

On Friday, October 2nd, the Quarterly General Meeting took place and although the initial items on the Agenda were passed over rather quickly owing to the absence on business of the Secretary, Jim Oliver, much time was spent on "Other Business." Discussion ranged from conduct of club runs on the road to whether another chalk chase could be held soon. Two points were raised on which votes were taken, the Meeting being in favour of leaving unchanged the rule regarding filling of vacancies on the committee between Annual General Meetings, and unanimously against any effort which might be made to introduce compulsory wearing of safety helmets, although favouring their adoption on a voluntary basis. The Secretary was instructed to inform the local Member of Parliament of this opinion prior to the imminent discussion on the matter in Parliament.

Events at present in the future, but which will have taken place by the time this appears in print, are a Film Show by the Vacuum Oil Co. on Friday, October 16th, and a Tramp Supper the following evening. On this occasion members will not present their usual immaculate appearance but will be dressed in anything old, moth-eaten, torn or suitably tramp-like.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

For the first time the Club has introduced a weekly social programme, and very shortly members will be receiving details of the larger 1953/54 programme, made possible by this innovation. The Club now meets every Tuesday at the Watling Community Centre from 2.30-4.30 p.m., and is open to all local blind and partially sighted people, especially those not in full-time employment.

WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

Results of Club competitions for the season 1953:—

- Ladies Championship (Singles)—The Florence Cup: winner, Mrs. F. Coleman; runner-up, Mrs. E. L. Robertson.
- Ladies' Handicap (singles)—The President's Cup: winner, Mrs. G. Smith; runner-up, Mrs. F. Coleman.

The Cock and Hen Cup (mixed pairs handicap): winners, Mrs. E. L. Robertson and Mr. A. Hamilton; runners-up, Mrs. F. Coleman and Mr. H. W. Gair.

The Stone Trophy (junior handicap): winner, Mr. W. G. Bennett; runner-up, Mrs. A. Wilkinson.

The Gair Trophy (pairs handicap): winners, Mrs. F. Coleman and Miss M. Steele; runners-up, Mrs. L. Parkes and Mr. W. Hollis.

The Torrance Memorial and Centurion Cups (pairs championship): winners, Mr. E. Brace and Mr. F. Orchard; runners-up, Mrs. F. Coleman and Mr. A. Steele.

The Banham Cup (singles handicap): winner, J. N. Vaz; runner-up, M. J. Brayley.

The Torrance Cup (singles championship): winner, J. N. Vaz; runner-up, M. J. Brayley.

The Club won 33 matches and lost 7 during the season which ended on Sunday, October 3rd.

The A.G.M. of the Club will be held at the Centre on Friday, 13th November.

Whist Drives will be held at the "Royal Oak" on the second Wednesday evening in every month until next April.

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VIEWPOINT

One of our local papers recently expressed more concern over the increase in expenditure, by the Middlesex County Council, on Further Education. It was felt that this expenditure could be cut to the benefit of the ratepayer. One of the reasons given for this was that some so called dress-making and handicraft classes were in fact social gatherings.

We consider any cut in Further Education expenditure to be wrong. An abuse of a necessary provision does not call for the suspension of that provision, but for a more careful application by the authority responsible.

Many of our young people, through their lack of apprecia-

tion of the value of learning at school, may be accused of abusing a privilege — yet we do not demand the closure of schools.

Most of us, after our school days lie behind us, realise the value of education; we realise the benefits we may receive and the improved contribution we may make to society through improved knowledge.

We feel the purpose of education is not only to make us better workers in the factories, offices, etc., but also to enable us to more fully enjoy our life. To do this our needs must become more skilled in the art of living—as distinct from the fact of working—and we have to educate or train ourselves in this art. If a rela-

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

tively few of us are blessed with the opportunity to obtain our knowledge and our skills through existing voluntary organisations, all well and good but—many of us are not able to enjoy such opportunities and it therefore becomes necessary for some local authority to provide the means for the unblest.

Surely the final assessment of this matter is not the type of activity provided but whether through this acting we may develop our worth to the society in which we live.

If an anti-social can be helped towards better citizenship through a Dance group, why not provide the dance leaders. If a backward person may be developed through the use of his hands then let us provide the opportunity for such a development.

WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

The A.G.M. held at the Centre on the 13th November, and elected the following as officers of the club for 1954:

President, Mr. "Tim" Coleman; Vice-Presidents, Lt. Col. Santos Casani, T. H. Jones, Esq; Capt., Mr. A. Durant; Vice-Capt., Mr. L. Freeman; Hon. Sec., Mr. A. V. Stevens; Hon. Treas., Mr. F. Orchard; Chairman, Mr. F. Williams. Committee, Messrs H. Culf; H. W. Gair; W. Hollis; W. Parkes; G. Steele. Hon. Auditor, Mr. G. Richardson; Ladies Capt. Miss M. Steele; Vice-Capt., Mrs. L. Parkes; Francis Drake Fellowship, delegate Mr. E. Brace.

The reports by the Hon. Sec., and Hon. Treas. received their

usual warm appreciation from all members. Capt. A. Durant, in his report mentioned that the club had played 21 Friendly matches, won 18 and lost 3, shots for 1366, against 1168.

Jackson Shield, played 9, and won them all, only to lose the 10th game in the semi-final, shots for 647, against 505. Finchley and District League, played 7, won 5, lost 2, shots for 272, against 221.

The club donated £3.3s. to the Watling Association also £3.3s. to the Old Age Pensioners Circus Party.

The Annual Dinner will be held on January 28th, 1954, at the "Green Man", Kingsbury.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(Opinions expressed in these letters are not necessarily those of the Watling Association.)

Dear Sir,

The opinion of Mr. Harold Lee is well respected on the Watling Estate, and his work with the Watling B.C. is too well known to need mention. I do feel, however that his letter in the November edition of the "Resident" cannot go unanswered.

In the first place he makes a rather specious and unjustified attack on a political party in the middle of his article. The attack is out of place in the interesting article he wrote; and it is surely out of place in a magazine which explicitly states on its cover that it is "Non-party".

I would like to state what seems to me to be the other side of the case, as I find that I have diametrically opposed views to those of Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee pro-

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pounds this argument; we need
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people. Parents are not very in-
terested in them at the moment,
and therefore they should agitate
to the State for some legislation
to rectify the matter.

I agree with Mr. Lee that more
clubs are needed, and that paren-
tal interest in clubs seems
apathetic. But I can go no far-
ther with him. Mr. Lee suggests
that as parents are not interested
enough to help in the running of
clubs, they should then agitate to
the State. He presumes that their
apathy towards club activity will
not extend towards sensible par-
ticipation in politics (and that
doesn't just mean casting a vote).
He is in fact suggesting that
rather than do the job themselves
they spend their time and money
in getting someone else to do it
for them. This surely is hardly
a good principle to work on?

Mr. Lee then goes on to sug-
gest that the State may have
some help to give, if called up n.
Surely, he realizes that in this
borough alone, the Youth Sub-
Committee gives aid with a gen-
erous hand. Does he actually
want leaders provided? If there
are not enough people locally,
who are willing to lend a hand
with youth club work, no amount
of coercing by the State will
make any difference. "Conscript"
youth club leaders would be as
cardinal a folly as "conscript"
clergy or nurses. No amount of
pushing from behind can make a
person do something that they
don't want to. The answer lies,
I believe, in the enterprise of the
club and its present leaders. Let

them find the people who may be
interested; let their enterprise be
set to work. The Borough Coun-
cil can always recommend certain
local club helpers who may be
able to tide over periods in a club,
and then return to their own,
when the club itself has found a
new leader. Merely turning to
the State for help is taken too
much for granted nowadays, it
seems; it is an easy panacea for
all evils.

I also wonder what sort of leg-
islation Mr. Lee is angling for.
"State legislation" is a good airy
phrase which sounds very well in
an article. But when practical
details have to be worked out, it
doesn't come off so well. Could
Mr. Lee elaborate a little? I ven-
ture to suggest that whatever
legislation he thinks out, it
would shackle the youth move-
ment in so much red-tape that its
bother would completely offset
any benefit it has to give.

And so, may I say how
violently (though with no hard
feelings) I disagree with Mr.
Lee. His own club only a
few months ago showed how
well a club runs, if it is forced to
stand on its own feet. Bolstering
up the youth movement from
State aid would only soften it
down in the long run. While each
youth club remains firmly inde-
pendent, it must find the initiative
to raise its funds—and to find its
leaders. The task may often be
a hard one—but I am sure that
the members of the clubs them-
selves will always prefer it that
way.

"SECRETARY OF A LOCAL
YOUTH CLUB".

U.S. and C.B.P.A.

My apologies for the absence in the last issue of the monthly notes. I was that bit too late.

As only one line appeared on our trip to Felixstowe, here is a little more. It was most encouraging to hear from everyone who attended, that they had had a very enjoyable day, both in the coach and by the sea. The weather for a change was very kind in spite of it being late in the season. The catering and quality of the food was very good. The coach ride was most enjoyable, and the one pull-up each way was to the taste of all. Mrs. Fuller being the leader of the ladies choir in the rear, caused a lot of fun with her appealing chorus to the driver. We are all looking forward to next year to have another day at—shall we say Felixstow? Mrs. Nyberg attended to the arrangements for this happy day and everything as usual went quite smoothly.

All the Coronation Gift parcels sent by the Club to our daughters overseas have now been safely received. Congratulations to all concerned, we did not have one report of any parcel being damaged. The following is a typical letter of thanks received.

Dear Friends,

Please give my thanks to all the members for the Birthday card I have received. Since then we have received the Coronation Gift which was a lovely surprise. It arrived safely and much surprisingly, after travelling thousands of miles, without a break or even a crack.

It is very heart warming to be remembered in such a nice way even though we are so far away.

Again my thanks, and please give my kind regards to all the members at the Edgware branch.

All replies were exactly the same, although, the ladies are scattered all over the U.S. and Canada, yes, and one in South Africa. All members were sorry to hear Mrs. Wood had to return to hospital for another operation. Although the first reports were rather depressing, I am happy to report she is now making progress. By the time these notes are printed we hope she will have been with us again. Mrs. Richardson is another invalid who we hope will soon recover and be with us again in the near future. These good wishes apply to all our friends who have been absent through sickness. Keep your "chins up" and return to us as soon as possible when we will endeavour to complete the cure.

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250 Oak Broadway.

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A welcome Home Social was given to Mrs. Nyberg's daughter and her two boys. It was a happy evening. I hear they may be returning earlier than expected so will take this opportunity of wishing them a Very Happy Christmas, Bon Voyage, and a happy reunion in the U.S.A.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas.

W. ELLIS

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BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMENS GUILD

Sorry folks that I missed the October report, but I will put the two together this month. There was an attendance of 80 at the meeting in October when there was a cookery demonstration given by Miss Heard of the Gas Light and Coke Co. We learned how to stuff fish, make caramel pudding, gipsy creams and coker-nut ice. This was much appreciated. The competition was for the "Best page boy", there were numerous entries and the best one, which was judged by Miss Heard was made by Mrs. Dimond. The entries were given to our Christmas Bazaar stall, members have been meeting each week and making articles ready for this.

The social afternoon was enjoyed, a play was read by Mesdames Burton, Couns, and O'Hara, and was followed by dancing. There have been three outings organised by Mrs. Lake, each one being thoroughly enjoyable. A coach load went to

Quaker Oats and Cadburys, Bournville, and members went by train to Oxo Ltd. These were very interesting outings and very generous samples were given at each one.

Our November meeting was our Annual General Meeting and the hall was packed. Mrs. Filby, the Secretary made a most interesting report, she was thanked by the Chairman, Mrs. Mc Niell and seconded by Mrs. Greenslade. Mrs. Lake, the Treasurer then read the Financial report, which let us know that our Funds were quite good. Mrs. Lake was thanked by the Chairman and seconded by Mrs. May.

The Officers for 1954 are as follows—

President Mrs. Burton.
Vice President Mrs. Murison.
Chairman Mrs. McNeill.
Vice Chairman Mrs. Burton.
Secretary Mrs. Filby.
Treasurer Mrs. Lake.

Committee

Mesdames. Brown, Booth, Couns, Dunn, May, O'Hara, Diamond, Radcliff, Stabler, Taylor, Woods.

Thanks were given to Officers and Committee for their work for 1953 by Mesdames Chapman, Seddon and Venn and Knight.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Beare and Mrs. Booth.

Next year is our 25th anniversary and it is hoped to have a dinner and dance in February to celebrate this.

E.B.

WATLING DRAMA FESTIVAL

Once again the Watling Drama Festival has been successfully organised by the Watling Association. Despite the limitations of the stage and the decidedly inadequate seating capacity of the Hall the Festival was the Centre of a real friendly atmosphere, which does great credit to the few members of the Association who spent so much time in organising.

Writing before the final adjudication, we feel the level of production and acting was higher than last year and that the Adjudicator would find it difficult to finally pick out the two winning Societies.

We regret the absence of many of our old friends from this festival, whilst we are appreciative of our own Guild of Players' revival and the high standard of their productions.

Perhaps, the outstanding aspect of this year was the increase in the presentation of original plays and, quite possibly, this tendency might go a long way towards the success of our future plans.

Alderman Freedman presented the trophies on the final night and her many Watling friends were overjoyed to again have Mrs. Ernest Cole with them.

Winners

Ben Littler Cup—Watling Guild of Players.

Ernest Cole Trophy—Broadway Townswomen's Guild.

Societies entered and marks received.

Watling Guild of Players

Winners of Ben Littler Cup

"LET THE BUGLE SOUND"
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Broadway Townwomen's Guild
Winners of Ernest Cole Trophy
"WOMEN WITHIN WALLS"
84 marks

Edgware Townswomens' Guild
"ELEMENT OF DOUBT"
83 marks

The Motely Crew
"IT'S AWFULLY HOT IN
INDIA"
83 marks

The Epworth Players
"THE SIXTH HOUR"
82 marks

Broadedge Players
'THE PRATTLING PRENTICE'
81 marks

Highwood Townswomen's Guild
"THE BELL"
81 marks

Watling Guild of Players
"WAYSIDE WAR"
78 marks

Mill Hill Townwomen's Guild
"THE SACRED DEN"
76 marks

The Verity Players
'GOODNIGHT AND GOODBYE'
76 marks

Mill Hill Townwomen's Guild
"THE CURSE OF CAIRO"
75 marks

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Before the nation became conscience of "the Youth Problem" we found many worth while clubs being organised—and organised successfully—for the Youth of that day. These Clubs did not consist of Table Tennis, Darts, Billiards and noise only. They were carrying out the real function of a Youth group—they were guiding our young people towards a more responsible citizenship.

With very real regret I feel that, with the financial assistance of the state (an assistance which necessarily had a number of strings attached) we met a tendency towards the drying up of voluntary help and the influx of leaders who only took on the work for the money they received and not because the worthwhileness of the work to be done.

The success of our Youth work, today, does not depend upon the State, but upon those who have something which money cannot buy—a sense of friendship and a responsibility to their fellows. It also depends upon the co-operation of the parents, who should take an interest in the development of their children.

Yours Sincerely,
Colonel Blimp.

POULTRY CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Watling and District Poultry Club was held at the Watling Centre on Thursday, November

19th. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Mr. Gunderson; Secretary, Mr. Martin; Treasurer, Mr. Keep; Asst., Secretary, Mr. Baggott; Vice-Chairman Mrs. Ville; Social Secretary, Mrs. Myland; Show Sec., Mr. Forbes; Auditor, Mr. Martindale.

The members elected to the committee were: Mrs. Adams; Mr. Beales; Mr. Abbot.

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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The Reverend Mr. Robson, our local Wesleyan Minister, paid us a second very welcome visit on

5th October, to continue his previous talk on Man's Relationship to God, when he maintained that the challenge to find truth is a constant one, that belief in God is of the heart more than the head and that we must seek humbly, as a little child. Pain Mr. Robson described as a sentinel warning that something is wrong and needs attention, physical pain making even wild animals careful. Our Speaker spoke of Job, who, even in the deepest adversity praised God and did not discard Him or reproach Him, as most of us do, when He ceased apparently to give, because Job had complete Faith, Trust and Humility, the virtues our world needs more than ever today.

Various ideas of Ideal Humanity were illustrated for us by our friend Mrs. Terry Rouse on the occasion of her second most welcome visit. We learnt of the Greek and Chinese, the old and modern Western ideals and decided, after discussing together very earnestly, that the well-balanced person, developed as well as possible, physically, mentally, intellectually and spiritually, was our ideal, and we realised how very short we fall of this picture. We know, too, that we may more nearly reach this state by putting ourselves, and our own wishes, more into the background and trying to cultivate, as Mr. Robson had urged previously, the virtues of Faith, Trust in God and Man, and Humility, and becoming, in spirit, as little children.

Mrs. Jean Anderson, was very warmly welcomed when she came to us for the first time to speak on Body and Mind, both the Common-sense View and the Philosopher's View, in a clear and simple way so that we all could understand her meaning. We talked together of various experiences of "absent mindedness," of the times when "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak," of Spiritualism and of the martyrs of all religions and thought who endured cruel sufferings and death joyfully, and some of us wondered why, when "two men looked through prison bars, one saw mud, the other, stars." We thank Mrs. Anderson for coming to us and look forward to seeing her again soon.

Mr. Victor Maile, treasurer of the L.A.S.U., read to us on two afternoons a most interesting Paper he had prepared, dealing with "Language" which, he explained, is the method by which we express our thoughts to others in words. After sharing his thoughts with us Mr. Maile caused us to realise how very important it is that we learn the right words to use so that we are not misunderstood, and how equally important it is that Nation should be able to speak to Nation and be perfectly understood, for there would then be more trust and harmony between them.

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machinery and organisation were explained to us by a charming young lady who answered our many questions so clearly and patiently and shared with us a very nice tea. We are most grateful to the proprietors for this interesting afternoon and for their hospitality, also to Mrs. Lake for having arranged the visit for us.

Remembering that her husband died only a few months ago, we thought lovingly of our friend and member Mrs. Fanthorpe one afternoon when Mrs. Nyberg read the twenty-third psalm from a Bible which Mrs. Fanthorpe's children had given to their parents in June of last year on the thirty-third anniversary of their wedding.

In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-chairman one afternoon, Mrs. Brown, for the first time, took the Chair and presided over our meeting very successfully and we are happy to know that there are among us those ready and able to fill a vacancy should one occur.

Following a suggestion from Miss Farmer, as reported from the Women's Committee of the L.A.S.U., twenty-three members are contributing sixpence weekly towards the cost of the 1954 Study Handbook.

We are very sorry indeed to learn of the death of the husband of our helpful member Mrs. Green after a long illness. Our friend was in our thoughts and prayers on the 9th November, when the burial of her husband took place. A chaplet of flowers and our loving sympathy were

sent to Mrs. Green and we hope she will return to us soon.

LET THE BUGLE SOUND

We apologise to Douglas Arnot and the Watling Guild of Players for the use of their play title, but it so fits the present need of the Community Association.

Let the Bugle Sound for a full return to the awareness of our neighbours and to the awareness of the broader aspects of our work.

An awareness of one's neighbour does not mean merely carrying on a conversation over the garden fence; it does not mean complaining of the noise or habits of our neighbours. It means a knowledge of the needs and—faults of one another and getting together to overcome our—needs and to—at least—tolerate one another's faults. Let us think firstly of how best to serve our neighbours—how to make his life more enjoyable and more satisfying.

Do you always say "good morning," "good afternoon" or "good evening" and mean it? Do you even say it at all? Do you "take offence" too quickly at inoffensive remarks; do you allow your "gossip" to become hurtful to those about whom you gossip?

Let us all think about these things.

Are you looking to the Community Association only as a source for sport, whist drives or other limited interests? Should you not look upon it as the "home" to which we must all unselfishly contribute and from which we should all gain inspiration and a more mature life.

Let us Sound the Bugle in our own small way and encourage our friends and ourselves to rally to a "worthwhile cause."

ANNIVERSARY WEEK

Special activities are being run during Anniversary Week, Commencing on Saturday, January 16th, with a Social run by the Motor Cycle Club; Sunday 17th, Crazy Whist; Monday, Old Tyme Dancing; Tuesday, a night of drama including the two winning teams at this year's drama festival; Wednesday, juvenile dancing display with this year's winning group; Thursday, Combined Social; Friday, Whist Drive; Saturday, Anniversary Supper; Sunday 24th, Crazy Night.

BAZAAR

By the time this is in print the Bazaar will be over, but we should like to thank Alderman and Mrs. Freedman for their generosity in opening the Bazaar and for giving a special prize for the best dressed stall.

These kind people are loyal supporters of the Association and never refuse when asked to give their services.

The Motor Cycle Club are one of the most active groups at the Centre and are running a Social on Saturday, 16th January, during Anniversary Week.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Owing to some members getting themselves appointed on various committees and then not turning up, it is hoped that in future, if a representative is unable to attend a meeting the Group he represents should appoint a deputy.

NOEL

Arrangements for the Carol Service outside the Centre on Christmas Eve are now complete and it is hoped that all members and friends will assemble round the Xmas Tree.

FOOTBALL

Our teams are doing well at the time of writing, and, maybe they will bring another Cup into the Association.

At the time of writing we have beaten Wembley 1—0 after a very hard game and after playing extra time.

Good going boys!

VISIT FROM OXHEY C.A.

At a recent Saturday Night Social we were honoured by a visit from some members of the Oxhey Community Association, and it was quite a pleasure to chat and exchange views on the work and problems of our respective Associations.

Some of the visitors had once lived in Watling, among them was our old friend Cecil Deacon, and, as he danced the Valeta, we could picture him in the same setting a few years ago.

Our next visitors will be a party from East Ham Community Centre.

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WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

Congratulations to our Watling Guild of Players who have, for the first time, won the Ben Littler Cup in our own Festival.

The Guild owes a great debt to Douglas Arnot, who wrote a play which so well fitted the Guild, and also to the producer, Miss Fields.

ERIC WARBOYS

The Watling Association extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Warboys at the sad loss of her husband.

Many of us knew Eric personally. We have met him in his many activities at Eversfield Church, at the bazaar, the clubs, church plays, etc. He always seemed to be around there, working at various jobs, ready to give advice and assistance wherever it was required.

Watling has lost a valuable worker.

OLD PEOPLE'S OUTING

On December 22nd, the Watling and District Welfare Committee will be taking 200 residents, who are over the age of 65, to Bert-ram Mills Circus.

When this plan was originally proposed it was reported that tickets could be obtained free, but after application we found it would be necessary to pay 3/- for each seat. The Welfare Committee did not have funds to cover this cost but decided to press ahead and hope that support would be forthcoming, and it is with some relief we can now report that local business men and other organisations have

come forward and helped in this scheme.

Yet the Committee has to find more funds to cover the cost and we hope local support will make the Old People's Day successful and that this will be the first of a yearly activity.

A TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY

by Fred Lake

Have you ever seen a Ghost?

During the earlier years of our married life we occupied the two upper rooms of an old-fashioned four-roomed cottage in the salubrious neighbourhood of St. John's Wood. One room we used as a bedroom and the other as a kitchen.

On the landing, dividing the rooms, was a gas stove, and our own water supply and sink.

In a corner on the floor of the landing was a low cupboard in which we kept our food.

Leading down was a staircase with a sharp bend which led to the street door.

On Christmas Eve, the landlady invited us downstairs and, with her two daughters, we sat round the fire having a Christmas chat.

It was snowing outside, but there was a good fire and the landlady had got in a couple of quarts of beer. We had brought in a bottle of wine.

We laughed and joked, pulled crackers, put on funny hats.

It was cosy sitting there in the firelight glow enjoying the festive spirit. When we'd polished off a bottle of stout and half a bottle of wine, the landlady sang an old song. We joined in with gusto. We sang all the old songs and

carols till we were tired: then we started telling stories. The old girl was half-way through a ghost story when we thought we heard a noise outside; a kind of thud like a footstep. "Listen," she whispered. We listened. Then we heard it again. Thud! Thud! Two steps this time.

Someone was coming down the stairs. We were puzzled. Who could it be? There was no one in the house except us, yet the steps were unmistakable. Three more came, then a pause, then another step. We sat there tensely listening. The women were looking at me, fear on their faces. I tried to look calm, but I was as puzzled as they.

I stood up to relieve the tension. "I'll go and see who it is," I said. "Be careful," said my wife.

I strode across the room and flung open the door.

"Who's there?" I called.

No answer.

"Come on, who is it?" I demanded, bolder than I felt.

For a moment there was no sound. Then a kind of scuffling and another footstep. Whatever it was was round the bend of the stairs.

The women were now in a huddle at the door. That's as far as they would come.

I grabbed a broom and, holding it at the ready, was about to mount the stairs, when (round the bend appeared the landlady's cat. In its mouth was a large joint of meat. I stared at it. Our leg of pork!

The cat was trying to drag it down the stairs. At every step there was a thud like a footstep.

"Our joint!" cried my wife, dashing past me up the stairs.

The landlady's two daughters burst out laughing. But I couldn't see anything funny in it—at the time.

"How did he get that?" queried the old girl. She was quietly amused, too, I fancy.

The explanation was really simple. Whilst we were telling ghost stories, the cat had got upstairs, had smelt the food in our cupboard and had pinched our Christmas dinner.

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THIS SPACE IS RESERVED
FOR THOSE RESIDENTS AND
LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS WHO
MAY HAVE MATTERS OF
LOCAL INTEREST

Have you seen the need for improvements on the Estate?

Have you benefitted through the Community Association?

Where does the Association fail?

Are you satisfied with Local Council Policy?

Fill this space with your comments. They may be of use to your neighbours.

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VIEWPOINT

During December, 200 old persons were taken to Bertram Mills' Circus through the efforts of the Watling and District Welfare Committee. Although the organising of this outing did entail a great deal of work we feel it was definitely worth while and that it should be continued in future years.

Yet we would point out that if this is to be so, there is the need for all of us to help towards the cost of the outing. Through the generosity of local churches and the Business Club of Burnt Oak we were, this year, able to approximately cover the costs of the outing but we cannot always expect to receive the

ready co-operation from others for such activities which should be OUR responsibility.

If you have not already made a New Year's resolution, please decide to contribute a small sum towards the welfare of our older residents.

Remember also there are many other needs to be faced. There are some old persons who are unable to do their own shopping, dig their gardens, clear away the snow—as there are others who would appreciate visits and the gift of magazines. A small act of neighbourliness will cost you nothing, yet it will almost certainly give pleasure to others. Make an effort to look for those who need you and see to it that they will enjoy your friendship.

NEWS

for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

PROBLEMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

How are we to overcome the following, or are the following true?

Socials

Our Saturday Socials appear to be losing their attraction. Why? Is it through lack of interest, lack of advertising or any other lack.

Sundav Dances

Closed during the latter part of the year. Why? Can they be held again?

Helpers

With the loss of a number of very keen workers we are finding it difficult to successfully carry out our Residents are not being taken round as they used to be and we find one or two members carrying a very heavy burden of distribution. Can-teen workers need a rest from time to time and we find it difficult to find substitutes. Any suggestions or offers of help?

Cliches

It is frequently said the Association is too much of a select organisation for the same "Old Gang". Any comments?

Membership

Membership is paid monthly and we find some members do not pay their fees as they should. This is partly explained by lack of collectors. Is it also partly due to a casual approach to membership?

Welfare

The Association is always prepared to undertake work which will

benefit the whole of the local community. In the past a great deal has been done—a great deal is still being done—but we depend upon the live interest of all residents in such matters. Have you a problem we should take up?

MRS. A. I. JONES

We deeply regret the recent tragic loss of Mrs. A. I. Jones, who passed away after a long period of illness.

As the wife of our President, she was well known by many of our members and her friendship and companionship was enjoyed by all those who knew her.

All her friends in Watling will join with us in our expression of sincere sympathy to Mr. Jones and his family.

WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

**Meeting at the Community Centre
on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.**

The Watling Guild of Players invites all those who are interested in dramatics to join the Guild. Not only are we seeking actors and actresses, but we are also in need of persons who are interested in the scenery and wardrobe side of acting.

If you feel you would be interested in acting or in the preparation of props for plays—come along to the Community Centre on Tuesday evenings and help the Guild in future productions and Festivals.

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BUILDING EXTENSIONS

During 1953 the Association pre-
pared plans for the necessary limited
extension to the Community Centre.
These plans have received all the
necessary approval from the Local
Authority but we have been held up
by the refusal of the Ministry of
Works to grant the necessary licence
for the work. We have also been
held up by a lack of money.

Efforts are still being made to
obtain the necessary licence from the
Ministry of Works and we do appeal
to all our residents to subscribe as
and when they are able towards the
cost of this extension.

We may be able to report some
hopeful news on this matter in our
next issue.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club of the Com-
munity Association has taken on a
new lease of life. Membership has
now reached the figure of 72 and
our members are taking part in
Youth Football, Netball and Table
Tennis Competitions. A number of
outings have also been arranged and
will be arranged.

The Youth Club Committee is
also hoping to arrange film shows
and occasional Social evenings.

All this without a Youth Leader.

We do need a Leader urgently—
as we need helpers who would take
an interest in some activity to the
benefit of local young people.

The healthy life of any community
is as dependent on the young people
as other age groups and all Youth
Clubs need the support of parents
and others in their work. Are you
able to help?

You know where the Community
Centre is—offer your help if you are
able to regularly carry out a duty
or if you are honestly interested in
young people.

FOOTBALL SECTION

Watling's successful run still
continues. On Saturday the 12th of
December, they played away to St.
Cuthbert's F.C. (their strongest
opponents so far this year) and drew
the 4th round of the London Junior
Cup. In a fast played game we
were unlucky not to have won outright—
the woodwork intervening several
times. Next Saturday we meet
again in the replay and are very
confident of winning the game out-
right and retaining our unbeaten
record for the season (our most
successful season so far). We still
retain an interest in the "A" Cup of
the Hendon and District League
having reached the semi-final
where we meet near relations and
old rivals, Watling Boys' Club. Up
to the time of our last league fixture
we were still lying second to
C.D.C.A. who, however, have
played more matches than us. Our
second team continue to show im-
proved form losing to Ramsey F.C.
by the odd goal in five in a hard
four game. NEW MEMBERS are
still welcomed on any Tuesday night
at the Centre.

MOTOR CYCLE HOLIDAY IN FRANCE (Continued)

By the end of the day we had only covered about 200 miles. We stayed the night at a small town called Joigny and we had no trouble in finding an hotel.

Although we carried full camping gear we did not camp out whilst on route because of the inconvenience of unpacking and re-packing, especially in the early mornings.

A fine evening meal with wine was leisurely enjoyed.

The following morning after a typical breakfast of coffee and rolls, we proceeded on our way. The roads now had improved. We were well south of Paris, and as the day went by they became even better. These roads are much straighter than our own highways and are flanked on either side by tall trees. Our average speed was noticeably improved on this day and by night-fall we had reached Valence, having covered nearly 300 miles.

The day's travelling was having its effect on us by this time and we were all feeling tired and hun-

gry. We found a hotel, and after a wash and a good meal we soon returned to normal.

Valence, to most of those who know France, is pretty far south and we had noticed the marked change in the temperature, especially in the evening. The weather for our first two days of travelling had been dry, but there had always been cloud cover in some form or another but the third day we awoke to brilliant sunshine in an absolutely cloudless sky. This was how it was for the following week.

We set off again on this third day and passed through Avignon and Toulon and arrived at our pre-determined destination of Le Lavadou in the afternoon, making a total of 730 miles from the English Channel. The little camp site just east of Lavadou where we had hoped to pitch our tents was full, so we found a camping ground on the other side of town near a place called La Faviere. This site was also pretty full but we decided to make camp fifty yards beyond the main boundary. A little hollow in the sandhills was selected and it was not long before four small tents sprang up. It was not much

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more than a stone's throw from
camp to the Mediterranean shore.

In very little more than seconds
after camp was up there was a
scamper of "child-like" indi-
viduals through the sandhills and
into the sea for their first bathe
in the warm, blue, Mediterranean.
I say for their first, because for
the majority it was the first time
they had been to these waters,
and a more enjoyable bathing-
place I have yet to find. The
water here is truly blue and
crystal clear and when treading
water one day near a boat that
was anchored off-shore, I could
see every ripple in the sand on
the bottom, and this, so I was
told by the boat owner, was in
14 fathoms of water, and if my
arithmetic is correct, makes it 84
feet deep.

The camp we found very much
to our liking—especially as there
was a shop on the premises which
sold everything a camper could
desire. All our food supplies and
cigarettes were purchased at this
nearby source.

Heavy meals at mid-day were
frowned upon owing to the heat
but liquid refreshment was
always desired in whatever shape
or form, such as tea, white wine,
red wine, lemonade or a combina-
tion of all four.

on Wednesday, December 9th. Ten
tables were occupied with members
and their friends. Mr. Frank
Williams was M.C. Mr. and Mrs.
Coleman presented the prizes to the
following: 1st Lady, Mrs. N. Lind-
sey; 1st Gent, Mr. H. W. Gair;
2nd Lady, Mrs. Radcliffe; 2nd Gent,
C. M. Bye; Highest half score, Mr.
J. Wilkinson (ladies), Mr. D. Smith
(gents); Booby Prize, Mrs. Culy
(ladies), Mr. A. Taylor (gents).
Other prizes were won by Miss
Steele and Mr. Parkes.

Mr. Coleman (the President)
thanked the organisers, Mr. and Mrs.
Stevens, for a very successful Drive.

On Saturday, December 12th, a
party of members from the club
travelled by motor coach to Ascot
to play a friendly match of bowls
with the Ascot Indoor Bowling Club.
A four rink match was played which
ended in a win for Ascot by 99 shots
to 58.

H. CULY.

THE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild held their monthly
meeting on December 3rd. A most
interesting talk on the Romance of
London Streets was given by Mr. W.
E. Huggins (Hon. Secretary of the
Middlesex Local History Council).

Mrs. E. McNeil presided and a
vote of thanks was given by Mrs.
C. Knight and seconded by Mrs.
Hunt.

A competition for the best made
soft toy was won by Mrs. M.
Dimond. Other competition winners
were Mrs. C. Knight and Mrs.
Weekes.

WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

The above club held their monthly
whist Drive at the Royal Oak Hotel

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Anniversary Week Jan

Saturday, 16th January, 1954

SOCIAL

*Arranged and Conducted by the
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Admission 1/6

7.45 p.m.

Sunday, 17th January, 1954

*Special Evening arranged by
The Education Committee*

Admission 6d.

7.45 p.m.

Monday, 18th January, 1954

Old Time Dance

M.C. Mr. A. Matthews

Admission 1/6

7.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th January, 1954

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Wednesday, 20th January, 1954

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ary Week Jan. 16th Jan. 24th

Thursday, 21st January, 1954

COMBINED SOCIAL

M.C. Mr. J. Oliver

Admission 1/6

7.45 p.m.

Friday, 22nd January, 1954

Whist Drive

M.C. Mrs. Jewitt

Admission 1/6

7.45 p.m.

Saturday, 23rd January, 1954

SUPPER & DANCE

Tickets 4/6

7.30 p.m.

Sunday, 24th January, 1954

CRAZY NIGHT

at the piano Flo Read

Admission 1/-

7.45 p.m.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

With the passing, on 11th December, of Mrs. A. I. Jones, our School and our Watling Community Association have lost a very dear friend.

Working together with her husband (who has been President of the Association for very many years) she has been a very great help and encouragement to many of us, and though she has been absent from the Centre for a long time through ill health, she has left an empty place that will be hard to fill.

We thought lovingly of Mr. Jones and their children and grandchildren at our meeting on 14th December, when a letter of sympathy and flowers were sent to them and most of our members were present at the Cremation Service the next day.

Mr. Jones himself has been far from well for a long time and we pray that he will soon be well again and that he and their children will find encouragement and comfort in the happy memories of so much splendid service rendered to our community with the sympathy and active co-operation of a loving wife and mother.

Our A.G.M. was held on 23rd November. Mrs. Moutel, our secretary, thanked all members for having helped towards a most successful year.

Mrs. Hatch is now our Chairman, with Mrs. Woolhead Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Moutel, secretary; Mrs. Lake, treasurer; Mrs. Richardson, social secretary with Mrs. Welsh to help.

We are most grateful to Mr. Richardson for having audited our books, a task he has so generously undertaken for many years past.

In explaining what is meant by Economic Man, Mr. John Stevens, on two afternoons, referred to the two-fold meaning, man's reaction to certain conditions for material gain and his religious life. Jesus showed us in the Lord's Prayer that we have both material and spiritual needs. The chaos of the present day is caused by our concentration on the satisfying of material needs often at the expense of more urgent spiritual needs. Religion brings into being a sense of proportion so that we consider our neighbour's needs as well as our own and helps us to regulate our own requirements to those of all people the world over, curbing our desire for luxuries until all others have enough basic necessities.

On 16th November we enjoyed a happy social afternoon when Mrs. Nyberg's daughter, Mary, now Mrs. Canfield, and her two little sons were our guests. They were sailing to their home in America on the following Friday and we wished them a safe journey home and our prayers for their happiness go with them. We were very glad to have

Hatch is now our Chairman, Mrs. Woolhead Vice-Chairman; Moutel, secretary; Mrs. Lake, Treasurer; Mrs. Richardson, social secretary with Mrs. Welsh to help. We are most grateful to Mr. Richardson for having audited our accounts and for the task he has so generously taken for many years past. In explaining what is meant by the term 'Social Man', Mr. John Stevens, in his afternoon, referred to the meaning, man's reaction to the conditions for material gain in his religious life. Jesus showed us the Lord's Prayer that we have for material and spiritual needs. The chaos of the present day is caused by our concentration on the filling of material needs often at the expense of more urgent spiritual needs. Religion brings into being a sense of proportion so that we can measure our neighbour's needs as well as our own and helps us to regulate our requirements to those of all the world over, curbing our desire for luxuries until all others are met through basic necessities. On 6th November we enjoyed a very social afternoon when Mrs. Richardson's daughter, Mary, now Mrs. Day, and her two little sons were our guests. They were sailing home in America on the Friday and we wished them a safe journey home and our best wishes for their happiness go with them. We were very glad to have

with us also on this afternoon the daughter of Mrs. Richardson and her happy little granddaughter.

One Monday a letter from Mr. Sewell Harris was read to us with greetings and regrets at not being able to pay us his usual New Year visit. Mr. Harris is now Organising Secretary of the new Community Centre in Harlow, Essex, and the distance is too far to travel in an afternoon. We have enjoyed and benefited immensely from his many talks and will very much miss him this New Year, but we do understand how busy he and Mrs. Harris are in their new home and Centre.

We have sent a letter to them with our good wishes and congratulations on the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, who is now living in the East Indies. We hope that she and her husband will enjoy a long and happy life together and that this union will add still further to the well deserved happiness of her parents.

Our school was well represented at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition organised by the L.A.S.U. at Westminster on 21st November, first places being awarded to Mesdames Richardson, Thomas, Day, and to Mrs. Bourne, a friend of one of our members.

During January we look forward to hearing Mr. Arnold Hall—on 4th—who will introduce the handbook

for 1954, the title of which is "The Cost of Living". The Reverend Mr. Knight and Mr. Sid Goode will also be with us to speak on handbook subjects.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social side of the Association is not so prosperous as it used to be. There is room on the Social Committee for people of energy, especially men. There are plenty of jobs you can do from M.C. to door-keeper.

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HENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTES

The Council will convert a Civil Defence building in Claremont Road into a Community Hall.

Provision is made for a grant towards the cost of the extension of our Hall.

The Education Committee, recommend that a tender be accepted for the Burnt Oak Library.

The Council will take no further action in the Elstree to Edgware Light Railway project.

Hendon Borough Show will be held on four days in 1954 in Hendon Park.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL

At the time of writing, preparations are going on to make this New Year's Eve Social a jolly affair, with a floor show depicting scenes in the exotic East, and at the end of the evening, a tableau will be portrayed representing the various sections and activities at the Centre.

Mrs. Pops Knight, that popular M.C., will preside. At the piano: Sid Knight.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will soon be coming round again and now is the time to think about what service you can render to the Association, what office you can volunteer for and what friends you can bring along.

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NOTICE BOARD

A new notice board is being
erected on the right front of the
Centre.

Mr. Coleman, husband of our
very active member Mrs. Coleman,
has kindly offered to construct it.

Permanent activities taking place
at the Centre will always be on the
board and there will be room for two
double crown posters.

STOP PRESS

We have recently learned that the
Youth Club team is at the head of
the Youth Football League. Con-
gratulations to Wrigley and his boys.

ROSES

The rose garden in front of the
Centre has been revived. New roses
have been bought and next summer
they should be well established.

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Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.

Society of Friends ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School	3 p.m.
Members' Dance ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club ..	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals ..	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club ..	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers ..	6 p.m.
Dance ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters ..	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction.	458 a.m.
Veterans ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive ..	32 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	
(alternate weeks) ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guides ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club ..	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.Ps. Service (3rd Friday	
in month) ..	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
in month ..	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd	
Friday in month ..	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club ..	7.30 p.m.

Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor
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Chairman : MR. F. LAKE.
Secretary : MR. L. VEAR.

VIEWPOINT

This month the "Watling Resident" is presented in a new form. It will cost you nothing, yet—we hope—it will continue to bring to your notice the ideal which lies behind our Association and the activities and services provided for you.

At this stage we should face up to the question we are so frequently meeting—"What is the purpose of the Association; what does it do other than provide accommodation for a limited number of activities?"

Quite bluntly, the Association is not in being *ONLY* to give service or accommodation to a few. It is not the place for those of us who merely wish to obtain all we can get without contributing in some way to the betterment of others; it is not the Centre for the expansion of one's own personal ego at the expense of others; it is not to be expected to offer privileges to a few and not to all.

The Association was founded by the early pioneers to serve the neighbourhood as a whole and it is up to every resident to foster the Ideal of voluntary, friendly service which lies behind the Association.

During the early days of the Association, and through the difficult "30's," the work of the Association went a long way towards improving our lot and received a great deal of publicity.

Of late, although our services have continued and our welfare work expanded, we have not sought to over-emphasise our worth. Without a beating of drums we did, a few years ago, undertake the difficult task of persuading the Hendon Borough Council that the new method of Rate Collection was not in the best interest of the tenants or of the Borough. We succeeded.

Almost every day the problems of individual residents are taken up in a variety of ways—at no cost to those who seek our aid. We do not claim to be of more than local importance, but we do claim to be a useful and necessary organisation and that we have never lost faith with our original belief in Service to others.

Within our very limited Community Centre we welcome you all and pray that we may always associate and work with one another in a true spirit of friendship and with the preparedness to be tolerant to one another's faults and virtues.

THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FRAMEWORK

The Community Association is made up of

1. Individual Members who pay a monthly subscription of 6d. to the Association; of
2. Sections (such as the Guild of Players, Men's Club, etc.), which consist of individual members of the Association; and
3. Affiliated groups (Local Churches, Political Parties, Trades Unions, Townswomen's Guilds, Adult School, etc.)

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The Association is managed by a Council which consists of:

1. The Officers of the Association (Appointed at the Annual General Meeting).
2. One representative for every 40 members (Elected at A.G.M.).
3. One representative from each Section.
4. One representative from each Affiliated Body.
5. Representatives of the Hendon Borough Council, Middlesex County Council and such other bodies as may be decided from time to time.

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Five major Association activities are planned during the year in order to raise Funds for our work. They are:—

1. ANNIVERSARY WEEK—Mid January.
2. CARNIVAL PARADE—Early June.
3. WATLING WEEK—Mid or late September.
4. DRAMA FESTIVAL—November.
5. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR—Normally early in December.

For all these activities we seek the active support of all groups and members—as we welcome the attendance of everyone, whether members or not.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Poor Man's Lawyer. Monday and Thursday evenings. Appointments must be made through the Secretary. This Service is free although a collection box is available for those who wish, or are able, to help in our work.

Tenants' Welfare. The Secretary of the Association is always prepared to undertake reasonable work for individual tenant's problems.

Veterans' Club. Organised by the Veterans' Club Committee. Main meeting on every Wednesday afternoon at the Community Centre for those over 65. On other afternoons a room is always available for those who wish to sit, talk and play games. Outings to the sea, pantomime, etc., are organised each year.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Member of Parliament. The member of Parliament for North Hendon attends at the Centre on the 3rd Friday in each month to advise and help as far as possible all local residents. Appointments are not necessary.

British Legion Service Committee. Meets at the Community Centre on every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Hospital Savings Association. Meets in the Community Centre on every 4th Monday in each month from 7—8 p.m.

Blind Club. Social Meetings of the Edgware and District Blind Club held every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Handicraft Classes on alternate Fridays at 2.30 p.m.

North Kensington Women's Welfare Clinic. Meets every Tuesday morning from 10—12 for advice and help in Family Spacing. Appointments are not necessary, although newcomers are expected to arrive before 11 a.m.

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LOCAL INFORMATION

Addresses and Telephone Numbers You May Need.

HENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL—Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4. Tel.: Hendon 8181 (all departments).

ASSISTANCE BOARD—1 Helenslea Avenue, Golders Green.

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES—C. S. Wyles, 182 Burnt Oak Broadway.

POOR MAN'S LAWYER—Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road. (Mondays and Thursdays).

NORTH THAMES GAS BOARD. (day) EDG. 0204. (night) WIL 1272.

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ALDERMAN RODWAY, 23 Angus Gardens, Colindale, N.W.7.

COUNCILLOR PAUL, 160 Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak.

Signatures for Documents.

For documents which need signing before a Commissioner for Oaths—**HANCHET, COPLEY, HAILS**, 59 Burnt Oak Broadway (near Watling Post Office).

For documents which need to be signed before a Justice of the Peace, the above two J.Ps.

Food Office Forms, Pension Forms, Application Forms for Old People's Tobacco, Passport Forms, etc. can be signed in the presence of, and witnessed by the Secretary of the Community Association.

WARNING. Please remember you have always to sign in the presence of the person witnessing your signature.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members of the Association are asked to note the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Community Association. **THURSDAY, MARCH 25th**, at 8 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Matters for the Agenda must be in the hands of the secretary prior to the meeting.

Any proposed alterations to the Constitution must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination for Officers cannot be accepted without the consent of the person nominated.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WATLING RESIDENT REPORT.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

ELECTIONS—1. President; 2. Vice-President/s; 3. Treasurer;
4. Membership Secretary; 5. Resident Editor;
6. Resident Secretary; 7. Hon. Auditors; 8. Hon.
Solicitor; 9. Trustees (2); 10. Social Secretary;
11. Individual Members' Representatives (1 for every
40 members). Those voting may only be full Individual
Members; 12. Associate Members' Representative
(Only Associate members to vote) or nominate.

OTHER BUSINESS—Such other business as may have been submit-
ted to the Secretary or accepted by the meeting.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays.

Maricanos	10.30 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Old Time Dancing	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Gay Forties	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Watling Follies	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks)	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
Star dust Concert Party	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Executive Committee (2nd Thursday in each month)	8.45 a.m.
Jewish Religious Instruction	2 p.m.
Veterans	2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townwomen's Guild (alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	8 p.m.

Fridays.

Blind Club—Handicrafts (alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	8 p.m.
Angling Club (alternate Fridays)	7.45 p.m.

Saturdays.

Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social	7.30 p.m.
For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.	

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON
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£1,000 NEEDED FOR URGENT BUILDING EXTENSIONS

After many years of endeavour we have managed to obtain all Building
Licenses for the limited extensions to the Community Centre.

The long delay in this has resulted in a great increase in the cost of the
work and we find our £2,000 reserve is not large enough to meet the new cost.

A number of suggestions have been made as to "ways and means" of
collecting the money.

1/- building bricks, a guaranteed sum for 20 weeks, running of activities for the Association and the normal method of contribution to the fund.

We do appeal to all members and residents to support us in this immediate need of ours. If you are prepared to help us, please contact the Secretary at the Community Centre.

Interest your friends in this effort also.

TO THE EDITOR "WATLING RESIDENT"

In reply to the letters in last Month's "Watling Resident" regarding my article relating to Youth Organisations. I would like to briefly state! I believe that until this question is seriously gone into by the proper authorities, we shall just drift along. You must have good premises and proper leadership. I think it is true to say that over 60% of young people on this estate alone, are not in any Youth movement, for the reasons stated above.

It seems strange that directly you mention the State to certain people, it is like a "Red flag to a bull" This England of ours manages to run the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, The Police, the B.B.C., the Mines and Railways, the water supply, to look after our children's education, and so on. Is this so very bad, I think I am patriotic enough to be proud of what the State has achieved. I expect a number of people would like these services run by voluntary bodies or by private enterprise. But I prefer my Country to run them.

Am I wrong to have faith in my belief, that my Country would know, through it's past experience, the proper need of Youth. Surely let us have much more faith in the State in such matters.

HAROLD LEE.

HIRE SERVICE

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WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

Following their success in the recent Watling Drama Festival when they won the Ben Littler Cup with Douggie Arnot's one-act play, "Let the Bugle Sound," the Guild of Players are now busy rehearsing a three-act play by the same author. It is hoped to present this play on March 30th and 31st.

It is pleasing to report on the welcome increase in members and the Guild is looking forward to a successful season.

Often it is not sufficiently realised that for every actor on the stage there may be one or more stage hands required. Work behind stage, although not in the public eye, is just as important for the ultimate success of the play as the work on stage. Should anyone be interested in scenery, property, scene shifting or stage electricity the Guild will always be happy to welcome them

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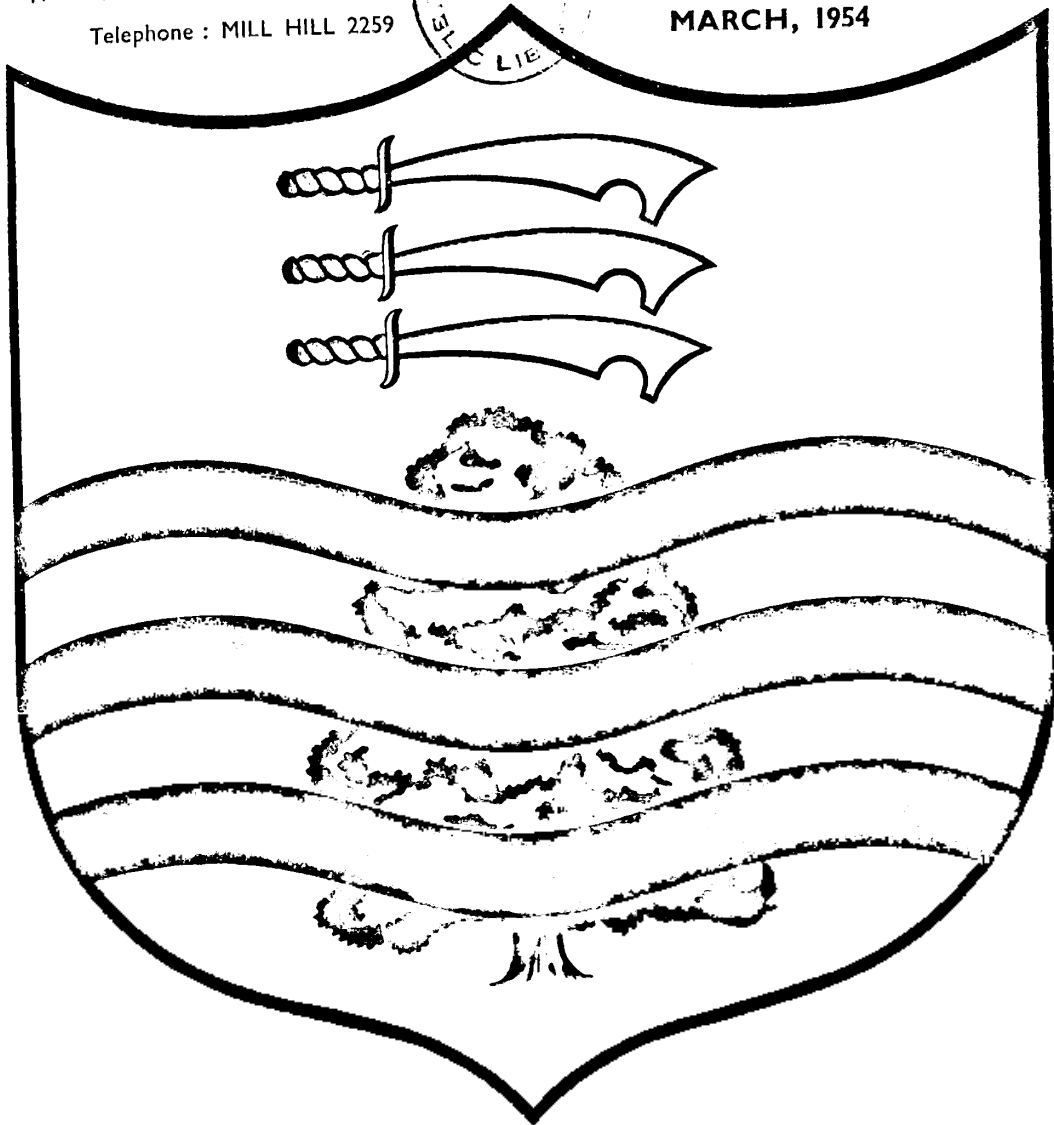
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Secretary : MR. L. VEAR.

VIEWPOINT

After being unsuccessful for the first half of this season, Watling managed to win their last two matches. The second team won theirs by 17lbs. and the first won by 136lbs. Although that seems a good win for the first team, they are by no means a first Division team. The second team this season consists of the following three lifters :—A. Booth, J. Holland, P. Todd. While the first is represented by E. Booth, D. Foster, K. Mundy, Reg Mundy, a newcomer to the Club, has trained very hard to warrant his place in the first team. Reg totalled 600lbs. in his last match at 12st. Bodyweight, which is pretty good going for someone with so little training time to his credit. If Reg continues to train as he has been, he will soon reach Championship class.

There will be quite a few champions at the Centre in March, as the Weight-lifting section will be holding the Home Counties Championships, and an attempt on a British record will be made by a member of the Watling Club. A small charge will be made, but it will be well worth it. If you have never seen any Championship Lifting then, make a point of seeing this.

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our Club meets at the Centre every Monday, at 8 p.m. We will be happy to welcome the parents of any daughter married to a Colonial and living overseas in any part of the world. During last year we were privileged to welcome several of our daughters and their children, and are hoping to do so again during 1954. I'm sure most of us are always secretly planning the trip we shall take to be with our dear ones again.

We had a most enjoyable outing to Felixstowe in September, and in November a trip to the Whitehall Theatre. In January we held our Annual Birthday Party, and we had a most successful evening. I must add the cake made by Mrs. Stables, one of our members, was "smashing" and most expertly decorated. The "turns" provided for our entertainment were much enjoyed and applauded. Great credit goes to our Committee for all the work on our behalf at this, and all other Socials during the years. Recently the Annual General Meeting was held and the Officers of the Club were returned unopposed. Mrs. Larson, our "Raffle Queen," agreed to take on the office of Treasurer, assisted by Mr. G. Richardson, who has been our Treasurer since the Club was formed, and to whom a vote of thanks was given. Mrs. Lewis is to be our new "Raffle Queen" and will be waiting at the door to hand out the tickets, and later in the meeting, the grand prizes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YOUTH

Sir, May I express an opinion upon Harold Lee's letter concerning Youth Organisations. The writer fails to quote any specific instance where the State has shown any active interest in such organisations.

His last paragraph, which states that he considers his Country, through past experience, knows the proper needs of Youth, shows how sadly misplaced his faith has been, when close by in Hampstead, four Youth Centres have been closed, and opposite one of the premises, a fine Territorial Drill Hall has been built, with all the usual attractions and amenities, which indicates in what direction the State is interested in Youth.

Further, private enterprise is only interested in Youth, where the centre forms an adjunct to the social activities of a large enterprise, and when the centre is a useful source of young labour.

Whereas, there are thousands of Youth Centres up and down the country, either separately or forming part of a larger organisation, such as at Watling, who are each and all, struggling to make ends meet, if they ever do, and competing with all forms of "ready-made" entertainment.

Mr. Lee should insist that his Country takes the interest which he would like, and with a fraction of the enormous sums at present being wasted by the State, he could see such Youth and Community Centres built with the amount saved, that buildings would arise such as those he has as yet, only dreamed about.

G. C. FORD.

WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

The Annual Dinner at the "Green Man," Kingsbury, on Thursday, 28th January, was presided over by their President, Mr. C. Coleman, and about 80 members and friends spent a very enjoyable evening.

C. W. E. Whitfield of Hurst Bowling Club, proposed the toast to the Club. He praised the Officers for the fine record their Club had attained in Middlesex, also for the encouragement given to Ladies, who this year had won the Middlesex County Womens Bowling Association Triple Championship.

Mr. A. Durrant, Club Captain, acknowledged the compliment paid by Mr. Whitfield and said that the Club having gained prestige in the bowl's world, hoped to enhance that tradition.

The President proposed the toast of the different associations the Club were happy to be connected with.

Presentations were made to Mr. A. V. Stevens (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. Durrant (Captain) and Mrs. Freeman for their work in connection with the Club during the past season.

After the dinner, Mrs. Coleman and the President presented the awards gained during the season.

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BLIND CLUB

The Club has been pleased to welcome a number of new members to its Social Meetings at the Centre on Tuesday afternoons.

On January 12th, an afternoon of Community Singing was enjoyed by the members, on January 26th, the Committee organised a Quiz Programme, and teams took part in the many games. Women Drives, which are very popular, take place on every First and Third Tuesday afternoon in the month.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sundays.

Maricanos	10.30 a.m.
Weightlifters	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ...	3 p.m.
Members' Dance	7.30 p.m.
51 Club	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ...	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ...	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	7.30 p.m.
Old Time Dancing	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ...	8 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday)	7 p.m.
Gay Forties	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ...	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class	2.30 p.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Blind Club	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
Guild of Players	8 p.m.
British Legion Service	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Watling Follies	7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ...	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ...	7 p.m.
Men's Club	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters	8 p.m.
Stardust Concert Party	8 p.m.

Thursdays.

Executive Committee (2nd Thursday in each month)	
Jewish Religious Instruction ...	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Whist Drive	2.30 p.m.
Townwomen's Guild (alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)	7 p.m.
N.C.U.	7.30 p.m.
Guides	6 p.m.
Y.H.A.	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer	8 p.m.

Fridays.

Blind Club—Handicrafts (alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Jewish Religious Instruction ...	8.45 a.m.
Veterans	2 p.m.
Children's Library	4 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ...	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club	7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	8 p.m.
Angling Club (alternate Fridays)	7.45 p.m.

Saturdays.

Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ...	7.30 p.m.

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MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

To those of you who were at the Annual General Meeting, and to those who could not make it, I should like to express my sincere thanks for your support during the past year as your Captain. At the Annual General Meeting, I was asked to serve another term of Office in the same position and also as your Press Secretary. I am very happy to do so.

1954 may prove a very happy year for the W.A.M.C.C., a quick reflection of the old year that we have left behind is very encouraging. Many Clubs since the War have rocketed into "Big Lights," whilst we, on the other hand, are classed as small timers. Some of us have not just opened shop, steadily we are building up a truly diplomatic organisation, we ourselves from the week old member, enjoy the true spirit of real Club friendship.

Election of Officers for 1954.

President—Mr. A. I. Jones

Vice-President—Mr. D. J. Nightingale

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE :

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Chairman—J. Oliver

Treasurer—J. Eccles

Captain—T. W. Morris

Vice-Captain—K. Jelcoate

Social Secretary—S. George

Sports Secretary—A. Wynd

Ladies Representative—Mrs. P. Wynd

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

A special event recently held at the Centre was the Burnt Oak townswomen's Guild 25th Anniversary Dinner, attended by about 70 members.

Short speeches were made by Mrs. Morgan, from National Union, Mrs. Muirison, Chairman of Hendon Federation, Mrs. Burton, Vice-Chairman of Burnt Oak Guild. The Chairman of the Guild, Mrs. McNeil, spoke a few words of welcome to the visitors from other Guilds.

A jolly Social followed, to which husbands and friends were invited. Fun and games, dancing, old and new, was enjoyed by a large party. Mr. Singleton, that fine and popular baritone, sang some of our favourite ballads, and the Gay Forties depicted scenes from the Court of the Rajah of Jamjar.

Prize winners in the Raffle were :—Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. Couttes, Mrs. Ratcliffe, Mrs. Venn, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Petheridge.

At the piano, Sid Knight ; Drums, Harry Venn ; M.C., Mrs. McNeil.

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

We, the members of the Youth Club, extend a hearty welcome to our new leader, Mr. Ray Hathway. He took over his duties on Tuesday, 16th February. Ray, who is an ex-member of the Club, will be known to many of the older members. We hope that everyone will give him their full support in his new task.

We are sorry to say that owing to the increase of the new members, we have had to introduce a waiting list for Male members. There is, however, room for a few more girls, who are welcome at the Club every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. In the recent tournament Fred Hicks beat Bob Thoren in the table tennis, Mick Hannafin beat Fred Hicks in the dart final, and in the snooker final Brian Pester beat Roy Watts. These winners will receive their awards in the near future.

Congratulations to Brian Sturdy on winning the Southern Counties Boxing Championship. He adds this title to the North West London Schools title which he won early in the season. Our congratulations also to three of our football team, Terence Glencross, George Tye and Walter Burnett, who have been selected to play for Hendon Youth team against Wembley. All the best, boys.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Poor Man's Lawyer. Monday and Thursday evenings. Appointments must be made through the Secretary. This Service is free although a collection box is available for those who wish, or are able, to help in our work.

Tenants' Welfare. The Secretary of the Association is always prepared to undertake reasonable work for individual tenant's problems.

Veterans' Club. Organised by the Veterans' Club Committee. Main meeting on every Wednesday afternoon at the Community Centre for those over 65. On other afternoons a room is always available for those who wish to sit, talk and play games. Outings to the sea, pantomime, etc., are organised each year.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Member of Parliament. The member of Parliament for North Hendon attends at the Centre on the 3rd Friday in each month to advise and help as far as possible all local residents. Appointments are not necessary.

British Legion Service Committee. Meets at the Community Centre on every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Hospital Savings Association. Meets in the Community Centre on every 4th Monday in each month from 7—8 p.m.

Blind Club. *Social Meetings* of the Edgware and District Blind Club held every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Handicraft Classes on alternate Fridays at 2.30 p.m.

North Kensington Women's Welfare Clinic. Meets every Tuesday morning from 10—12 for advice and help in Family Spacing. Appointments are not necessary, although newcomers are expected to arrive before 11 a.m.

Healing Service. Alternate Saturdays at 2.30 p.m.

Watling and District Welfare Committee. Formed to develop services to others. Particularly the aged, lonely and sick. Organised the system of S.O.S. window display cards (now H cards). Meets at the Community Centre monthly.

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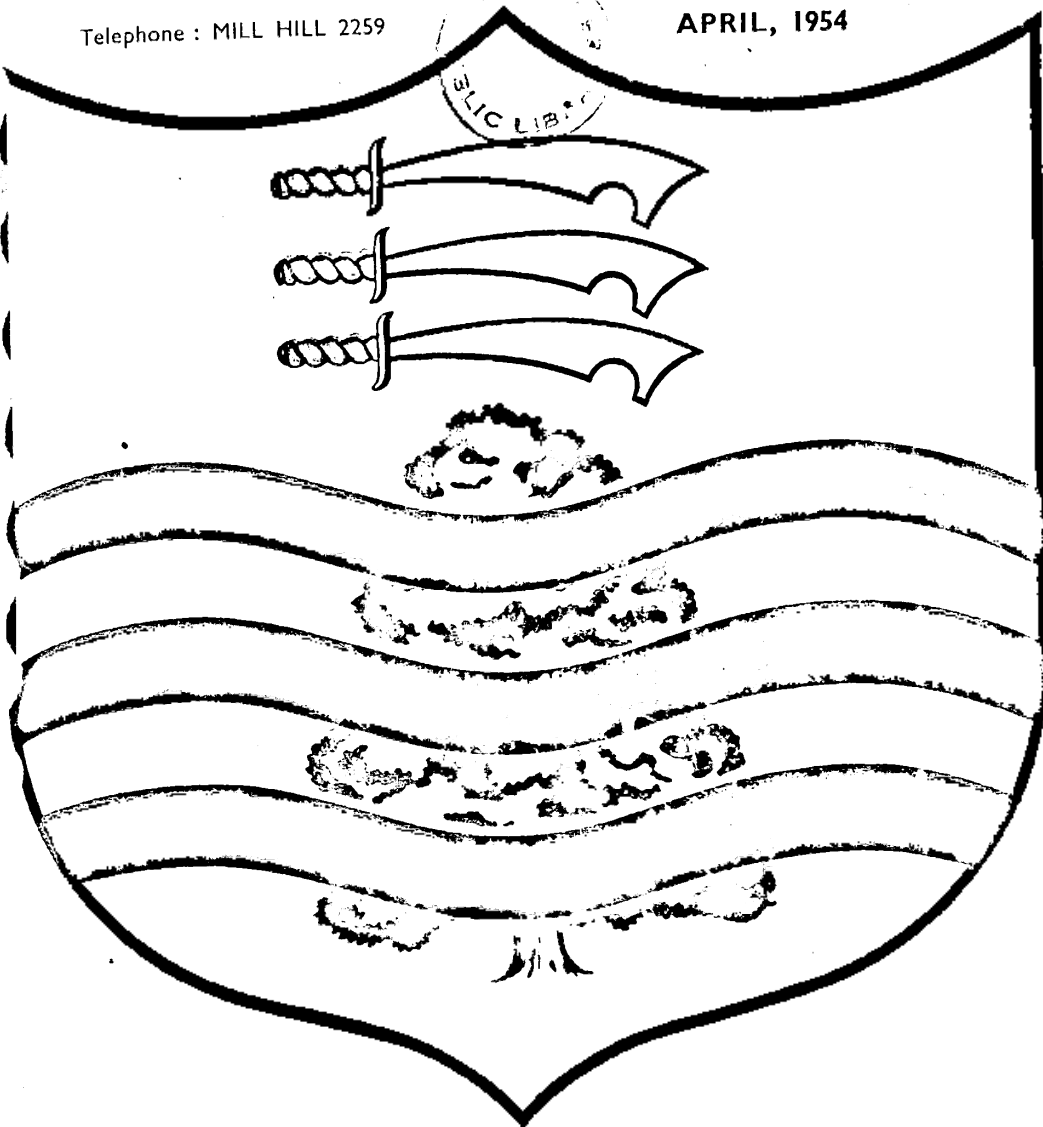
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VIEWPOINT

The Council of the Association has attempted the difficult, and perhaps, dangerous task of critically examining the problems which have arisen during the twenty-six years of the Association, and this has been fully stated in our Annual Report for 1953.

We would not like our residents to be misled by comments which appear to have missed the purpose of the report and which, we are sorry to note, do not mention the continued value and success of our Association.

Our intent and purpose was :—

To state recognised difficulties and to re-affirm our belief in the purpose of the Community Association.

It is our intention to overcome our problems and so add to our future success as it is our belief that every person on the Watling Estate has a need and this need may best be overcome through our **united** efforts.

We believe our neighbourhood will benefit through the unselfish service of us all to one another ; as we believe we shall receive more support once we have stated our problems.

" Let no man be turned away " must be our future motto. We all have contributions to make whether it be in the Canteen or in digging the garden of an Old Aged Pensioner, and we welcome everyone who is anxious to help his neighbour.

If you are not already a member see to it that you soon will be.

THANKS

The Council of the Association wishes to extend its thanks to :—

The Crest School of Dancing for the recent Show in aid of our Building Fund.

The Gay Forties for the Whist Drive in aid of the same Fund, and those few residents and friends who have come forward with contributions towards our new extension.

" **Rejected of Men.** " A play for Palm Sunday, by Kathleen Nesbitt, will be presented at the Watling Congregational Church, on Sunday, April 11th at 6 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. Everyone invited.

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COMING EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

The Special Events Committee are getting down to preliminary arrangements for the Carnival and Watling Week. Several organisations have already agreed to take part in the Carnival, and arrangements are being made to hold a Grand Social in the evening.

Local doctors are being invited to assist at the Baby Show.

The suggested programme for Watling Week is as follows :—

Friday, September 10th—Supper; Saturday—Bingo; Sunday—to be arranged by the Education Committee; Monday—Old Tyme Dances; Tuesday—Guild of Players; Wednesday—Variety Concert; Thursday—Combined Social; Friday—Whist Drive; Saturday—Motor Club Social; Sunday 19th—Combined Church Service; Monday—Juvenile Dance Competition.

AFTERNOON BLIND CLUB

Attendance at the Club recently has been very good, in spite of the bad weather. Members enjoyed a talk on "Old Edgware," by Mr. Horace Wright, the President of the Club. An afternoon given over to a programme of "My Likes and Dislikes" which caused much amusement, and two Domino Drives were greatly enjoyed.

WEIGHTLIFTING

1954 HOME COUNTIES OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
at The Watling Centre, on Saturday, March 13th.
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Lightweight Class.

	Total
1.—B. Helfgott	600lbs.
2.—D. Foster (Watling)	620lbs.
3.—F. Zelkins	610lbs.

Middleweight Class.

1.—F. Longworth	695lbs.
2.—H. Goodman	635lbs.
3.—T. Inskip	615lbs.

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British Record Attempt.

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Guest Lifters.

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G. Petrie (British Guiana) Heavyweight	785lbs.

All lifting under B.A.W.L.A. Rules.

Medals were presented by Mr. W. E. Jones (President of B.A.W.L.A.). Through the Championship, the Weightlifting Section raised £6 15s. 0d. for the Building Fund.

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This month, we have appointed our Delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Eastbourne in April. Mrs. Bromage and Mr. Ellis are our representatives with Mrs. Larson as the third choice. Several of our members will be going as visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are looking forward to welcoming home their daughter and her three children. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Meredith too, are hoping their daughters will be arriving home together on April 26th. On that day too Mr. Bromage is leaving for Canada to visit his daughter, he will be the first of our Branch to go overseas this year. Mr. and Mrs. Trickey sail on July 29th for Durban, S. Africa to visit their daughter. All these comings and goings will keep our very able Social Secretary and her Committee busy in arranging Socials for our entertainment, it being the practice of our Branch to throw a "Welcome Home" and an "Au-revoir" party at these times.

A Film Show has been arranged for Monday, March 29th.

New members are sure of a welcome at our meetings held each Monday, at 8 p.m.

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From the kiln the glass then passes to the glazier again and with the Cut-line plan placed on a bench he places all the pieces together and joins them in strips of grooved lead and solders all the joints together. Between the joints of the grooves, a putty-like paste is pressed which sets hard in time. The complete picture is then set in a steel frame as you see it in the Church Window. Tom.

MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Well folks once again I am able to resume my duties in the Club, after my recent spell in Hospital, I should like to tender my grateful thanks for your kind thoughts and for the gifts to me while in Hospital.

Once again an important mile-stone has been passed in the History of our Club on the occasion of our Annual Dinner. We were glad to have with us, as our guest of Honour, our new President, Mr. A. I. Jones, ably supported by our first Vice-President, Mr. E. J. Nightingale, two very well known founder members of the Centre, also Mr. Lowe, Secretary of the South Midland Centre A.C.U., and a friend of our Mr. Rex Judd. We were very glad that our Retiring President Mr. Bishop was well enough to be with us to receive his gift in the form of the Club Badge, mounted on a shield which must have given him pleasant memories of happy days with the Club.

The Dinner arrangements were well organised and the Committee are to be congratulated on a fine show for quite a young Club. Tom.

OUR ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Following the request of the Watling Council to the London Transport Executive, we received a letter which promises stopping points on the 52 bus at Mote Mount and Scratch Wood.

Permission has been given to the Electricity Board for a sub-station in the grounds of the Centre. This should improve our local electricity supply.

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Once again the unsatisfactory manner in which our dustbins are cleared was discussed and a further letter on this matter is being sent to the Borough Council.

Whilst the Council is still concerned on the question of improved travel facilities, it has been decided not to support the proposed petition until those areas which are more concerned, show a more active interest.

The Council is to approach the L.C.C. *re* the possible closer relationship between normal decorations and the fitting of new fire places.

Welfare work on the estate is still the concern of us all. The "H" and S.O.S. Cards are still being issued and residents are asked to do all in their power to assist one another. If you know of a service which may be done—don't wait for someone else to do it.

Our congratulations to Councillor Sharpe on his recent honour. He is the first Burnt Oak Councillor to become Mayor of Hendon, and we hope all local residents will support him during his term of office. Can we ourselves do anything to mark his Mayoralty. Can we complete the extensions to the Centre during the current year? We can with your support and our local Mayor will be able to open it.

The Allottees report on having a few empty plots. Those interested please contact Mr. Fuller at the Hut, The Meads, on Sundays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Residents may become members of the Allottees Society and so buy seeds, plants, etc. at reasonable rates.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Addresses and Telephone Numbers You May Need.

HENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL—Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4. Tel.: Hendon 8181 (all departments).

ASSISTANCE BOARD—1 Helenslea Avenue, Golders Green.

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES—C. S. Wyles, 182 Burnt Oak Broadway.

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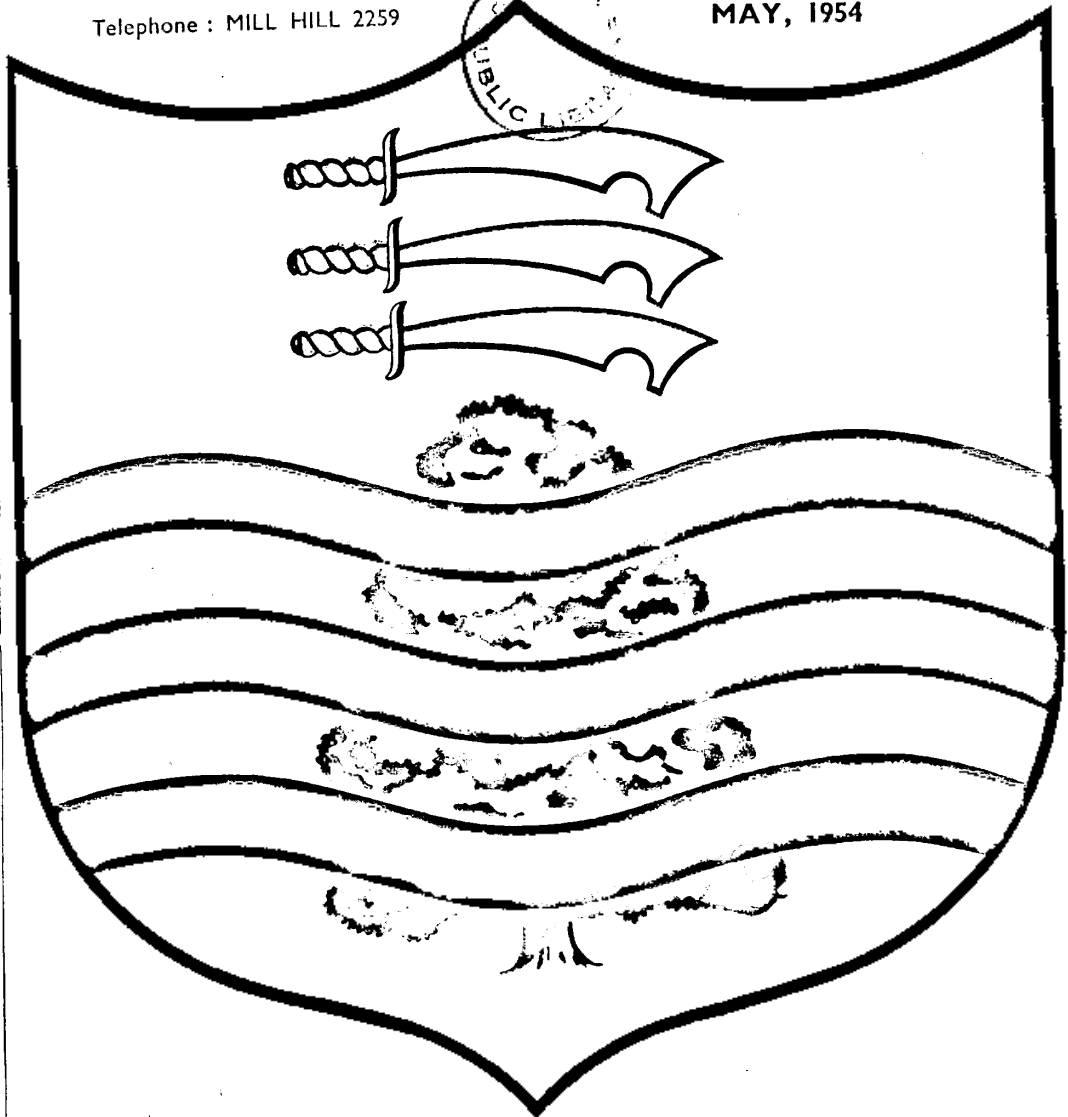
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VIEWPOINT

Progress has produced many distasteful problems for the men of every age and we find the Hydrogen Bomb to be no exception. We do not understand the bomb; we cannot see its purpose (beyond the immediate savage destruction of one another); we are afraid of it.

The Council of the Association has forwarded a resolution on this explosive problem to the Prime Minister and we have since noted an increasing volume of opposition from other sources.

It is not our wish to be against constructive progress—a progress which will be for the immediate or ultimate benefit of the whole of mankind—but it should be our intention to resist the development of a destructive element which may be mainly directed against ourselves.

As we have protested against the bomb we should do everything possible to fully understand it. Narrow politics and fear of the unknown is not sufficient reason for the banning of a thing. We have to honestly assess the value of it in terms of its certain use for constructive and beneficial purposes.

As ordinary members of society we cannot, as yet, fully understand the virtues of the Hydrogen Bomb but we can, through a continued strong opinion, see to it that experiments are carried out with safety and that these experiments are directed towards a constructive end.

We can be confident in our belief that the bomb is not a fit thing to be used for narrow national or empirical purposes. It must be used **only** for positive construction.

FOOTBALL

The Watling Association and the Hearts of Oak, Football Clubs, fought out the final of the Hendon Amateur Football Cup Final at the White Lion ground on Easter Monday morning. This was a very good game and the score remained at one-all after playing extra time. The replay will be played too late to get the result for this magazine.

Congratulations to both teams.

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2. To supply good copies of books, magazines, etc. for use in the Hospitals
3. To supply any surplus flowers for old and lonely sick persons—and patients in the Hospitals.
4. To tidy the front gardens of old persons who are living alone and are unable to carry out this work.
5. To take an interest in the welfare of the increasing number of old persons on the Watling estate and nearby district (visits, postcards at birthdays, shopping, etc.)
6. To raise funds for the now annual visit to the Circus and for such other outings or visits as may be arranged.
7. To collect and supply names of all persons resident in Watling over the age of 65.
8. To supply odd wood for kindling purposes to old persons.
9. To always be alert to the H. or S.O.S. Cards in windows and to follow the directions on the back of the cards. (These cards are issued to lonely and aged persons for emergency use only and their display invites immediate assistance).

Information may be sent to and offers of help to the Secretary, 18, Montrose Avenue, Edgware, or the Secretary, Watling Community Association, Orange Hill Road, Edgware.

WATLING CARNIVAL PARADE Saturday, June 12th, at 3 p.m.

from Orange Hill School, Abotts Road, Burnt Oak.

Route.—Orange Hill Road, Deansbrook Road, Eversfield Gardens, Blundell Road, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak Broadway, Deansbrook Road, Langham Road (for dispersal).

Judging.—Judging will take place between 2.15 p.m. and 3 p.m. Councillor E. Sharpe, Mayor of Hendon, will act as one of the Judges.

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CARNIVAL SOCIAL

A Social will be arranged for the evening of the Carnival Parade in the Community Centre.

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ANNUAL BABY SHOW

This year's Baby Show is to be held in the Community Centre on Monday, June 14th, at 2 p.m.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS

Although the Centre was supposed to have been closed for the Easter holiday, it was in fact open on Good Friday for a Whist Drive run by Maud Jewitt and on the Saturday for "Bingo," run by the Social Committee.

"Bingo" is proving very popular now at the Centre, and at each session, so far, the number of supporters have increased. The next "Bingo" is on Saturday, May 8th.

Plans are still going forward for the extension of the Centre. We are still in need of money and donations will be thankfully received.

The Mayor elect, Councillor Sharpe, is holding an "At Home" at the Centre to welcome local friends he could not meet at his official reception as Mayor of Hendon.

What is your opinion of the Association's new emblem depicted on the front cover of this magazine? Do you think it is a good emblem for the Association or could you suggest any improvements?

During April, the "Gay Forties" entertained old people's clubs at Mill Hill and at Boreham Wood.

The Guild of Players are entering the Hendon Drama Federation Festival this year with great hopes.

An Outing by train to Portsmouth and then a trip round the Isle of Wight is being organised by the Social Committee.

There is some talk of a Choir being formed at the Centre, but so far not enough people have shown interest.

The North West Federation Adult School Breakfast is being held as usual at the Centre on the first Sunday in May.

The Rev. Knight from Eversfield Church has been appointed Chaplain to the Mayor.

A Dedication Service is being held at the Congregational Church in June.

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Social Secretary: Mr. V. Needham, with Mrs. Myland, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Needham as *Committee Members*. *Memorial Committee*: Mr. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Filby; *Education Committee*: Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Tonmath, Mr. Ford and Mr. A. Brightman; *Planning Committee*: Mr. Needham, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Bouchard; *Special Events Committee*: Mr. Parkin, Mr. and Mrs. Woolhead, Mr. A. R. Lodge; *Youth Management*: Mrs. Needham and Mr. Lake as the Council's representatives.

Personal Service and Distress Committees: Mr. Vear and Mr. Lodge; *Tenants' Welfare Officer*: Mr. Vear; *Treasurer of the Association*: Mr. Shaw.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We welcomed Mr. A. Hall, when he came to introduce our 1954 handbook—"The Cost of Living," which is to help us to define what "living" really means and to consider whether "living" as apart from "existing" is worth paying for in experience and effort.

Miss Moll has spoken on "Ye Must be Born again." Spiritual rebirth is a natural process of growth. Many problems confront us through life. We either turn away from them and cease to grow or overcome them, thus becoming mature beings able to live the full life for which we were created.

At our birthday party, Mrs. Lake provided our delicious cake and Mrs. Nyberguas an excellent M.C. We thank them very much and also Mrs. Richardson and her happy band of helpers for a lovely evening.

We look forward with pleasure to a visit on 13th May, to Harlow, where Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Harris have invited us to visit their Community Centre. Also during May a cookery demonstration by the Gas Light and Coke Co. is planned and a talk by Mr. Appelbe of the Marriage Guidance Council.

U.S.C.B.P.A.

April 10th was the great day for our Annual Conference at Eastbourne, and several of our members who made up a party thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We looked forward eagerly to a full report at our weekly meeting.

The Film Show in March was a great success. It was arranged and presented by the C.P.R. (Canadian Pacific Railway) and took us on a trip through Canada, stopping at the principal cities. Those of us who have daughters in Canada wished we could have been on that train.

Roll up all those new members who would like to be in time for the first of our Annual Outings.

WATLING BOWLING' CLUB

About 40 members and friends attended our last Whist Drive, held at the Royal Oak Hotel.

Frank Williams acted as M.C., Mrs. L. Freeman, wife of the Vice-Captain presented the prizes to the following:—Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Coleman; 2nd, Mrs. Hogan; 3rd, Miss MacNally; Top Half, Mrs. Miller; Gents, 1st Mr. Coleman; 2nd, Mr. E. Davies; 3rd, Mr. H. Culf; Top Half, Mr. Stevens. Special prize winners Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Gair.

A party of members and friends went by coach to Ascot to play a team of the Ascot Indoor Bowling Club. A four rink match was played which ended in a win for Ascot. After tea a Spoon Drive was arranged and the Ladies were able to enjoy a game on rinks to which many had not previously played on. The arrangements were made by the Secretary, Mr. A. V. Stevens.

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POULTRY CLUB

The Watling and District Poultry Club are now the proud holders of The Middlesex Federation Area Shield, competed for every three months, by four other Clubs in the area. This is a great encouragement to the Club so soon after winning the Stoke Newington Challenge Cup for eggs by beating the leading London Clubs in a team competition.

The Annual Club Cup presented by Mr. Gibbs was awarded to Mr. Potter for the highest points scored for egg competitions throughout the past year. Mrs. Myland was a very close second and Mrs. Adams a very worthy third.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

"SEEING STARS"

Our party of ten, which had the pleasure of a visit to the Mill Hill Observatory, were conducted round the establishment by its charming Deputy-Director, Mr. Kiang, who explained in a clear, lucid manner, the uses and operation of the three telescopes, which formed the major equipment, and also the "Sidereal Clock," (which means "star-time"), and which clock "gains" four minutes a day, one day a year in all, as compared with our ordinary "solar-time."

The largest telescope was of the reflector type, having a twenty-four inch diameter mirror at its base, and this instrument was used mainly for photographing certain astral bodies, or a cluster. Whereas the smaller refractory type, which utilises an eight inch diameter lens, gives a wider view of the heavens, for optical observation.

We concluded with a film-slide display of the sun, moon and other planets, and awe inspiring star formations on the outer fringes of the universe.

ANY QUESTIONS

The recent meeting arranged by the Education Committee, took the form of "Any Questions," and many and varied questions were put to, and answered by the Panel. The most interesting discussions arose out of the following:—

Youth Clubs. The Youth of to-day are better than ever. They are in some ways frustrated. There is a sad lack of youth leaders. Delinquency is comparatively low in Hendon. Youth Clubs should not be State controlled, but more aid could be given by the State for better buildings and equipment.

Would a universal language such as Esperanto bring about a better understanding between the nations? No satisfactory language acceptable by all the Nations has yet been found.

How can Income Tax be reduced? By the reduction in armaments.

Should the Grand National be banned? The course should be modified.

Has the Church failed to give a lead for world peace? The general opinion was yes.

Many other points were discussed by a capable Panel comprising:— County Councillor Mrs. Thubrum, Councillor Sharpe, Mr. Chown and Miss Darrie. Chairman Mr. Ford.

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