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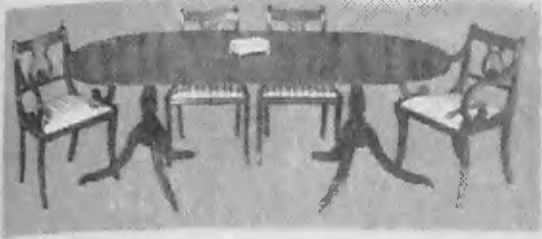
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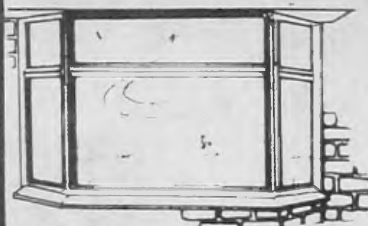


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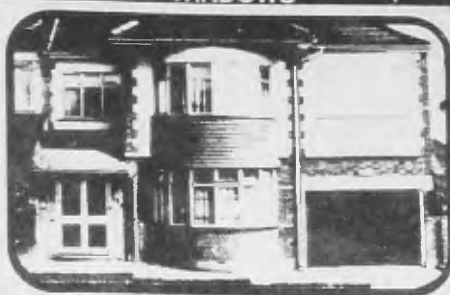
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Helen James and Councillor Mrs. Edna James.

Emphasis on youth

COUNCILLOR MRS. EDNA JAMES, who is the new Mayor of Barnet, is looking towards a year in which young people will actively be involved in civic life.

Her Mayoress is her daughter Helen, a Leading Wren, who at 26 will be the youngest Mayoress in the 15-year history of the borough.

Mrs. James, herself, has always taken an active interest in young people, particularly in the Guide Movement, having served as Divisional Commissioner for the Finchley, Friern Barnet and New Southgate Division, and as County Secretary for Middlesex East. She is now a Vice-President of Finchley and Friern Barnet Scout Council.

She is also Chairman of the school managers for Frith Manor, the Moss Hall schools, Northside and Woodridge; Vice-Chairman for Tudor, Manorside schools and Martin Schools, and Vice-Chairman of Oak Lodge, Friern Barnet and Haynes Special Schools.

In an interview with Civic News she said: 'I would like to see the school children and the youth organisations taking a full and active part in the life of the borough and I am hoping that during my year of office I shall be able to encourage them to take a greater interest in civic affairs. And with Helen's help I hope we shall see some of the younger people joining in and enjoying local activities.'

Mrs. James has been interested in politics all her adult life and for 10 years worked in the Finchley Constituency Conservative offices.

In 1971 she was elected to Barnet Council, representing the St. Paul's Ward — the Ward in which she and her husband live. Mr. James is engaged in the wine trade and his job entails commuting to South London which gives him little time for local activities but he is hoping to support his wife in her mayoralty on those occasions when their daughter Helen is engaged by her duties in the Wrens.

Councillor Mrs. James has a wide experience through her service on the Council. She has been chairman of the important General Purposes Committee, the committee which, as its name implies takes in a broad spectrum of municipal activity. Its work includes the allocation of grants to local voluntary and community groups.

She also served on the Development and Estates Committee, and Establishment Committee and represents Barnet on the Association of Municipal Authorities.

She is an active member of East Finchley Methodist Church and her Chaplain will be the Minister, the Rev. Christopher Bishop.

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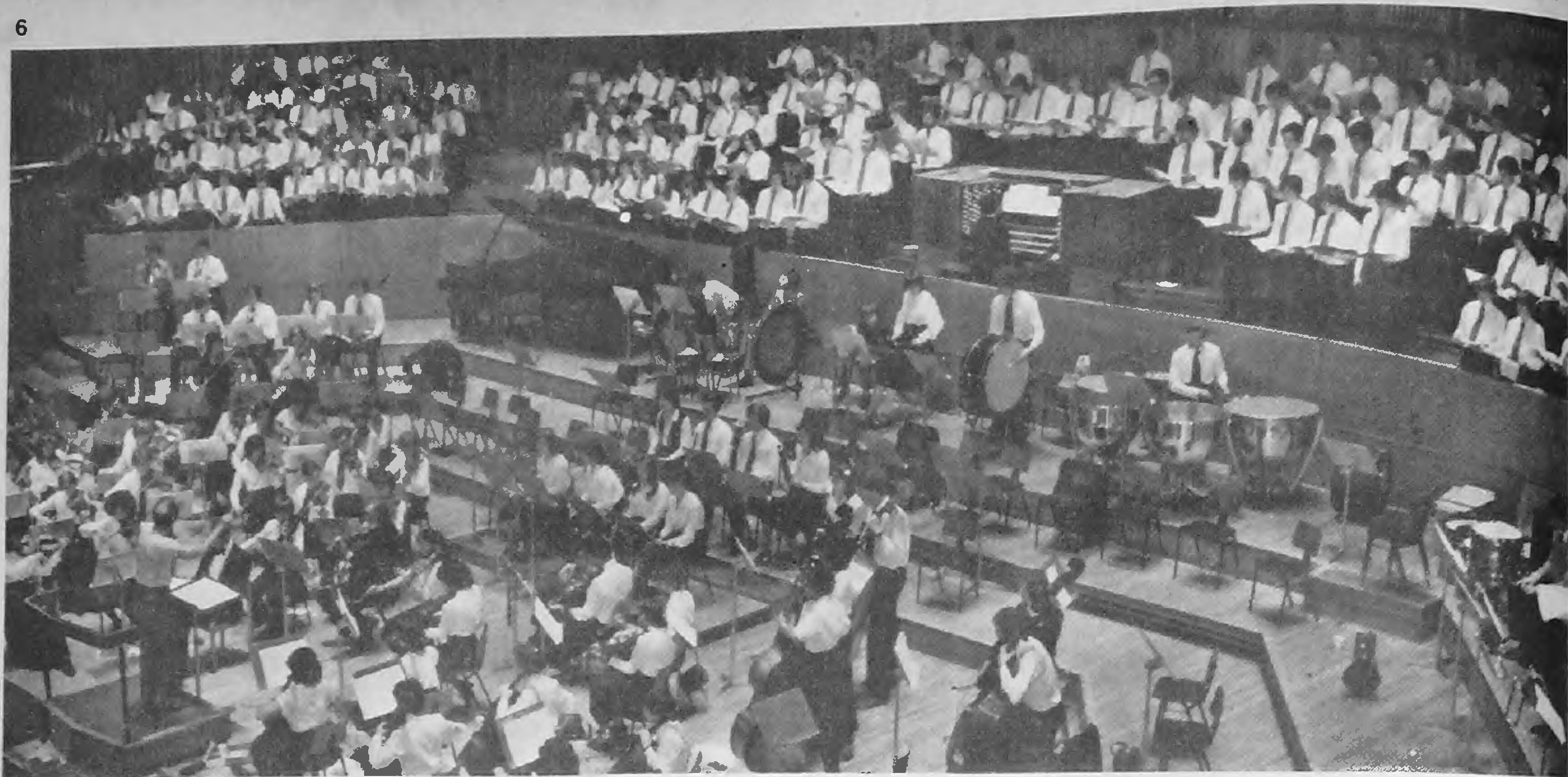
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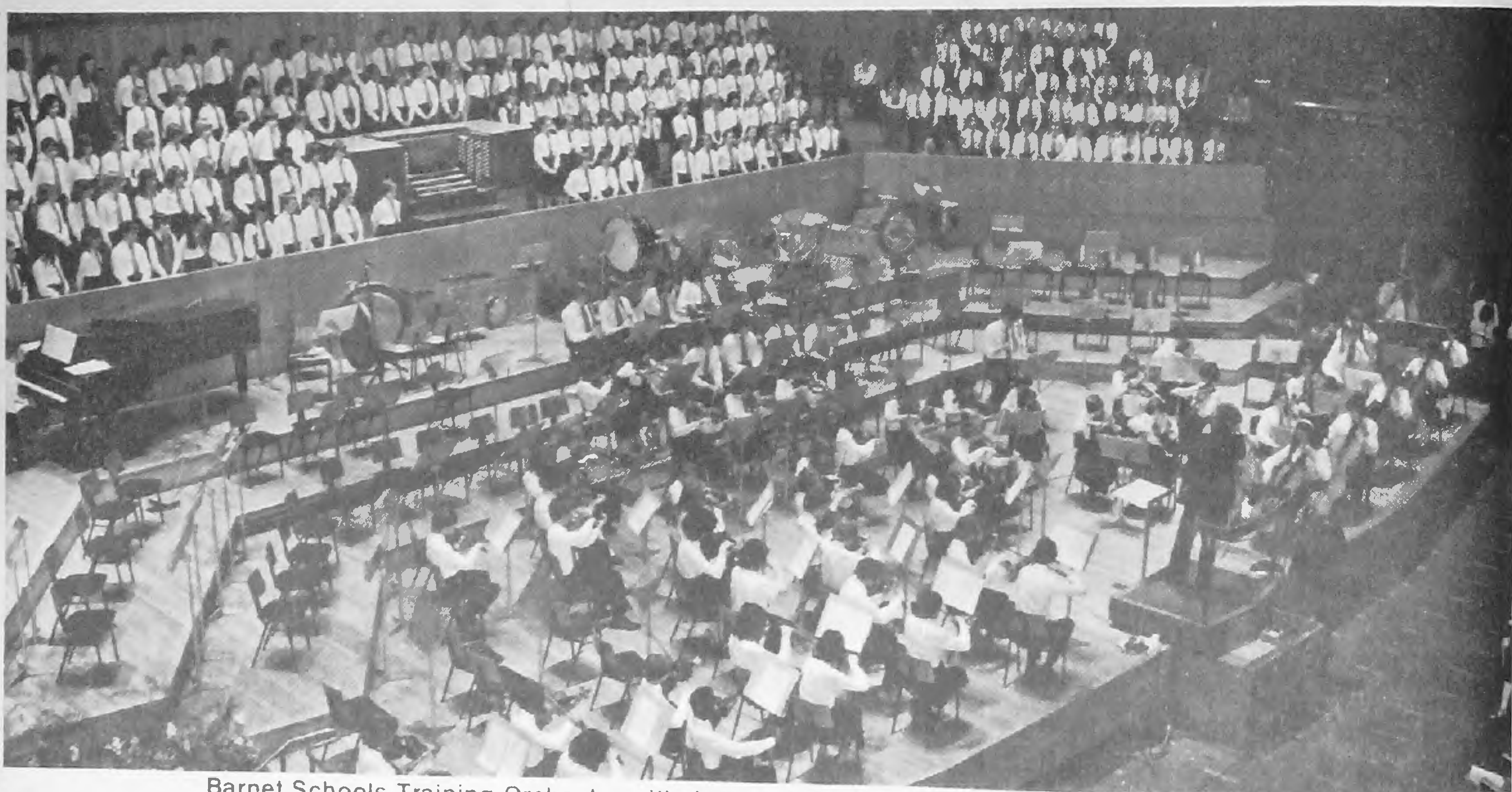
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THE PAST 18 months have seen the publication of a number of important reports associated with teaching methods and the scope of the curriculum in British schools. These have been written by H. M. Inspectorate of Schools and the

Department of Education and Science. The Education Department for the Borough of Barnet has followed up these reports by a series of meetings, working parties and consultative groups each taking a major subject or group of subjects.

The teaching of mathematics and the business studies have both developed as a result of this pooling of experience and research. Other working parties are looking at the teaching of languages and primary science.

Maths: getting the sums right

NEW GUIDELINES for the teaching of mathematics in Barnet's primary schools have been introduced throughout the borough. This follows the research of a consultative group of councillors, teachers, parents and advisory staff from the borough's Education Department.

They studied the advantages and disadvantages of various schemes available throughout the country and selected the Guidelines in Mathematics laid down by Wiltshire County Council, with some additional notes and adaptations to suit the needs of mathematics education in Barnet.

These guidelines do not lay down a single system of teaching. They are flexible enough to allow teachers and schools to work to established systems. But they do provide an overall framework within which schools can work.

This means that when pupils transfer between schools — as for instance when they move to their secondary school —

their new mathematics department will have a clear knowledge of the ground covered in maths teaching by their primary school.

Several schools in the borough have been taking part in a pilot scheme to provide each pupil with a detailed record card — a system recently developed by a working party of Barnet teachers.

The core of the new guidelines is Number and other aspects developed around it. These are Measurement, Shape (leading to geometry), Communication and Algebra.

One of the main advantages which influenced the consultative group on their choice of guidelines was the flexibility of the Wiltshire system. Schools are left free to maintain their own established character in which to present their teaching, but within the same framework for all schools. The guidelines therefore act as a reminder of the topics which must be covered,

leaving the teachers free to enrich their classes in ways they find most beneficial.

The framework is sufficiently challenging to provide for the most able pupils, while at the same time allowing those who find mathematics more difficult to concentrate on the more basic sections of maths education.

The decision to use the guidelines has had an additional bonus in that it has brought together teachers from different schools to take part in several discussion groups and this has led to a sharing of ideas and of the benefits of some of the first class schemes which individual schools have been using or are developing.

Further meetings will be held as the use of the guidelines progresses.

The Barnet adaptations include additional concentration on practical work and instruction in the use of calculators at a fairly late stage in the teaching of Number.

Meeting the needs of industry

BUSINESS STUDIES as taught in Barnet's secondary schools, is no longer the old style shorthand typing course with a little elementary book keeping thrown in. It is a wide ranging course geared to business technology and communications, aimed at preparing young people for the world of work and the advanced industrial society in which we live.

Business studies education is primarily a general course linked to the themes of citizenship, commerce and economics, with communications as its essential core. It places emphasis on the use of the written language and the spoken word and such modern skills as keyboarding and appreciation of micro-processing. The courses may also take in the rights and duties of citizens, consumer education, elementary aspects of the law, the structure of society, the structure of commerce and industry, and money management.

Below the sixth form the course is general but in the sixth the pupils follow a vocational direction and their courses are structured to the technical and managerial skills they will require in their coming careers.

The Borough's education service is fortunate in having a strong nucleus of highly qualified teachers, experienced

both in teaching and in the world of industry or commerce. Nationally there is a 50 per cent shortage of business studies teachers and vacancies are difficult to fill. The Government has introduced a retraining scheme which begins in September this year aimed at helping trained teachers to be fully au fait with the demands and practices of today's industrial and commercial worlds.

Barnet is in the forefront of this type of teaching course because several of its most experienced business studies teachers serve on boards, committees and working parties at national and regional level. They are able to report on current developments and the trends in commerce and so give the department a very useful source of feedback.

Internal seminars are held locally to discuss the development of national and local courses, especially the introduction of audio-visual teaching aids and new technical equipment.

To keep abreast of the demands of local industry and trade, working parties have been set up to research aspects of the course in depth and to form links with the employers who are represented in the group. Pupils visit local industry for work experience and teachers are also making contact with local employers.

At Finchley Manorhill School a business studies support unit has been set up as a think tank for Business Studies and a back-up service and support unit on whose expertise teachers in schools throughout the borough can draw.

One of the big problems is making sure that the equipment on which pupils learn is kept up to date. Close contact with industry and commerce makes sure that this is happening and it is all part of this two-way link between employers and educationalists.

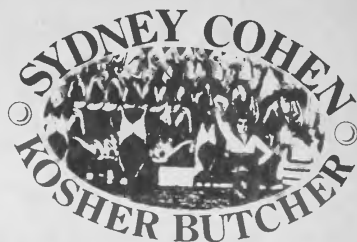
A few years ago the Confederation of British Industry complained that educationalists were out of touch and teaching children to look upon industry as a last-resort career.

Today in Barnet the teaching of business studies is seen as a preparation for the commercial world, not in any narrow sense, but in the sense of giving pupils an understanding of the importance of industry, trade and commerce. It is helping to develop those qualities which the employer looks for and at the same time providing a broadly based education which will lead to flexible, entrepreneurial attitudes when these young people take their place in the business world of tomorrow.

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In the Swimming Pool

6.30—9.30 pm

Borough of Barnet Individual Swimming Championships. Main trophies presented by local Chambers of Commerce. Open events for adults and senior age group events.

SATURDAY

In the Stadium

10 am—6 pm

Middlesex Schools Athletic Championships. Finals from 1.45 pm. The Mayor of Barnet to present Dr. Gurr Shield, Inter-Borough Team Competition, and Victor Ludorum trophies.

3 pm

Start of 10 km Road Race Veterans' section for Williams Cup.

4 pm

Start of 10 km Road Race. Open section for Trustee Savings Bank Trophy.

In the Grounds

11 am

Horse Show — showing.

Ladies Modern Pentathlon — riding.

1 pm

Horse Show — show jumping.

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Football — senior six-a-side tournament for Abbey Honor Trophy.

Archery Tournament.

2 pm

Horse Show — Fancy dress/Gymkhana.

Hockey — Ladies' invitation challenge match for Laing Shield.

Cricket — Hendon RFC v Bourne End and Battersea Ironsides.

Moto Ball — football on motorcycles. Tournament for Metropolitan Police Truncheon.

Motorcycling — Arena trials in style of Television Kick Start.

Gaelic football.

2.30 pm

Horse Show — Display of Windsor Bloodhounds.

3.30 pm

Horse Show — private driving marathon over local roads.

In Copthall Girls' School

2—4 pm

Ladies' Modern Pentathlon — Fencing.

In the Swimming Pool

5.30—8.30 pm

Borough of Barnet Junior Age Group Competitions.

5.30 pm

Ladies Modern Pentathlon — 200 m swim.

SUNDAY

In the Stadium

12 noon

Ladies' Modern Pentathlon — 2000 m cross-country run.

1—5.30 pm

Barnet Veterans Open Athletics Young Athletes Competition for Copthall Minors and McCallum/Thompson Trophies.

In the Grounds

9 am

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Moto Ball Tournament.

11 am—5 pm

Hockey — mixed tournament for Laing Shield.

1 pm

Horse Show — driving.

Football — Junior six-a-side Tournament for Power Shield.

2 pm

Hurling.

Junior Grass Track Motorcycle Meeting. Cadets (6—7 yrs) 50cc for Clarkes St. Albans Trophy. Juniors (8—10 yrs) 100cc for Oakwood Sports Centre Trophy. Intermediates (11—12 yrs) 150cc for First Line Motorcycle Trophy. Seniors (13—14 yrs) 200cc for North London Motorcycle Trophy. A1 Seniors (15—16 yrs) 250cc for Mickman Racing Trophy.

3.30 pm

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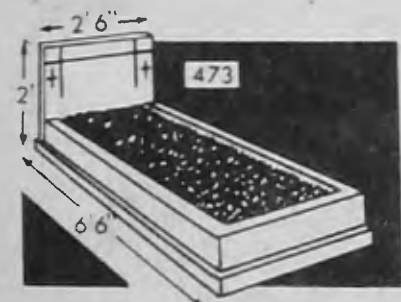
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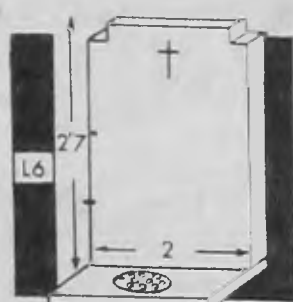
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Throughout the Borough the Red Cross has 634 personnel. These include officers and members, qualified VADs (Voluntary Aid Detachments) and youth and junior units undertaking a varied selection of voluntary duties at all times.

At our recent Annual General Meeting, the Mayor of Barnet,

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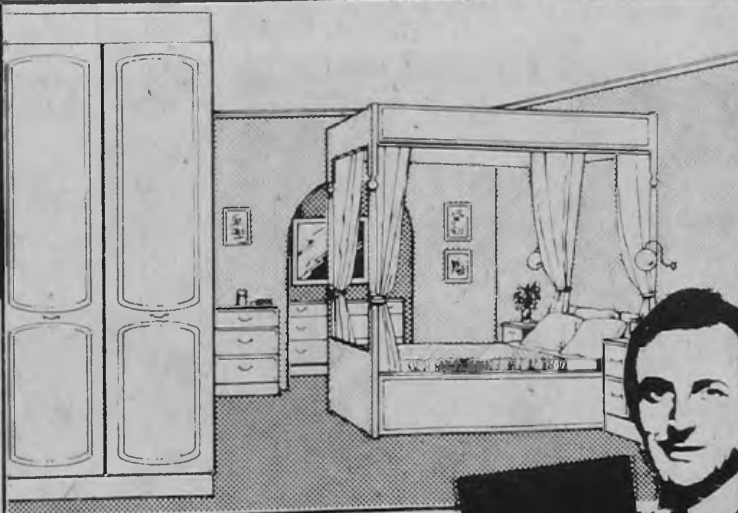
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Handicraft clubs for the disabled are held weekly throughout the Borough and members receive instruction and help in making simple handcrafts which are then sold to help Red Cross funds. They much appreciate the encouragement and companionship given by the voluntary leaders and helpers at these clubs.

There is also a regular weekly chiropody clinic held at the Barnet, Finchley and Hendon Centres, at the request of the Area Health Authority. Many elderly and handicapped citizens appreciate this valuable service.

The Blood Donors' Clinic at Barnet General Hospital and all sessions in Mill Hill and Finchley are covered by VADs and members of the Barnet, Finchley and Hendon Centres.

Any day now the Finchley Red Cross Centre are hoping to take delivery of their own ambulance which they have worked very hard to get. Their appeal for this ambulance was launched in 1976 by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, and fund-raising events for this great achievement have included bingo sessions, a tombola at Finchley Carnival, Cadets' Sponsored Walks and pub collections.

Home nursing and senior first aid courses are frequently held throughout the Borough and we recruit many new members from these courses, people who genuinely want to help and serve others.

The trolley shop service at many of our local hospitals delights patients who can purchase their personal requirements, from tissues to toothpaste, and quite often our members will go out and buy something special if patients can't see what they need on the trolley. There is also a tea trolley service at Finchley Memorial Hospital.

Other services we provide in some of our local hospitals are the Hospital Book Libraries and Hospital Picture Libraries.



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The Hendon Red Cross Evergreen Club is the only one in the district held on a Saturday. This club has been flourishing for a very long time, and recently the Mayor visited the club to meet its members.

Like all organisations, we need young blood, from the age of 10 and onwards, to continue to build and achieve greater ambitions and recognition in our community. We are very proud of all our youth and junior members who provide such a marvellous service throughout the

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To help us with our work, we obviously need to raise funds by organising jumble sales, sponsored swims, coffee mornings, bazaars, garden fetes, whist drives, carol-singing, Flag Day and house-to-house collections.

The work of the Red Cross, in caring for people, locally and internationally, depends on donations from the public. Please help us. Please give as much as you can afford during Red Cross Week. Any of the Red Cross Centres listed below will be happy to receive any cash donations, or gifts in kind.

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JACK BRADLEY, Barnet council's security officer, is a specialist in methods of cutting down the risks of theft and increasing security. As a former member of the Metropolitan Police and with several years service in industrial and commercial security, his knowledge is wide ranging and detailed. In this article he passes on some of his expertise in advice to householders.

Do not be an accessory to theft because of weak defences.

Shut it! Fasten it! Lock it!

Pay special attention to windows and doors, especially when you go out leaving the building unoccupied or go to bed. The opportunist thief is a dab hand at discovering insecure doors, windows, fanlights and louvres — and some are not even fastened in the most elementary way.

Windows

Simple locks and security devices can be bought and fitted to all types of window whether they are casement or sash, metal or timber framed. Ask at local builders merchants or locksmiths. These all help to make it that much more difficult for a thief to break in.

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from your local police crime prevention officer.

A point to note: the quality of the device determines the amount of time you buy — time which can lead to a thief being caught or being deterred from even trying to get in.

Front Door

It is unwise to rely on the usual night latch (Yale type) for good security. These are easily forced or slipped, especially when fitted to part-glazed doors. It is important that a mortise dead lock is also fitted. They are very effective indeed if a little more expensive. Why not also fit a security door chain for personal safety?

Back Door

In addition to any kind of lock it is prudent to fit a good quality barrel or tower bolt to the top and bottom of the door. The lower bolt should shoot into a floor recess, kept clear of dirt and debris. The staple of the upper bolt must be very firmly fixed to the door frame with long screws.

Louvred Windows

These are the most common means by which thieves can get into premises. If it is not possible to replace the louvres at ground floor level and anywhere else that is easily reached, then one must be sure that the glass leaves are rigidly fixed in the metal or plastic carriers and that the simple lever locking system is working properly.

If the theft risk is high, and only you should be a judge of that, perhaps cradle bars could be fitted over the louvres to reduce the size of the opening if the louvres are broken or removed. Louvres are undesirable from a security point of view and ventilation can be achieved in other ways.

Sliding Patio Doors and Windows

There are no totally acceptable anti-theft locking devices available for this type of aluminium-framed door or window. The standard lock is normally inadequate and steps should be taken to improve the security. Keylocking fittings are obtainable to lock into the channels to prevent sliding. Be sure the panels do not lift out of the lower channels. Your local Crime Prevention Officer will have good advice on this subject.

Finally, a few common-sense hints:

- Don't hide keys under mats or on string through the letter box.
- Don't leave milk out all day.
- Don't allow mail and newspapers to stick out of the letter box.
- Don't forget to cancel your paper delivery if you are away.
- Don't forget to tell some reliable person that you are going away for a few days.
- Check that you have really locked up the house.
- What about leaving a light on?
- Don't fail to report suspicions to Police.



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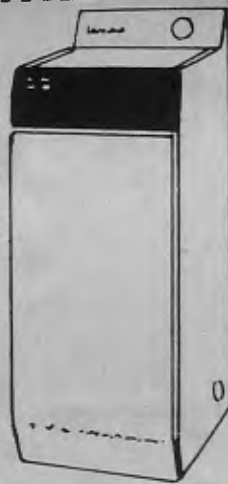
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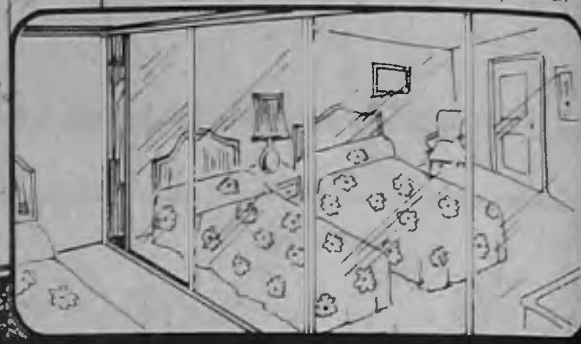
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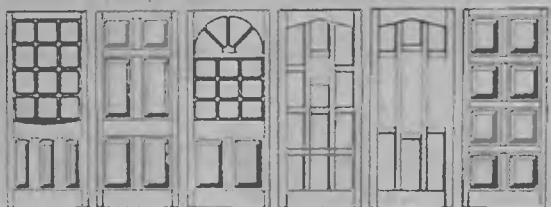


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Letters to the editor

Wonderful experience

I FELT I must write to you to say how much I enjoyed the Barnet Schools' Festival Concert in the Royal Festival Hall.

I'm sure all those present will agree with me that the talent displayed reflected great credit on all those teachers and others who were responsible for training the Orchestras, Brass Ensemble and Choirs.

It was a truly wonderful experience and I'm sure everyone present was proud that Barnet was able to present such a concert which revealed such promising musical skills from so many young people.

As I looked around, I saw such an abundance of parental pride and enjoyment that I felt honoured to be associated with the event.

I'm confident that in writing this heartfelt appreciation I'm echoing the sentiments of all parents and guests at the occasion. With grateful thanks to all those responsible.

Sydney Chapman,
MP for Chipping Barnet
House of Commons

Cancer research

I HAVE READ with interest your editions of Barnet Civic News. More notice needs to be taken of local news and a free magazine such as yours is vital to the Barnet community.

I write to see if you could draw your readers' attention to the Cancer Research Campaign. As you are probably aware, the Cancer Research Campaign is divided into Committees in areas of England. The area the JIGSAW Committee comes under is the Hendon and District Committee — Mr. Ray Cecil being the Chairman.

We are the first youth group under that area, aged between 20 and 24.

The JIGSAW Committee started in 1977 and since that time has raised over £13,000 for the Cancer Research Campaign.

As with a lot of committees, we need publicity. Each year, we have a fund-raising, sponsored event — this year to be a sponsored cycle event and a dinner/dance to be held at the London Hilton Hotel later in October.

If through your columns we can gain support it can only do good for the unfortunate people who suffer from this terrible disease.

Sandra Angel
Public Relations Officer
Jigsaw Committee,
Cancer Research Campaign
38 Park Grove, Edgware.

Pavement parkers

I WAS VERY PLEASED to read in Civic News that Barnet Council are at least thinking of taking action against pavement parkers.

I only hope one of the first places looked at will be Granville Road, especially in the evening with its junction with Holdenhurst Avenue. Cars are parked regularly on the pavement although there is room for parking in the front gardens and at the rear of the premises. On certain days it is almost impossible to get along the pathway at the junction of Montrose Crescent, cars being parked on the surrounding roads by those attending the Synagogue which has a car park — but which is quite inadequate.

I am glad to see this paper appear and wish it every success.

Peter Barrett
Holdenhurst Avenue
Finchley

I WANT TO congratulate the Council for taking action in regard to the parking of cars partly or wholly on the pavement which in many cases makes it dangerous for pedestrians, particularly mothers with prams and blind people, to pass.

In addition these motorists are responsible for broken kerbs, broken paving stones which taxpayers and ratepayers have to pay to have replaced.

One further point: as motorists seem to park with impunity on yellow lines, are traffic wardens really necessary?

As a retired local government officer born 73 years ago, these matters cause me to reflect on what I would call 'The good old days'.

Alec Leoni
Nether Close
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'Belonging'

I HAVE JUST read my copy of the Barnet Civic News and I am writing to say how good I think it is.

I did not realise that there were so many things to do in the Borough and I think it gives you a feeling of 'belonging' to an area. I also like the information it gives of what is going on in the area and what the Council is doing.

I hope that you are able to keep the Civic News going and that it is successful.

Mrs. S. M. Hughes
High Road
East Finchley.

Help of all kinds wanted

THE HAMPSTEAD Garden Suburb (Golders Green & East Finchley) Branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research is active and growing but would be grateful for more help of all kinds, especially from people not too elderly or handicapped. We particularly need offers of the occasional use of cars, or of storage space for 'jumble' or other saleable goods.

Our committee has had a number of problems recently and our chairman, Mrs Ruth Masel, who started this branch and has given invaluable service, has been forced to retire owing to ill health. Nevertheless we have been able to send over £400 to the Council in a little over a year. We hope to do even better this year through the following varied and interesting events.

The 7th annual knit-in which has already begun. We are making this our special effort for the National Rheumatism Week, June 1-7. Double knitting wool, No. 9 needles and sponsors are required. Groups of individuals can take part.

A coffee morning and bring and buy sale at 10.30 am on Tuesday, June 17. Gifts of saleable articles would be welcome.

A musical entertainment given by the Morley Recorder Consort on Saturday, October 25 at 7 pm.

A light-hearted quiz evening.

Readers interested in any of these events are invited to contact: Mrs. M. K. Peters, acting chairman, 455 1138; Miss H. Bach, secretary, 200 0608, Mrs. R. Masel, retired chairman, 883 3689.

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Good response

SINCE YOU printed my letter in the April issue of Civic News asking for volunteers to man Radio Friern, which serves the patients and staff of Friern Hospital, Friern Barnet, we have received a number of offers of help. We are delighted with the response and would like to thank you for your assistance.

The influx of new staff means the station now has a bright future and we are able to improve the service we provide.

Pete Hill
Chief Training Officer
Radio Friern

If you have any letters or questions please send them to: Civic News, The Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG. Tel: 202 8282, ext. 71 or 479.

Our lottery entertains the young

Money from the proceeds of Barnet's Borough Lottery is entertaining elderly people and stimulating children.

THE ELDERLY: Lottery money is paying for free entertainment for the elderly and disabled at Finchley Carnival. And it has been used to buy colour television sets for residential homes.

THE YOUNG: Television sets used for entertainment and to stimulate under-fives to play and take an interest in the world about them have been installed in day nurseries.

Altogether 21 colour TV sets have been purchased with lottery funds and installed in old people's residential homes and day nurseries. This month Civic News visited two of them:



Residents at Beech Grove watching afternoon television on the set purchased with lottery funds.

THE FOUR-YEAR-OLD pointed enthusiastically at the colour television set and said: 'We saw the animals. Then we went to a farm and they were real.'

It was the end of Play School, the BBC special TV programme for the under-fives which emphasises participation.

For the children at Kingswood Day Nursery in Hendon Avenue, Finchley, this is an important point of the day. Because Mum has to go out to work the children's week-day living experience is gained in the day centre, so Mrs. Brenda Evans and her staff try to make life in the centre as stimulating as possible.

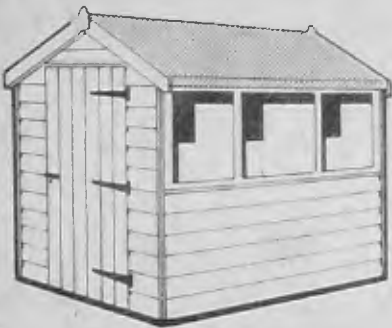
While most of the day is spent reading stories, playing games, learning about colours and how to get on with other children, the use of television is particularly helpful with music programmes and play-school ideas.

Mrs. Evans, smiling at her young charges, said: 'I think they enjoy their days here, but one of the sad things is that the mums don't see some of the clever things our children do. I often wish we could have a cine camera and projector to show parents how their children are getting on. Sometimes our little ones take their first steps here — and that's something every mother wants to see. We are particularly pleased to have the

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Mrs. Patricia Bowe, whose title is Matron, though she prefers to be called simply Pat, has turned what might have been a rather gloomy mansion into a home by choosing curtains, bedspreads and carpets with bright floral designs, with every room different.

The television set, bought by Borough Lottery funds, is part of the home-like furnishing scheme, and the residents enjoy sitting round the set just like any other family.

In other ways Beech Lodge is more like a first-class hotel. It has its own licenced bar, a dining room with small tables for groups of four and six, a sun lounge and a quiet room where residents can receive visitors.

Pat likes to involve her residents in decisions about the day-to-day running of the home, so they have a monthly meeting, and there are planned activities most afternoons, including a weekly cookery class at Hendon College.



Clapping with Play School, under-fives at Kingswood Day Nursery enjoy their lottery-purchased television.

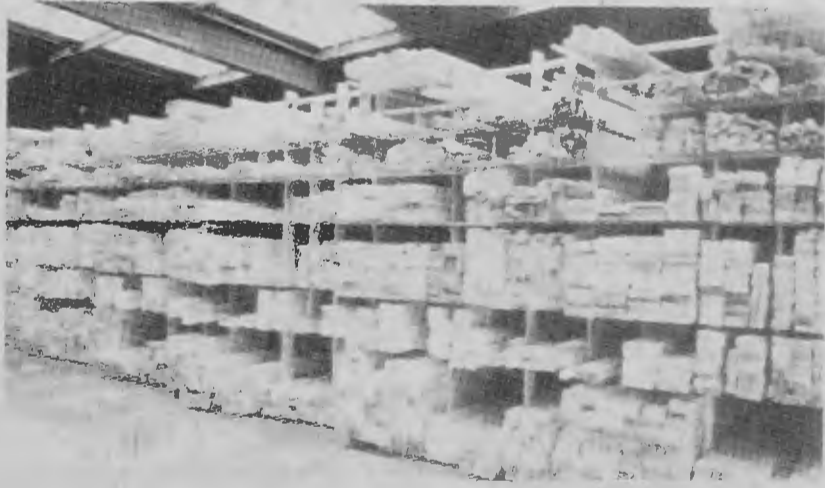
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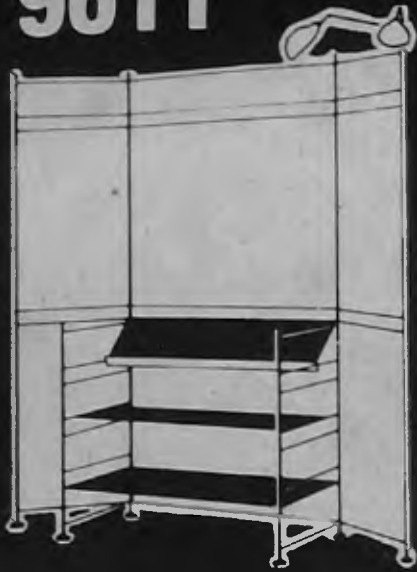
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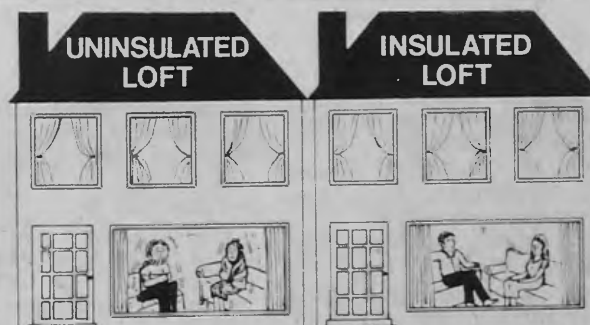
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WHAT'S ON

WHAT'S ON IN BARNET is a monthly list of activities taking place in the Borough. If you are a secretary of a local organisation, your help is needed to make this list as comprehensive as possible.

Your entry, giving the name of your club or organisation, the event, date, venue, time and contact telephone number, should be sent to the Civic News, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BG, tel: 01-202 8282, ext. 71.

Entries for each issue must be received by the first of the preceding month. For example, for the July issue, published mid-month, entries must arrive by June 1.

*Asterisk denotes regular weekly meeting.

Wednesday May 14

*Wednesday Bridge Club, St. Andrew's Small Hall, Chase Side, Southgate. 1.30 pm (440 9682).

*Barnet Cycling Club, United Reformed Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 8 pm (888 7143).

*Modern dancing, Barnet South Community Association, Mays Lane, Barnet. 8 pm (440 4424).

*Modern/old time dancing, Manor Drive Methodist Church, Manor Drive, Whetstone. 8 pm (445 7127).

*Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware. 8 pm.

*Old Time and Modern Dancing, St Luke's Hall, Mountfield Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm.

*Dog training, St. Philip's Church Hall, Gravel Hill, Finchley, N3. Beginners 7—8 pm. Intermediate etc. from 8 pm (458 7399).

*West Hendon Liberal Association, 78 Bartram Road, Hendon. 7.45 pm (202 9013).

*Women's League of Health and Beauty, Christ Church Hall, High Road, North Finchley. Elementary 7—7.45 pm; technique 7.45—8.15 pm; medium 8.15—9 pm; sequence 9—9.30 pm (455 3904).

*Chipping Barnet Y.Cs, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 8.15 pm.

*Finchley & Friern Barnet Y.Cs, 212 Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 8 pm (445 9426).

*Edgware Amateur Cine Society, Orange Hill Junior School, Hamonde Close, Edgware. 7.45 pm (959 7783).

*Whist at Fellowship House, Willifield Green, Willifield Way, Golders Green. 8 pm.

*Yoga, Whitchurch Institute, Buckingham Road, Edgware. 2.30 pm (203 1935).

*Drama Workshop for children aged 12-18, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. 6 pm (449 0048).

*Edgware Photographic Society, Edgware Public Library, Hale Lane, Edgware. 8 pm (952 4786).

*Ballroom, sequence, old tyme and party type dancing, St. Mary's Hall, 54 Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 8 pm (803 9028).

*The Home League — meeting for ladies — Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2.30 pm (449 6893).

Barnet & District Local History Society, Council Offices, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm (77 54150).
Hendon Horticultural Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. Westminster Abbey and its Gardens. 8 pm (346 7392).
Red Cross Market Day and coffee morning,

Barnet Red Cross Centre, St. Albans Road, Barnet. 10 am—4 pm.

Exhibition of paintings by Rosalind Cuthbert, The Crest, Totteridge Library, Dollisfield, Totteridge Lane, N20. Tues. & Wed. 2—5 pm; Fri 11am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Sat 11 am—4 pm. Until May 24.

Exhibition of oil paintings by Harold Manning, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. Normal opening hours. Until June 7.

Exhibition of photographs of Thailand by Steve Fox, Hendon Library. Normal opening hours. Until May 24.

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship (Barnet Group), St. James' Church Hall, East Barnet Road, New Barnet. 10.30 am to 12 noon (440 6605).

Thursday May 15

*North Side Bridge Club, East Finchley Methodist Church, High Road, East Finchley. 7.30 pm (445 7788).

*Contemporary dancing, Manor Arrows Youth Club, Finchley Manorhill School, Summers Lane, North Finchley. 6.30 pm (368 8976).

*Finchley Old Time & Modern Sequence Dance Club, Martin School, East Finchley. 7.30 pm.

*Hendon & Edgware 18 Plus Group, Hendon Way Hotel, Hendon Way, Hendon. 8.15 pm (954 6929).

*North West London Club for Divorced or Separated, Cavalier Rooms, Prince Albert, Golders Green Road, Golders Green. 8 pm (959 2048).

*Twenty to Thirty Plus Club. 8.15 pm (For details tel: 445 1593).

*Mind Social Club, The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 8-10 pm. 200 5138 (between 6 & 7 pm).

*Black Bull Folk Club, Black Bull Public House, High Road, Whetstone. 8 pm (77 58631).

*Finchley Chess Club, Etchingam Park Centre, Etchingam Park Road, Finchley N3. 7 pm (445 4927).

*Problem Centre — Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 10 am—12.30 pm (449 6893).

*Silver Circle — Senior Citizens' Club — Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 2 pm (449 6893).

*Ridgeway Club, National Association of Women's Clubs, St. Mary's Hall, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. 7.30 pm (449 2852).

*Barnet Youth Hostels Association Group, The Scout Hut, Triangle Passage, Barnet. 8 pm (440 0226 or 440 1983).

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Library, N11. Ballet Night. 8—10 pm (368 2680).

British Meditation Society, Introductory Talk, 26 Oakdene Park, Finchley, N3. 8 pm (346 2988).

Finchley Art Society. Water colour demonstration at North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. 8 pm (445 2989).

Friday May 16

*International folk dancing, Hadley Memorial Hall, Hadley Highstone. 8 pm (368 5345).

*Hendon Camera Club, Fellowship House, Willifield Way, Golders Green. 7.45 pm (455 0837).

*Divorced, Single and Separated Club, Orange Tree Public House, Friern Barnet Lane, N11. Social evening. 8 pm.

*Barnet & Finchley Photographic Society, Club Room rear of 37 Salisbury Road, Barnet. 8 pm (368 3917).

Barnet Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. Golden

Jubilee Luncheon (449 6826).

Broadfields Evening Townswomen's Guild, Broadfields Junior School, Broadfields Avenue, Edgware. 7.30 pm (958 4845).

St. Barnabas Amateur Dramatic Society, St. Albans Parish Centre, Gainsborough Road, North Finchley, 8 pm (445 7539) Until May 17.

Barnet South Community Association Players present 'The Deep Blue Sea' by Terence Rattigan at The Centre, Mays Lane, Barnet. (440 6568) Until May 17.

*Mill Hill Over 60s Handicraft Club, Moreton Close Lounge (behind shops at Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill). 2—4 pm (906 1760 or 446 4221).

Saturday May 17

*Table Tennis training for youngsters, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane. 10.30 am—12.30 pm.

*Drama Workshop for children, The Old Bull, 68 High Street, Barnet. Ages 6-8, 4—5 pm; 7-10, 10.30 am—12.30 pm; 8-16, 1.30—3.30 pm (449 0048).

*Barnet & District Athletic Club—Senior team races. Afternoon (for details tel: 61 67888).

*Divorced, Single and Separated Club, Hendon Central Beefeater Ballroom, Hendon Way. Social evening. 8 pm.

Red Cross Whist Drive, Red Cross Centre, 10 The Downage, Hendon. 7.30 pm (202 6740).

Finchley Children's Music Group. 21st Birthday concert, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank. 7.45 pm. Harpist, Osian Ellis. (455 5488).

Mill Hill Toc H Music Club, Civic Hall, Boreham Wood. Michael d'Alberto. 7.45 pm (959 1173).

English Baroque Choir, St John's United Reformed Church, off Somerset and Mowbray Roads, New Barnet. Mass in C by Mozart. 7.30 pm (449 4275).

The Family Holiday Association Fourth Annual Fete, Hill Close, junction of Meadway and Hampstead Way, NW11. Opening by Tim Brooke-Taylor. 2 pm (455 1777).

Spring clean day in Hampstead Garden Suburb. All turn out please.

Sunday May 18

*Barnet Dance Workshop, St. Peter's Hall, Albion Avenue, Muswell Hill. 6—8 pm (444 0160).

*Table Tennis, Barnet Table Tennis Centre, Barnet Lane, Barnet. Every evening. 7.30—11 pm.

*Orange Tree Folk Club, Orange Tree, Friern Barnet Lane, Friern Barnet. 8 pm (863 3608).

*Bernie Tyrrell's Salisbury Stompers and Shirley (Jazz Club), The Salisbury Hotel, High Street, Barnet. 12 noon—2 pm (449 0081).

*Public meetings at Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 10.30 am and 6.45 pm. Adventurers 3 pm.

*Barnet & District Athletic Club. Youngsters and newcomers. Tudor Sports Ground, New Barnet. 10.45 am (882 3265).

*Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club, 145 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware. Beginners 8 pm (959 5204).

*Bridge Lane Bridge Club, 71 Bridge Lane, Golders Green. Every day except Friday evening. 1.30—6 pm and 7.45—11.40 pm (455 3711 and 458 1764 after 2 pm).

Recital by Suzanne Pemberton and Nicholas Byron Irving at St. Alban's Church, North End Road, Golders Green. 7.45 pm. Collection for Christian Aid.

Finchley Horticultural Society sale of flower and vegetable plants at the allotments, Gordon Road, Finchley, N3. 10 am (349 9979).

IN BARNET

Monday May 19

*Barnet Chess Club, Harold Fern Room, Salisbury Road, Barnet. 7.45 pm (445 0635).
 *New Barnet Literary and Debating Society, The Vestry Room, St. James' Church, East Barnet Road, New Barnet. 8 pm (440 3959).
 *Barnet & District Athletic Club—Gym, keep fit, joggers, Finchley Catholic High School, Woodside Lane, North Finchley, 7—9 pm (368 6605 or 349 0409).
 *Dog obedience training, All Saints' Parish Church Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Friern Barnet. Beginners 7.30 pm. Advanced 8.45 pm (449 4155 after 6 pm).
 Hendon (St. Mary's) Music Society, Hendon Library. John McCabe, pianist. 8 pm (202 6908).
 Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, Community Room, Bigwood House, Bigwood Road, Garden Suburb. 8 pm (202 0269).
 Potters Bar & Barnet Group Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Oakmere House, Potters Bar. 8 pm (449 8044).
 Milldon Art Society. Exhibition of work by members, Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. 10 am—8 pm (958 5126 or 906 0296). Until May 24.

Tuesday May 20

*20th Century Old Time Dance Club, All Saints' Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 7.45 pm (360 2586).
 *Scottish dancing, St. Albans Church Hall, West Heath Drive, NW11. 8—10 pm. Children's Scottish dancing, 6.30—7.30 pm.
 *Instruction in modern ballroom and Latin American dancing, Shakespear Hall, Manor Park Crescent, Station Road, Edgware. 8.30 pm (346 5868).
 *Judo, The Quinta Club, Mays Lane, Barnet (449 2914).
 *Hendon South Young Socialists. Discussions and social activities, 7 Sunnyfields Road, Hendon. 8 pm.
 *Hendon South Young Conservatives. Meetings at 166 Station Road, Hendon. 8 pm (202 7484).
 *Friern Barnet Photographic Society, St. John's Hall, Friern Barnet Lane, Whetstone, 8 pm (445 2617).
 *Hendon String Orchestra, St. Mary's School, Sunningfields Road, Hendon. 7.45 pm (455 5005).
 *West Hendon Handicraft Group, West Hendon Community Centre, West Hendon Estate. 2—4 pm (205 0514).
 *The Light Brigade — club for those aged 6—12 years at the Salvation Army Citadel, Albert Road, New Barnet. 6.30 pm (449 6893).
 Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library. Aspects of Nature. 7.30 pm (202 5625).
 Osidge Young Wives' Group, Brunswick Park Health Centre, Brunswick Park Road, N11. 8 pm. Cookery demonstration by Potato Marketing Board. 8 pm (361 0098 or 368 7737).

Wednesday May 21

Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm (883 8724).
 Small Landlords' Association (NW London Branch). Meeting and Surgery, 166 Station Road, Hendon. 8 pm (202 9269).
 Mill Hill Gramophone Society, Small Hall, Union Church, Mill Hill Broadway, Mill Hill. 8 pm (959 5097).
 Finchley Rotoract Club (18—28), Moss Hall Tavern, Ballards Lane, North Finchley. 8.30 pm (349,2709).
 Hendon Floral Art Group, Henry Burden Hall,

The Burroughs, Hendon. Plant material in pots and pictures. 7.30 pm (959 6111).
 National Trust, Edgware & District Centre, John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. Turner and Petworth. 8 pm (952 2688).
 Woodside Park Townswomen's Guild, The Old Finchleians Club House, Southover. 2.15 pm (445 8952).

Incognito Theatre Group presents 'The Philanthropist' by Christopher Hampston, the Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road, N11. 8 pm (368 0202). No tickets at door.
 Red Cross Market Day and Coffee Morning Barnet Red Cross Centre, St. Albans Road, Barnet. 10 am—4 pm.

Thursday May 22

Mind in Barnet — public meeting, including annual general meeting — The Meritage Club, Church End, Hendon. 7.30 pm (445 3629).

Monday May 26

Friern Barnet Council for Voluntary Service. Spring Fete, Friary Park, Friern Barnet Lane. To be opened by the Mayor of Barnet. 2 pm.

Tuesday May 27

Barnet Anglo-French Club, Council Chamber, Wood Street, Barnet. 8 pm (346 0782).
 Acorns, a non-sectarian club for women, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. 9.45—11.30 am. Quiz (346 1507 or 346 1345).
 Finchley Redbourne Evening Townswomen's Guild, Etchingham Park Centre, Etchingham Park Road, Finchley, N3. 7.45 pm (346 4048).

Wednesday May 28

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, East Barnet. Le Petit Ensemble. 8 pm (440 4376).
 Amnesty International (Golders Green Branch), Unitarian Church, Hoop Lane, Golders Green. 7.30 pm (883 4893 or 959 3249).
 Red Cross Market Day and Coffee Morning at Barnet Red Cross Centre, St. Albans Road, Barnet. 10 am—4 pm.
 Zemel Choir present a concert of Bach Motets and Jewish Liturgical works at Westminster Cathedral, SW1. 8 pm (289 0608).
 Joint meeting between Barnet Theatre Association and Barnet Theatre Club on How to Develop our Professional Theatre. Barnet College Hall. 8 pm.

Thursday May 29

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society. Modern French music. 8.10 pm (368 2680).

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend Council and committee meetings, all of which are held in the Town Hall, Hendon, at 7 pm.

Mon May 19: Finance
 Wed June 4: Town Planning and Research
Tues June 10: COUNCIL MEETING
 Mon June 16: Housing; Development and Estates
 Tues June 17: Public Works; Social Services

British Meditation Society. Introductory Talk. 26 Oakdene Park, Finchley, N3. 8 pm (346 2977).

All Saints' Wine and Beer Guild, Church Hall, Durham Road, East Finchley. Novice and experienced wine makers welcome. 8 pm.
 Hendon North Liberals discussion evening. How should local government spend your money? 16 Selvage Lane, Mill Hill. 8 pm (205 5060).

Friday May 30

Eckankar — a way of life — talk and discussion at Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 8 pm (458 5020).
 Barnet South Community Association Singers present 'God Bless America' (selection from American musicals). BSCA Centre, Mays Lane, Barnet. 8 pm. Until June 1 (440 3161).

Saturday May 31

Exhibition of paintings by Ann Thomas at Hendon Library. Normal library opening hours. Until July 12.

Monday June 2

Golders Green Townswomen's Guild, St Albans Hall, NW11. 2 pm (455 6999).
 Barnet & District Philatelic Society, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet. 8 pm (441 0300).

Tuesday June 3

Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library. 7.30 pm (202 5625).
 Exhibition of drawings and paintings by Jill Farrow, The Crest Gallery, Dollisfield Library, Totteridge Lane, N20. Tues and Wed 2—5.30 pm; Fri 11 am—1 pm, 2—5.30 pm; Sat 11 am—1 pm, 2—4 pm (361 9648).

Wednesday June 4

Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm (883 8724).

Friday June 6

Barnet & Finchley Photographic Society annual auction, Club Room, 37 Salisbury Road, Barnet. 8 pm (445 7123).

Saturday June 7

20th Century Old Time Dance Club. Saturday dance, All Saints' Hall, Oakleigh Road North, Whetstone. 7.30 pm (360 2586).
 Annual Fete of the Friends of Barnet Hospitals, Recreational Hall and grounds, Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet. 2 pm (242 6021).
 Finchley Chamber Choir, Finchley Methodist Church, Ballards Lane, Finchley, N3. Works by Byrd and Tallis. 7.45 pm (446 3517).
 Barnet & District Choral Society, Parish Church, Wood Street, Barnet. Works by Bizet, Durufle and Faure. 7.30 pm (368 5897).
 Concert by the Choir of St. Alban's Abbey, St. Mary's Church, East Barnet. Part of 900th anniversary celebrations of Parish Church. 7 pm (368 6355 or 368 7709).
 Garden Party at St. John's Church, Algernon Road, West Hendon. 2 pm. Buzby will be there!
 League of Friends of Finchley Hospitals Annual Fete. Finchley Memorial Hospital, Bow Lane, Finchley. 2 pm.

WHAT'S ON IN BARNET

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Monday June 9

Inaugural meeting of new branch of National Federation of Old Age Pensioners, John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Mill Hill. All welcome. 1.30 pm (959 4935).

Tuesday June 10

East Barnet Gramophone Society, East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road, East Barnet. Music of Two Cities. 8 pm (440 4376).

Barnet Anglo-French Club, Council Chamber, Wood Street, Barnet. Barbecue. 8 pm (346 0782).

Acorns, a non-sectarian club for women, East Finchley Methodist Church Hall, High Road, East Finchley. Annual general meeting. 9.45—11.30 am (346 1507 or 346 1345).

N.W. London Group National Schizophrenia Fellowship. No. 1 Lecture Theatre, Royal Free Medical School, Royal Free Hospital, NW3. 'Schizophrenia and its Management in the Community' by Professor John K. King. 8 pm (455 5113).

The Open House, cultural and social group for over-40s. Details (368 1668).

Mill Hill Flower Club, Harwood Hall, Mill Hill Broadway, Mill Hill. 'Summer Reading.' 8 pm (952 4189).

Wednesday June 11

Hendon Horticultural Society, Henry Burden Hall, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. 8 pm. 'Your questions answered' (346 7392).

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship (Barnet Group), St. James' Church Hall, East Barnet Road, New Barnet. 10.30 am—12 noon (440 6605).

Thursday June 12

Friern Barnet Library Gramophone Society, Friern Barnet Road, N11. Beethoven and the piano. 8.10 pm (368 2680).

Friday June 13

Flower and Music Festival, Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Flower Lane, Mill Hill. Until Sunday June 15 (953 3087).

Barnet Borough Arts Council Drama Competition Prizegiving night, Woodside Park Club, Southover, N12.

Saturday June 14

John Coffey, guitar, Barnet College Hall, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet (449 6321). In association with Barnet College and WEA. Exhibition of drawings by Arnold Cliffe and Frank New, North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue. Normal library hours. Until July 12. Strawber, Fair, Garden Suburb School, Childs Way, NW11. 1 pm.

Monday June 16

Hendon (St. Mary's) Music Society, Hendon Library. Operas of Haydn. 8 pm (202 6908). Barnet & District Philatelic Society, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet. 8 pm (441 0300).

Hampstead Garden Suburb Antiques Circle, Bigwood House (staff dining room), Bigwood Road, NW11. 8 pm (202 0269).

Exhibition: Church in Action 1980. St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Hill Road, East Barnet. Until June 21.

Church House, Wood Street, Barnet. Film of the Nile. 2.30 pm (449 6826).

Broadfields Evening Townswomen's Guild,

Hendon Gramophone Society, Hendon Library. Request Programme. 7.30 pm (202 5625).

Tuesday June 17

Broadfields Junior School, Broadfields Avenue, Edgware. 7.30 pm (958 4845).

Wednesday June 18

Finchley & District Philatelic Society, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N3. 7.30 pm (883 8724).

Hendon Floral Art Group, Henry Burden Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon. 7.30 pm. My World (959 6111).

National Trust (Edgware & District), John Keble Church Hall, Deans Lane, Edgware. Mill Hill, our suburb, our village. 8 pm (952 2688).

Woodside Park Townswomen's Guild, The Old Finchleians Club House, Southover. 2.15 pm (445 8952).

Friday June 20

Barnet Afternoon Townswomen's Guild,

Saturday June 21

Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society presents 'Old King Cole' by Ken Campbell, Little Wood, Denman Lane, NW11. 8 pm (455 5080). Also June 25, 26 and 28.

Finchley Choral Society concert, St. Barnabas Church, Holden Road, North Finchley. Works by Kodaly, Thompson, Tchaikovsky, Bach. 7.30 pm (346 0502).

Edgware Symphony Orchestra concert, Church Hall, Rectory Lane, Edgware. Works by Handel, Stravinsky, Arnold (449 7015).

It is regretted that many entries were received too late for insertion in this issue.

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Mayor opens her holiday home

THROUGH THE TREMENDOUS response of the people of the Borough, local families with a member disabled by multiple sclerosis can enjoy a seaside holiday in a holiday home specially adapted for their needs.

The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Mrs Rita Levy, chose this project for her Mayoral Appeal and on April 3 she went to Sandford Park, near Poole, Dorset, to greet the first tenants in the newly purchased home. Paul and Valda Jackson, with their two sons, Jonathan (4) and David (2) welcomed the Mayor and said how much they were enjoying their family holiday.

Feather in our cap

The Mayor, wearing a Robin Hood style hat, said: 'It is no coincidence that I am wearing a hat with a feather in it. It is a real feather in Barnet's cap that we have purchased this holiday home for families who will really appreciate it.'

Then she handed the keys to Mr. Frank Willows, chairman of the council of John Grooms, the Edgware charity which will maintain and manage the home.

The Mayor's Appeal has been a tremendous success. Having gained its first target it is now closing with funds to purchase a motorised caravan specially adapted for wheelchair access, so that local families with a disabled MS sufferer, can enjoy the freedom of a touring holiday.

Local families with a member suffering from multiple sclerosis have priority when booking the holiday home. There may also be opportunities for families with a member confined to a wheelchair to book the home. For information and bookings contact: The Holidays Secretary, John Grooms Association, 10 Gloucester Drive, London N4. Telephone 802 7272.



Councillor Mrs Ena Summers, chairman of the appeal committee, signs the visitors' book in the holiday home, watched by Jonathan Jackson.

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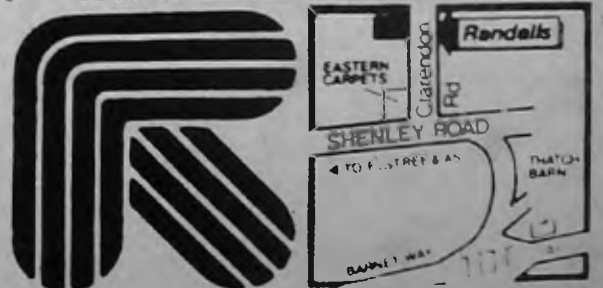
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TO ALL BARNET CITIZENS

I want to thank all the residents of the Borough of Barnet, my fellow Councillors and Council staff for making my year as Mayor such a wonderful one. I look back on 12 months which have been exceedingly busy but always rewarding.

It has been a year of meeting people of all age groups, backgrounds and religions and discovering how much we all have in common.

Looking back there have been so many highlights, but I think the outstanding event was the ceremony at the Town Hall, Hendon, when our Prime Minister, or perhaps I should say our MP for Finchley, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, received the Freedom of the Borough. How appropriate it was that the touch of military ceremonial should have been provided by our local Territorial Army Units which we had officially adopted in the early months of my year of office at our Cophall Stadium. I was also delighted to entertain and be entertained by the officers of the crew of HMS *Tartar*, our adopted Frigate, which visited the Pool of London.

During the year I tried to introduce new groups from our community to the civic life of the borough by inviting them to the Town Hall. Pupils from many of our schools have come to see how the Council works and we held a children's party to welcome the new decade.

I was very proud of the standards our young people set in road safety. Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School went right through to the all-London finals of the Metropolitan Police Clearway Compe-

tion and Barnfield School won the junior Panda Competition for 'S' Division and were received at the Town Hall on May 7.

Over this period I have been delighted to see the work done by many voluntary organisations. Barnet is most fortunate to have so many residents of all ages who give their time and skill to the service of others. I have enjoyed meeting many of them. The foster parents came to the Town Hall and they impressed me greatly, for they have opened their homes to children who need a family. I met one lady who had fostered 180 babies!

I have tried to gain greater recognition for the needs of the disabled by promoting the Fit for Work campaign and inviting prospective employers to the Town Hall. As a result, local employers have offered more than 20 extra vacancies which have been filled by disabled people. I also met the people who drive and escort disabled and elderly people, undertaking these duties so cheerfully.

Visiting the luncheon clubs and day centres, some with a long tradition of service, others newly set up, with encouragement as well as funding from the borough's Social Services, I again appreciated how important it is for the elderly and the handicapped to be able to get out of their homes to the stimulating company of these day centres. It was indeed a great occasion when Princess Margaret opened the Michael Sobell Centre where so many activities take place with volunteers in charge.

I shall also remember other Royal

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visits — the Queen Mother, celebrating her 80th birthday this year, who was so gracious and kind when she came to visit local gardens; the Duke of Kent visiting one of our community centres who took time to have tea and chat with local residents in their homes.

Certainly for me it has been a great year and you the residents of Barnet have made it so. My Mayor's appeal fund for multiple sclerosis has been able to buy a holiday home now in use at a delightful site near Poole in Dorset and under the management of John Grooms. A motorised caravan which will come into use later this year has also been purchased. Both will be used by families with a disabled member so they can enjoy the freedom of self-catering holidays.

I have been able to meet the challenges and enjoy the opportunities of my year as Barnet's Mayor with the assistance of the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, John Fitzgibbon and Shirley More, Mr. Michael Bennett, Chief Executive and Town Clerk, and his staff, Councillor Mrs. Ena Summers, who has been chairman of my Mayor's Appeal Fund and my husband and Escort Bobby. To all of them and to you I say, 'Thank you'.

Rita M. Levy.

Rita M. Levy
Mayor of Barnet 1979/80

The Barnet Experiment

THEY CALL IT the Barnet Experiment — a share and care movement among local housing associations specialising in sheltered housing for the elderly and the disabled.

At the Town Hall, Hendon, on April 17, the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Mrs. Rita Levy, chaired a meeting of representatives from local housing associations, the Department of the Environment, the Housing Corporation, and Barnet Council, to discuss ways in which the associations could share their resources and voluntary efforts.

Alan Silverman, development officer of Westlon Housing Association which administers Annette White Lodge, East Finchley, explained how, acting on an idea from the Mayor, he had invited local associations specialising in sheltered housing, to meet at Annette White Lodge last November, to see if they could meet their problems by joint effort.

From that meeting a group of nine local associations began to

meet informally, and as a result of the April meeting a Working Party was set up.

The problem facing sheltered housing associations is the growing frailty of their residents. 'In a way we are hit by our own success because our residents, in our caring community, are living longer. I think at this moment we are concerned with a problem which will become critical in three or four years' time. If we can act now this might be one of those rare occasions when the planning is ahead of the problem,' Alan Silverman said.

Alan Silverman's own ideas include seven-point guidelines for the design and running of sheltered housing schemes and sharing resources.

- Wardens prepared to support residents as they become frail.
- Schemes built with communal kitchens so that lunch clubs or meals on wheels services can be organised.
- A utility room fitted out for the work of a district nurse.
- A minibus for shopping, designed to take wheelchairs,

bought through charitable funds and shared between several schemes.

- A care assistant who will visit several homes in an area and who would be allocated a flat in one scheme.
- A relief warden shared by a group of associations.
- A group of sheltered housing schemes to have a link to a caring hostel or home where the tenants could go for short term nursing or on a permanent basis if their health made that necessary.

These ideas, particularly the minibus plan, the care assistants and relief wardens, and the idea of the caring hostel, will be studied in depth by the working party to see how they can be developed within the borough.

The working party are: Mr. David Harmer of the Shaftesbury Homes; Mr. Fred Jex, Finchley Charities; Mr. J. F. Farnsworth, Cottage Homes. Miss Janet Clarke, Servite Homes, and Mr. Alan Silverman.

Free show for elderly at Finchley Carnival

MONEY FROM the borough lottery has been used to provide an afternoon of entertainment with light refreshments free of charge for senior citizens and handicapped residents. This will take place on the first day of Finchley Carnival, Thursday, July 10, from 2 pm to 5 pm.

The programme includes a display by the Park Constables Dog Section, a concert by Grahame Park School Band, country dancing by junior school children, and the semi-finals of the Carnival Princess Competition.

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Colindale Ward includes the huge Grahame Park housing development on the eastern side of the ward and big commercial buildings on its western flank. In the centre is the Police College and RAF Museum, Hendon. It is therefore a mixed community and many of the residents are relative newcomers to the borough.



COUNCILLOR GEOFF COOKE, who has just been elected leader of the Labour group on the Council, takes a borough-wide interest in politics. He was selected to represent Colindale Ward in 1978, is chairman of Chipping Barnet Constituency Labour Party, was secretary of Totteridge Ward Labour Party for four years and lives in North Finchley.

At 32 he is one of the younger members of council, and believes that important decisions are made at local level. He enjoys being involved in the debate of local issues.

A graduate of London University, he has a BSc in astronomy and an MSc in computer science. As a student, and later as a qualified member of staff, he worked at Mill Hill Observatory and the annexe at Daws Lane. Today he is a computer programmer with one of the country's leading consulting engineering firms, Sir William Halcrow and Partners.

In his council work he takes a general interest in many committees. During the past year he has served on the Education Committee, the Youth and Community and the Further Education Sub-Committees. He is also on Finance and Development and Estates Committees. Through representing Colindale with its huge Grahame Park housing estate he is often involved in housing problems.

He is a governor of Grahame Park Secondary School and a school manager for a group of primary schools. An issue of current concern for him is to get nursery education introduced at Grahame Park Infants and Colindale schools.

Recently he married Mary, daughter of his fellow ward councillor Tom McKendry.

Keen on sport, Councillor Cooke plays cricket for Finchley Cricket Club, squash, and represents the council on the Greater London Playing Fields Association.



COUNCILLOR MARY HONEYBALL, at 27, is the youngest member of the Council, having been elected in 1978. But she plays a full role in leading debates, particularly in the education and finance field.

Her career has already provided her with useful experience and knowledge to support her council duties. Her first job with the Greater London Council was with the Inner London Education Authority, and today she is a Trade Union official with the Society of Civil and Public Servants in the Department of Health and Social Security Section. On the Council she serves on the Education and Establishment Committees. She is also on the Carnival and Shows Committee.

She is a governor of Grahame Park Secondary School and a manager for a group of primary schools in the West Hendon and Colindale area.

She has been an active member of the Labour Party since girlhood, joining the Young Socialists in her home town of Cheltenham. She has lived in Hendon for five years and is secretary of Hendon South Constituency Labour Party and chairman of Hendon Ward. She is also a member of the party's London Region Executive Committee.

Her work as a councillor takes up most of her free time, and she has recently married an industrial relations officer so there is little time left over for outside interests. However, while she was with the GLC, working for a committee chairman, she got to know several radio and television producers and through that contact she is a member of Radio London's Advisory Council.



COUNCILLOR TOM McKENDRY became involved in local politics because, in his own words, 'I felt concerned about people's problems and wanted to help'.

He grew up in Northern Ireland but first joined the Labour Party when working in Glasgow. He moved to London and has lived in Finchley for more than 17 years, taking an active part in his ward. He was chairman of Finchley Constituency Labour Party for five years, but it was not until 1978 that he stood for Colindale and was elected to Council.

His particular interest on the council is finance and health. He serves on the Finance, General Purposes and Town Planning and Research Committees and he is also a Council nominee on the Area Health Authority and the Central Road Safety Committee.

A staunch Roman Catholic and a member of St Mary's Church, East Finchley, he serves on the board of Governors of St James's Roman Catholic Secondary School as well as being a manager for a group of special schools.

His work, as service manager to a City organisation, means that he commutes into London and Council work takes up most of his free time. He does a lot of house visiting and he and his fellow councillors run a regular Saturday morning surgery which can be attended by as many as 20 constituents with problems.

He and his wife have three daughters and home life is very important. He used to be a keen Spurs supporter but today finds reading biography and poetry his main relaxation.

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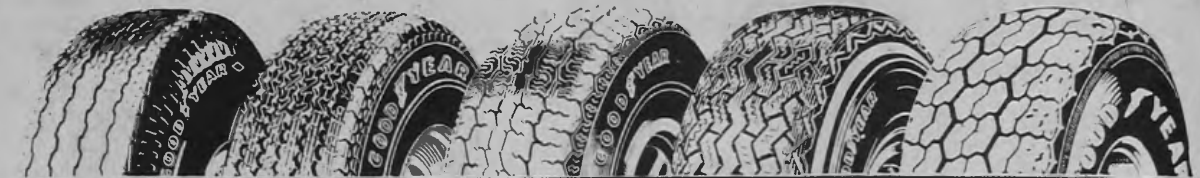
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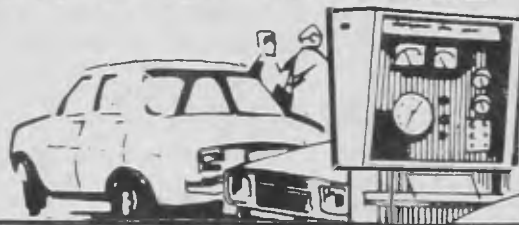
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One Sunday we collected them from the nursery which had been their home for 17 months. To our relief the 18-month-old boys continued in their nursery routine and ate and slept well. Although the first week was hectic hard work there were no great problems.

Then the difficulties began. Jock, suffering from a severe skin complaint and congenital

anaemia, became miserable. He refused to eat and drink and his skin trouble grew worse.

He would not respond to anyone. We only managed to get him to eat by bottle feeding him and to sleep by rocking him in our arms. After about four weeks he improved — to temper tantrums. He would scream and kick only stopping when completely exhausted. Then his physical condition improved and he was happier although his tantrums continued for a year. Now his skin problem has virtually disappeared and he sings and makes friends.

At this time his two brothers were, on the whole, quite good. However, when Jock began to improve, Don 'blew'. After a spectacular tantrum he was much happier, as if he had emptied a reservoir of tension. Then he would become intensely sad and this was followed by another tantrum. This pattern repeated itself but with milder tantrums and increasingly longer happy times.

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tionate, appealing little boy. His emotional development has been impaired and he needs to gain assurance. He has settled well in his short-stay foster home but now needs a family to encourage his progress.

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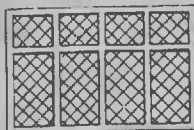
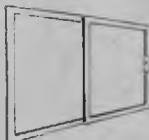
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Siegerland is not a town as such; it is a country area, about 60 miles East of Cologne in the hills of North Rhine Westphalia. Its main town is Siegen, lively and bustling with excellent shops and community facilities. But I should point out Barnet is not twinned with Siegen but with Siegerland.

The area of Siegerland has a long history and for centuries was an iron mining area. Mining ceased in the 1950s but the steel industry which grew up around it is still very strong. This should not give the impression of 'dark, satanic mills' — the countryside and the towns and villages have great charm.

Forestry, developed for the iron industry because of a local lack of coal, is still very important, as is agriculture.

Good friends

The native Siegerlander is an independent individual who makes a good friend, and because of the many social changes in West Germany there has been a considerable influx of people not only from other parts of Germany but also from other European countries.

Siegerland's link with this area dates back to the late 1940s when the British Government was promoting twin-town relationships to help heal the wounds of the war.

A conference was held, meeting for part of its course at Eisenhardt, Siegerland. Among those present were my wife, Mrs Molly

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Burton, then a youth officer with the London County Council, and Herr Hans Regenhardt, youth officer from Siegerland. In 1950 Molly and I went out to stay with the Regenhardts for Christmas and from that family friendship grew the first Youth Exchange in the summer of 1951.

The basis of the link has remained the same — an opportunity for young people from both areas to spend two weeks in the homes of the host country, taking part in a programme of arranged visits and social events. Financially the visitors pay the costs of the journey and the hosts are responsible for the programme and hospitality.

There have from time to time been cultural and sports exchanges and over the years three marriages have resulted from these meetings. Perhaps the most important feature of the link is the constant stream of young people continuing the friendships they have made through the organised exchanges.

The next and logical development of the youth exchange was the establishment of a formal link between Siegerland and the former Borough of Finchley in 1958. A helpful element in the preliminary discussions was that Desmond McGlynn, son-in-law of the late Alderman Herbert Wilmot, was at that time in charge of the cultural mission in the British Sector.

On the 25th anniversary of the link we added a further dimension, with the development of adult exchanges. Discussions

took place between the Siegerland Landrat, Herr Hermann Schmidt, and the then Mayor of Barnet, Mr Andrew Pares. Last year sufficient support was obtained to establish the Friends of Siegerland, here in the Borough of Barnet, and recently its counterpart, the Friends of Barnet, in Siegerland.

The group were immediately involved in arrangements for the visit of 75 members of a master choir, Singkreis Langenau. They arrived in a unique coach which attracted great attention as it travelled around the borough. The concert, given at the United Reformed Church, Finchley, was an outstanding success.

This year plans are under way for a Barnet party to visit Siegerland for a long weekend in September. Hospitality is virtually guaranteed and travel arrangements are now being worked out.

October visit

In October a group of 30 people, 17 to 70-year-olds who are learning English, will be coming to London, spending part of their time in Barnet. The organiser is a Finchley woman who married a Siegerlander through the exchanges.

Having Groups of Friends in both countries opens the way for a new range of activities with visits and exchanges between groups. A case of international opportunities for the '80s.

The first AGM of the Friends of Siegerland takes place on Tuesday, May 20, at 8 pm at Avenue House, Finchley. Potential members and visitors will be welcome and further plans and ideas will be discussed.

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