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**The Worshipful the Mayor of the
London Borough of Barnet, Councillor
P. G. H. Woodruff, J.P.**

Christmas Message

As another year draws to its close, the Mayoress and I send to each one of you our united good wishes for joy at Christmastide and every happiness in the New Year.

Christmas is the Children's Festival and since we are all children at heart I have no doubt but that we shall do full honour to this lovely season in our several ways.

In the months that lie ahead your Council will need to deal with many matters, all of them important—some of them contentious—but I am hopeful

that something of the Spirit of Christmas will be allowed to colour all deliberations when I am sure that the decisions taken will be in the best interests of all.

As your Mayor, therefore, I invite you to face the New Year with confidence despite the difficulties which face our beloved country at this time and I look forward to your support of the Council in its conduct of affairs.

God bless you all.

PERCY WOODRUFF,

Mayor.

CONTEMPORARY BRITISH PRINTS

Church Farm House Museum

December 9th-31st, 1967

This exhibition, on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, contains some of the most interesting British prints, in a variety of media, produced during the last ten years, a period which has seen a transformation in the graphic arts of this country. It includes woodcuts and linocuts by Edward Bawden, Michael Rothenstein and Gertrude Hermes; lithographs by John Piper, William Scott and Ceri Richards; and etchings and aquatints by Anthony Gross, Julian Trevelyan and Merlyn Evans.

The exhibition is open at the following times:—

Weekdays (except Tuesday)—

10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

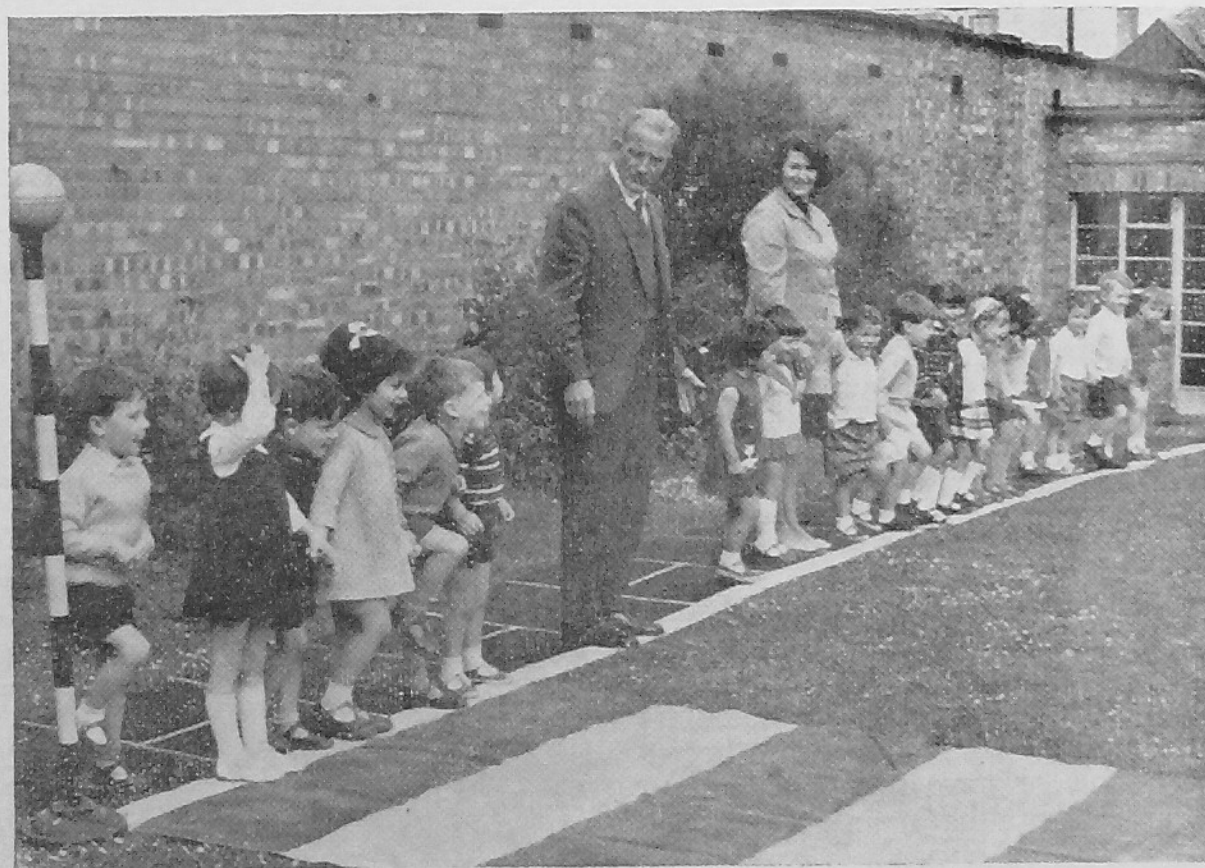
Tuesday—

10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Sunday—

2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

A TUFTY CLUB IN ACTION



Mr. C. E. Wright, one of the Council's Road Safety Officers for Barnet, shows children at the Playtime Nursery School how to cross a road. He uses a "Road" complete with pavement, Belisha beacon and zebra crossing, laid out on the lawn, to teach the "look right, left and right again" drill to this group of under-fives, as part of their Tufty Club road safety activities.

BOARDING AWARDS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The provision of boarding school education as such, was a requirement placed upon local education authorities for the first time by the 1944 Education Act. Prior to the 1944 Act, apart from boarding accommodation provided on a welfare basis by one or two local education authorities or in boarding houses at grammar schools in rural areas, there was very little provision other than in non-maintained schools, including the public schools. The latter have established for themselves such a position in the social system of this country that endeavours have been made on more than one occasion to make them available to pupils from schools maintained by local authorities. The latest example was the decision taken by the Government in 1965 to set up the Public Schools Commission with Sir John Newsom as Chairman. The task of the Commission is to collect and assess information about the public schools and to work out the role which individual schools might play in national and local schemes of integration so as to ensure the progressive application of the principle that the public schools, like other parts of the educational system, should be open to boys and girls irrespective of the incomes of their parents.

National effort in this direction had been advocated in the report of the Fleming Committee in 1942 which suggested a system of awards to enable pupils from maintained schools to take up places at the independent boarding schools. In fact the former Middlesex Education Committee had actually anticipated the Fleming report because it had by then already introduced a scheme in collaboration with the Governors of Mill Hill School whereby selected children resident in the county were nominated each year for awards at the school. With the publication of the Fleming report Middlesex extended its pioneer scheme and arranged similar schemes to give opportunities for girls at Wycombe Abbey and Westonbirt Schools, and additional awards for boys at Christ's Hospital and Harrow Schools.

Although Middlesex no longer exists as a local education authority the scheme has continued. Barnet now acts as the co-ordinator and "clearing house" on behalf of the six London Boroughs and the Northern Division of Surrey which participate in the scheme.

The purpose of the awards is to make it possible for a number of boys and girls to attend boarding schools irrespective of their parents' ability to meet the full costs. Pupils from all types of schools are eligible for consideration provided they satisfy the age conditions and that their parents or legal guardians have been bona fide residents in the Borough of Barnet for at least 12 months prior to 1st January of the year of admission to the boarding schools or have been resident for at least 12 months in an area participating in the scheme.

The age conditions vary. At Christ's Hospital at Horsham the boys must be between 10½ and 12½ on entry; Westonbirt School which is at Tetbury in Gloucestershire is for girls between 11

and 13 on entry and at the remaining three schools: Harrow, Mill Hill and Wycombe Abbey—children must be between the ages of 12 and 14 on entry. Admission in all cases is in September.

The aim is to nominate boys and girls who will fit well into the life of a boarding school and for whom a boarding education as distinct from a day school might give greater opportunity and benefit. The measure of success can perhaps best be expressed by the following comments of the Head of one of the schools concerned, "the boys that come to us are so well integrated into the life of the school and of the boarding houses that unless a master takes the trouble to look up the records he has no indication of the nature of the boy's entry. Indeed he does not bother to find out, since there would be no object in the exercise".

All applications received are considered very carefully and the Head of the pupil's present school is asked to provide a confidential report of the pupil's educational standard and promise. Around Easter-time in the year of admission, those candidates who appear most likely to benefit from an award are asked to attend for interview. The Authority and the school are jointly represented at these informal interviews which normally take place at the school, except in the case of Christ's Hospital and Westonbirt for which the interviews take place in London. Parents are asked to attend and are given an opportunity not only to ask questions about the school but also to explain their reasons for submitting the application. In the case of candidates seeking admission to Christ's Hospital a written examination is also set by the Governors of the school.

Financial assistance to parents of children who are selected is given in accordance with a scale agreed by the Council. For example, a family in receipt of a total income from all sources of £1,500 a year with two dependent children under ten years of

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

You are invited to attend the meetings of the Education Committee to be held at the Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4 on the 3rd and 24th January, 1968 at 7 p.m.



Totteridge Common, a picturesque part of the Green Belt. (see article on page five)



Alderman Stanley Head

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Alderman Head served as a member of the East Barnet Urban District Council from 1947 until the district became part of the London Borough in 1965. He was for a number of years Chairman of the Finance Committee of the East Barnet Council, and was Chairman of that Council for the Municipal year 1955/56.

On the formation of the London Borough he was elected one of the first Aldermen, for a six-year period. Alderman Head is now Vice-Chairman of both General Purposes and Highways Committees. He also serves on the Finance, Establishment, Works and Northern Area Road Safety Committees. He was Deputy Mayor for the Municipal year 1966/67.

Alderman Head has always taken a keen interest in Educational matters and was a member of the South Herts. Divisional Executive for Education. He is a Governor of the Queen Elizabeth and Ravenscroft, East Barnet

Grammar and Elizabeth Allen Church of England Schools and is Vice-Chairman of the Governors of John Hampden School. He is also Chairman of Group II Primary School Managers, comprising Littlegrove, St. Margarets, Livingstone, Oaklands and Cromer Road and Brookhill Nursery Schools.

For seven years, Alderman Head was Chairman of the Barnet Division Conservative Association and is now its President. He is Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Group on the Council.

Among his other activities, Alderman Head is Chairman of the East Barnet Citizens' Advice Bureau, Vice-President and Honorary Solicitor to the East Barnet Branch of the British Legion, Vice-President of the East Barnet Old People's Welfare Association and Vice-President of the East Barnet National Savings Association.

Alderman Head has been a resident of the East Barnet district since 1931. He was educated at Kings School, Bruton, Somerset. During the last war he served in the Royal Artillery, and was a Major on the staff of Sir Brian Horrocks, commanding 30 Corps, at the end of the war. He is a Solicitor and Notary Public in private practice.

Demolition of Deans Lane Bridge



width of bridge has been demolished to allow the road section to be widened slightly more, both north and south-bound traffic will use the lower section, the remainder of the bridge will be demolished and the construction of the new road completed.

The filling to be placed between the embankments to carry the new road is over 14ft. at its deepest point and although the placing of 2,500 cu. yds. of hoggin used has been carefully controlled during consolidation it is anti-

cipated that some slight subsidence will occur and this will be rectified after a settlement period.

During the construction of the first section, alterations to Gas, Water, Electric and Telephone apparatus are being carried out and it is to allow this work to be done without delay that the main Contractor, R. S. Kennedy & Co. Ltd. of Watford has temporarily left the site. A temporary footpath on

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Deans Lane railway bridge is a three-arch brick built bridge and is one of six road bridges constructed about 1866 over the now abandoned goods railway line which runs between Edgware and Mill Hill East. Over many years its narrow width was capable of carrying the slower and lighter type of local traffic, but in recent years with the phenomenal growth in the number of vehicles of all kinds on the roads and the overall increases in the size of heavy goods vehicles, the present effective carriageway width of 18ft. is insufficient, the narrow footways a potential danger to pedestrians, the hump-back restricts visibility and the structure as it stands is a dangerous hazard.

It was decided therefore, that after the abandonment of the railway line this bridge, which is on the heavily trafficked route from the North via Barnet By-pass to south-west London, should be demolished and Deans Lane widened between Hale Drive and Banstock Road, at the same time giving the opportunity to provide a pedestrian subway through what was the centre arch of the bridge.

In order to carry out the work without interfering with the heavy traffic flow which cannot easily be diverted through other roads, it has been decided to construct the lower level section and complete the surfacing in order to allow southbound traffic to be diverted on to it while part of the bridge is demolished. When a sufficient

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL



**Councillor W. H. Tangye, J.P.,
F.R.I.C.S., F.A.I.**

Councillor Tangye has lived in what is now the London Borough of Barnet since 1914 and received his education at Finchley schools. He came to live at his present address in Whetstone in 1934.

In 1953, Councillor Tangye was elected to the North Ward of the former Friern Barnet Urban District Council, and in 1956 was appointed Vice-Chairman of that authority. He became Chairman in 1958, retaining the office until 1960. Councillor Tangye was a Member of the Friern Barnet Urban District Council until the amalgamation in 1965, and during this time served on all the Committees of that authority.

By profession, Councillor Tangye is a Chartered Surveyor; he is a Justice of the Peace for the Highgate Division, and has served on the Bench since July 1960.

In 1965, when the London Borough was formed, Councillor Tangye became Vice-Chairman of the Highways Committee, and in 1966 became Chairman, which position he still holds. He is also a member of the following Committees—Buildings and Town Planning, Carnival and Shows, Development and Research, Hendon Aerodrome and West Hendon Development.

For some years before the Greater London Council were asked to take charge of Alexandra Palace, Councillor Tangye was a trustee and since 1966 has been the Borough Council's representative on the G.L.C. Committee handling the affairs of the Palace.

Councillor Frank Gibson has been a resident of Finchley for twenty-seven years. The last twelve have been spent in Whetstone, where he lives with his wife and three young children.

For two years he served with the Royal Artillery in India. He is now an Office Furnisher.

Before his election to the Barnet London Borough Council, Councillor Gibson was a Member of the former Finchley Borough Council. In 1961-62 he became Finchley's youngest Mayor at the age of 34. He has acquired an extensive knowledge of Local Government over the past sixteen years.

He is vitally interested in Road Safety, and is Chairman of the Central Area (Finchley and Friern Barnet) Road Safety Executive Sub-Committee. He was the Founder Chairman of the League of Safe Drivers and is at present its Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Gibson is also Chairman in the Finchley Council of Christians and Jews, which he founded during his term as Mayor. He has done a lot of work to encourage the spread of goodwill and mutual understanding between Finchley Christian and Jewish Communities, and also actively supports the Anglo-Israel Friendship League of Finchley.

Councillor Gibson founded the "Friends of Le Raincy" to foster Finchley's twinning with this French town, and was made an honorary citizen of Le Raincy.

He serves on several Council Committees and is Chairman of the Works



Councillor F. D. Gibson

Committee. He also serves on the Finchley Old People's Welfare Committee, but would like to see the terms "aged", "old", "elderly", "pensioners", etc., swept away for "Senior Citizen". He is a founder member of the Senior Citizens' Housing Society in Finchley.

Among his other activities, Councillor Gibson is a member of the St. John's School Parent-Teacher Association, Chairman of the Finchley Carnival Committee, and Chairman of the Whetstone Branch Conservative Association.

For relaxation he reads, watches television, swims a little, and is a reluctant weeder!

It's not all Turkey and Christmas Pudding!

It is expected that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department will be required to collect approximately 2,000 tons of refuse from individual properties for disposal during Christmas week.

For the 200 men engaged on duties of refuse collection this is indeed far from an easy task at a time when the seasonal increase in quantity of refuse coincides with their own family festivities during the National Holiday period.

As in previous years, some reorganisation is necessary and the following alterations in the normal arrangements have been made which it is hoped will enable the standard of the service to be maintained and cause the least possible inconvenience to all.

WESTERN DIVISION

Hendon Area. Telephone No. 202 8282.

EASTERN DIVISION

Finchley, Friern Barnet, East Barnet, Barnet Areas. Telephone No. 449 9181.

Normal Collection

Monday	25th December
Tuesday	26th December
Wednesday	27th December
Thursday	28th December
Friday	29th December

Will be collected on

Wednesday	27th December
Thursday	28th December
Friday	29th December
Saturday	30th December
Sunday	31st December

LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION IN THE GREEN BELT

A number of different aspects guide the Borough Council in its pursuance of a vigorous Green Belt policy. One of these is to maintain and improve as necessary existing woodlands and to undertake schemes of planting in appropriate places in the Green Belt. Wherever new sports grounds are provided by the Borough Council such as those contemplated at Denham Farm, Totteridge, landscaping would normally be a requirement of the layout. Already, on a comparatively small scale, tree planting is being undertaken at the Cophall and West Hendon Playing Fields. Similarly, planting schemes are usually incorporated in major highway and housing projects undertaken in Barnet by the Borough Council, the Greater London Council or the Ministry of Transport. On the large Borough housing scheme at Dollis Valley which immediately adjoins the Green Belt, a sum of £5,000 has been allocated to make a start on landscaping this section of the Brookside Walk.

In the April/May and June/July issues of "Barnet Civic News", articles on tree conservation in the Borough described how the landscape we enjoy today is derived from tree plantings of the 18th and 19th centuries and how, with the aid of Tree Preservation Orders, the Council is ensuring that the appearance of the Borough is maintained and any unavoidable losses of trees made good.

The Council has now decided to take another step towards the enhancement of the borough by embarking upon a programme of landscape conservation. This is concerned with improvements to woodlands and the planting of new trees according to good forestry practice. From a general survey of the Borough, the Green Belt has been divided into 23 sections, each of some 200 acres, a size suitable for systematic conservation work. To start with, five of these sections have been selected in which the Borough Council own a large proportion of the land. Concurrently, consultations will take place with the Greater London Council and private owners within some sections so that, with their co-operation, the maximum effect may be achieved. Care will be exercised to see that there is the minimum interference with the existing agricultural uses and that the areas devoted to this essential activity are not reduced. It will be desirable to choose species of trees which are natural to the area or are capable of establishing themselves as major components of the landscape by a process of regeneration, but this does not rule out the use of other more colourful species to provide variety and add to the amenity of the area as a whole. The five sections on which work will take place first are the following:—

First—bounded on the north by Barnet Lane, on the west by Elstree Hill, on the south by the line of the M.1 extension, and on the east by the railway and Woodcock Hill Farm.

Second—bounded on the north by the M.1 extension, on the west broadly by a line joining Edgwarebury Farm, Newlands in Green Lane, Edgware, and the Edgware Road, to the south by Spur Road and the Watford Bypass, and on the east by the rear boundaries of houses in Edgwarebury Lane, Hartland Drive and railway boundary.

Third—bounded by a line taken slightly north of the Dollis Brook, Barnet Lane and Westcombe Drive, to the east by the gardens of Fairfield Way, Gravenor Avenue and the eastern boundary of the South Herts. Golf Course, on the south by the rear gardens of houses in Oak Tree Drive, Rowben Close, Pine Grove, Barnet Lane and Oaklands Road, on the west by a line joining the western end of Oaklands Road, and the southern end of Leaside.

Fourth—bounded on the north by Mays Lane and Dollis Brook Walk,

to the east by the boundary of section three, on the south by Totteridge Lane, and on the west by a line joining Totteridge Park to the south and Totteridge Vale Farm to the north.

Fifth—bounded on the north by Mays Lane, to the east by the boundary line of section four, to the south by Totteridge Lane and to the west by Hendon Wood Lane.

Good forestry demands that any programme should ensure proper provision for silvicultural thinning and fire prevention. Carefully organised thinning would help to stimulate the growth of the remaining trees to their full height and maturity, thus enhancing the appearance of the particular woodland or copse. In addition, precautions must be taken to minimise damage by fire, an ever-present risk, particularly where outdoor activities are to be encouraged. The most effective forms of tree planting would be small woodlands, copses and shelter belts which could provide a foundation for further schemes without restricting in any way facilities for public recreation or other outdoor activities, which might be the case if traditional hedge-row re-planting were adopted.

The configuration of the land surface would be exploited so as to emphasise the three-dimensional impression of the landscape. This technique, combined with a choice of tree to give colour contrast and variety of texture, should give to the countryside surrounding this part of London an increasingly attractive aspect worthy of the great city which it embraces.



Highwood Hill, looking north.

WHAT'S OUR LINE?

Most readers will know of or will have seen the popular T.V. programme "What's My Line". Through the medium of this publication it is impossible to mime or answer questions, but in the following paragraphs and subsequent articles an endeavour will be made to tell you our various "lines" in the Public Health Nursing field.

THE HEALTH VISITOR

The Health Visitor is the most highly qualified member of the team, requiring to be a State Registered Nurse, possess the first part of the Central Midwives Board examination, or an approved obstetric course, and have post-registration qualifications of the Health Visitors' Certificate. With this background of training she can provide a continuing service to families and individuals in the community.

Her work has five main aspects:—

- (1) The prevention of mental, physical and emotional ill-health and its consequences.
- (2) Early detection of ill-health and surveillance of high risk groups.
- (3) Recognition and identification of need, and the "calling in" of appropriate resources when necessary.
- (4) Health Teaching.
- (5) Provision of Care—this will include support during periods of stress, and advice and guidance in cases of illness, as well as in the care and management

of children. The Health Visitor is not however, actively engaged in technical nursing procedures.

Knowledge and Skills.

She is a practitioner in her own right, detecting cases of need on her own initiative as well as acting on referrals. She has skills and knowledge particular to her work and these are drawn from her nursing background and from the additional preparation of the health visitors' course. She brings her work to the community.

Her skills and knowledge are basic and it follows that they are used in any situation in which a Health Visitor operates and in any combination of duties.

The group within the population to which they are applied, and the problems brought to light may vary, but there is no essential difference between the Health Visitor in a rural or urban setting, based on a geographical defined area or attached to a group of practitioners. In the latter she is in a favourable position to compile a more comprehensive list of high risk groups and consequently to maintain contact with these individuals and families likely to require at some stage help from medical and social agencies. It is with these advantages in mind that the Council is gradually attaching Health Visitors to general practitioner groups, either by complete attachment or by liaison.

No other worker at present combines the type of knowledge and skills outlined, and the service the health visitor offers is essential if medico/social problems are to be contained within manageable proportions in relation to the available resources in money and personnel, quite apart from the promotion of the health of the community in its widest sense.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE WORLD

An exhibition arranged by the Philatelic Societies of the London Borough of Barnet at the Church Farm House Museum, Church End, N.W.4.

January 6th to February 4th, 1968.

Hours of opening :

Weekdays (except Tuesday)
10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday
10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Sunday
2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Details of events taking place in the London Borough of Barnet, at which the public may attend are sought, for inclusion in Diary of Events, issued every fortnight.

Particulars should be sent, giving three weeks' notice to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4, or for convenience, telephone the Information Section, 202 8282, Ext. 27

DEMOLITION OF DEANS LANE BRIDGE— Continued from page three

the east side of the works has been constructed for the benefit of pedestrians and a similar footpath will be constructed on the west side when the bridge is demolished. The subway will be served from the existing footpaths which run in front of the two terraces of houses on the G.L.C. estate fronting Deans Lane near Banstock Road and Dryfield Road.

Some inconvenience to residents, drivers and pedestrians is bound to occur, but great care is taken to reduce this to a minimum at all times and it is hoped that all the people affected by this improvement will bear with this for the duration of the works.



The presentation of Long Service Awards, Wednesday, 1st November, 1967, at the Town Hall, Hendon.

The Arkley Windmill



In this new series we will be featuring buildings and places of interest throughout the Borough.

The Windmill at Arkley, was built in the early 1800's by a Mr. Everitt Whitehead. The Mill had a brick tower and a domed cap with a gallery around it.

It was visible from many parts of the surrounding countryside, standing as it does on a hill at the edge of the county. It was common to hear in Barnet at that time, the phrase "He's never been out of sight of the Windmill", as people in those days often did not travel far afield.

In the 1860's the Mill was still in full working order, although it had lost two of its sails. On the death of Mr. Whitehead, the Mill was auctioned.

In 1916 the working life of the Windmill came to an end. It then fell derelict and it was not restored until 1930, after being bought by Colonel William Booth. However, on the advice of the Barnet Records Society, the two missing sails were not replaced, as it was thought they would place too much strain on the building. Colonel Booth also built Windmill House.

The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Saunders, bought the Mill in 1958. They replaced the missing sails, and the Mill now has four sails again for the first time for over fifty years. The machinery is still intact. Every quarter day the sails are turned by ropes to prevent water collecting in them and rotting them. The outside of the Mill is painted every three years.

All the Mill buildings have now disappeared, and the Mill is surrounded by a lawn and gardens.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

You are invited to attend meetings of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet held at the Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesdays as shown below:

19th December, 1967.

30th January, 1968.

Copies of Committee Reports are available in all public libraries before the Council Meetings take place, and for members of the public attending the meetings of the Council.

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age would contribute approximately £130 a year towards the fees of the child given a boarding school award. These contributions would be less if the family were paying interest on a mortgage or there were three or four dependent children. A similar family with an income of £2,000 a year would contribute £230 a year towards boarding school fees.

Parents who are interested in making application under this scheme for an award in 1968 should write to the Chief Education Officer (Ref. Sch.CEB), Town Hall, Friern Barnet, N.11, before 31st December, 1967, asking for further information and an application form.

SWIMMING BATH CLOSED

The swimming bath at Squires Lane, Finchley, N.3, will be closed for repairs and redecorations from 25th December, 1967, to 14th January, 1968.

HOME SAFETY TIP

HOME SAFETY SAM SAYS: Many toys and other gift articles are on sale at this time, often unsafe or of poor quality.



Get value and **SAFETY** for money.

Look for these marks of quality and **SAFETY**.

THE BRITISH KITE MARK

The mark of the **BRITISH ELECTRICALS APPROVAL BOARD**

The mark of the **GAS COUNCIL**

The mark of the **OIL APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCN.**

All goods bearing these symbols have been **TESTED for SAFETY.**

BUY FOR SAFETY This Christmas and always

One Year in Chaville

A young Barnet resident, David Richard Oudot, stayed in our Twin-Town of Chaville from 20th October, 1966, to 29th September, 1967, to learn the French language. In order to assist him, the Mayor of Chaville and his Staff employed him in various Departments of the Corporation.

Before his departure, David Oudot wrote an article in which he gives his views on his experience in France. The article will appear in the Municipal Bulletin of Chaville, and we are re-printing it below, as an encouragement to further young people who may wish to employ a similar method of improving their foreign languages.

"My stay in Chaville has given me the opportunity to realise two ambitions, those of acquiring a basic knowledge of the French language and of gaining an insight into the French way of life. To attain these objectives I came willing to do any kind of work in order to finance my experience and have earned my living in the employment of the Town Administration as a gardener, bricklayer, painter and decorator and as an interpreter.

"For someone who has never worked manually for a long period, the adjustment is difficult. My work was at times hard and very dirty, but I feel that this in itself represents a valuable experience, particularly in giving an appreciation of others' working conditions.

"My acceptance by the people of Chaville, but above all by my colleagues at work, has been the key factor in promoting the success of my stay in France. Without special treatment their natural warmth and friendliness allowed me to overcome the initial difficulties of comprehension and when my knowledge of French had developed sufficiently, to become one of them. For this reason alone my presence in Chaville represents the real significance of an association between two foreign towns. No official delegation or group of school children visiting for a few days, or even weeks, can achieve the intimate relationship so necessary before one can even begin to understand and appreciate the mentality and way of life of people in another country.

"Those responsible for administering our towns must readily support people like myself. As far as I know I am the first person to take advantage of such an opportunity. I should not be the last. A new and more effective approach in the concept of twin towns must be followed. I am convinced that one person assimilating himself

Two gramophone societies in the Borough meet, under the auspices of the Libraries and Arts Committee, in the Hendon and Friern Barnet libraries.

The Hendon Gramophone Society holds meetings fortnightly, on Tuesday evenings, at 7.30, in the Junior department of the Central Library, The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4. Enquiries to Mrs. J. C. Hitchon in the Music Library at the above address, Tel. No.: 202 5625, ext. 16.

Programmes for December and January

December 12th

BAX.
DELIUS.
RAVEL.

Tintagel.
Walk to the Paradise Garden.
Concerto for piano and orchestra in G. maj.
Soloist: Michelangeli.

Interval

Programme presented by Mrs. S. Stein

FAURE.
VIVALDI.

Quartet for piano and strings No. 1 in C. min., op. 15.
Gloria.

*December 19th

A Christmas Entertainment

Including humour and musical oddities, some surprises and a Musical Quiz.

*January 9th

Winter Record Release

A critical review of some new recordings by Mr. A. A. Mackenzie.

Interval

Members' Choice — from the records reviewed.

January 23rd

KODALY.

Dances of Galanta.

TCHAIKOVSKY. Concerto for piano and orchestra No. 2 in C. maj. op. 44.

Interval

Programme presented by Mr. B. Hitchon

Mr. Handel on and off the stage — excerpts from the operas and oratorios.

*N.B.—Re-arrangements of dates due to Christmas.

The Friern Barnet Gramophone Society meets once every three weeks, on Thursdays, at 8 p.m., in the Friern Barnet Branch Library, Friern Barnet Road, N.11. The next meeting will be on November 30th. Enquiries to Mrs. L. E. Mitchell, 14 Pages Lane, N.10. Tel. No.: 883 9651.

into a society, as I have done, has far greater value in realising a mutual understanding between nations than the endless exchange of officials. Let the administrators meet, but let them give priority in their discussions to the promotion of opportunities such as that offered to me by the town of Chaville.

"Because of the inherent problems involved in obtaining suitable employment in foreign countries for the purpose of learning languages our public administrations participating in twin-town arrangements should make available, according to their size, one or

two places each year to those young people who are willing to work and learn as I have been able to do. Those already possessing a basic knowledge of the language concerned might be accommodated in more elevated positions according to their interest and qualifications. Municipal administrations contain many specialised departments capable of offering a whole range of employment possibilities.

"I thank most sincerely all those people of Chaville amongst whom I have lived and worked for the past year for the welcome that they have so spontaneously afforded me."