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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Family Social

A new and novel feature is added to the functions held at the Centre when on Friday, May 12th, a Family Social will take place. Children from 12 upwards will be admitted with their parents. If the Social is well supported it is proposed to continue them monthly until further notice.

The price of admission will be 6d. which will include refreshments. M.C., Mrs. Nyberg.

Free Meals ought to be provided for all school children from homes where the expenditure on food falls below a standard which accords with modern scientific requirements. This was one of the points put before the President of the Board of Education by the Children's Minimum Council.

The Council also urge that a free daily ration of milk should be available for all children in elementary or State-aided Secondary Schools.

The Council urged that local authorities should be required to make provision for a mid-day meal in all their schools.

Warmth

Scientists have invented a new instrument that will tell textile manufacturers, at a glance, how good any material would be at keeping out cold.

Some of us think that a good feed will solve the problem.

Pram Sheds

Floodlit playground for children and perambulator sheds are features of Islington Council's £183,900 Hornsey Lane Housing Estate.

Spare Plants

A "Plant Exchange" has been established by the St. Helier Horticultural Society.

Why not one on Watling. There must be many good gardeners who would be only too willing to give away or exchange their surplus roots.

School for Brides

In Pretoria, South Africa, there is a School for Girls where they can train for marriage.

The girls go through a course of domestic science, hygiene and physical culture. The girls are mostly from the poorer homes throughout the country.

Poor Man's University

Unemployed men in Birmingham have a Men's Institute where they can study Esperanto, psychology, music, journalism, drama and various other subjects.

Stop Press!

The first Adult School Breakfast in Burnt Oak was an unexpected success. Starting off with the idea of merely celebrating the fifth birthday of the school, the idea developed, and so many tickets were sold that the Committee were vastly encouraged, and it might be safe to prophesy that the Breakfast will become an annual event. 52 sat down. Members came from Schools from all over the North-West Federation, including Kentish Town Men, Hampstead Men, Camden Town Women, Burnt Oak Women, Burnt Oak Young People, Eversfield Women, Highgate High Road Women, and not least, one member said he was from Highgate Old Women! 17 Members of our own School attended.

Mr. Lord, the North-West Federation President, was also seen energetically wielding the tea and coffee pots.

Two acquaintances, who had not seen Macpherson for some years, called at his house one Saturday night. Mrs. Macpherson shouted from the bedroom, "An' who's there?"

"Does Macpherson live here?" they asked.

"Ay," was the women's reply. "Jist carry 'im in."

A young squire had bought a horse which was a wonderful jumper. They came to a gate ten feet high. The horse pricked up his ears, wagged his tail and sailed over.

Further on still they came to a railway viaduct. Again the horse pricked up his ears, wagged his tail, but the squire shouted nervously, "Whoa, you fool! Under this one, not over!"

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Houses for Old Age Pensioners

Chiswick and Brentford Council have built two-roomed houses for old-age pensioners at a rent of 5s. a week.

Bowls

The season is just starting. The Watling Association Club has got some woods and has the use of two rinks on the green in Watling Park. Mr. Torrance, 132 Watling Avenue, will be glad to hear of any who would like to join. Send him your name now.

Gas and Electricity

The Editor asks me to acknowledge the courtesy of the Gas Light and Coke Co. and the Hendon Electric Supply Company in supplying the articles on "The Making of Gas" and "Towards the All-Electric Age" respectively which appear in last month's issue and this one.

It's True!

By LEO

The population of the U.S.A. is 140,000,000. The U.S. has 41,000,000 radio sets and it is the heaviest cigarette smoking country.

The Royal Albert Hall holds 8,000 people and an orchestra of 1,100.

The world expenditure on arms in 1938 was approximately £3,400,000,000.

More than 100,000,000 letters were sent by air from this country last year.

The average man swallows five and a half pounds of food and drink daily.

The sun gives off each second a heat equal to 11,000 billion tons of coal and a light equal to 1,575 trillion candles.

Abraham Lincoln read little but the Bible.

50 million people speak Bengali. 140 million people speak Hindustani.

The incidence of twins is about one in a hundred births.

The number of cinemas in Greater London is about 590.

England and Wales have 502,000 hospital beds.

The Post Office delivers 8,000,000,000 letters a year.

Four out of every ten people in this country don't smoke.

The population of the U.K. smokes 186,000,000 lbs. of tobacco every year.

Every other man over the age of 50 smokes a pipe.

While shaving the average man covers an area of forty-eight square inches and removes the tops of 24,000 hairs.

London has five times as many drunks per 1,000 of the population as the rest of the country.

The casualties through air raids over England during the last war were 1,414 killed; 3,416 wounded.

There are 114,256,619 sheep in Australia, sixteen and a half to every person.

16,000 tons of candles are made each year in Germany from coal by-products.

In 1938 the number of persons killed by accidents in coal mines totalled 849.

WATLING WEEK No. 11

Carnival Queen Particulars

The judging for the above will take place this year at the Savoy Cinema, from Monday the 5th to Friday the 9th of June inclusive. Any young lady between the ages of 16 and 25 years and who lives in the Burnt Oak Ward of the Borough may enter for the competition. Entries may be handed in at the Watling Centre at any time up to and including the 31st May.

For the benefit of those entering it is suggested that at the time of entering competitors should state the evening that would be most suitable for them to appear at the Cinema for judging, when the organiser will do his best to fix everyone up on those evenings. As an added attraction this year it has been suggested that any young lady who cares to may submit a photograph which will be displayed at the Savoy Cinema. This is quite optional and not at all necessary if any would rather enter without doing so. I hope that we shall have an even larger entry than last year for the Directors and Manager of the Savoy Cinema have promised us a really good show for the whole week, and it is up to us to show our appreciation. Below is an entry form which can be filled in.

Name

Address

Age

I should like to appear on or evening.

Judging will take place each evening at approximately 8.30 p.m. Any further particulars may be obtained from the organiser, Mr. C. J. Roblou, at 26 Homefield Road, Edgware.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

May, 1939

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 7 Socrates. Miss Effie Ryle.
 14 This Freedom. Mr. S. P. Goode.
 21 Limits of Authority. Mr. R. H. Dewey.
 28 No Meeting.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
 Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
 Watling Athletic Association, 8 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
 Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** — Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Discussion Group, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
 P.T. for Girls 12-16 at Woodcroft School, 7.30 p.m.
 Dance, 8 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
 P.T. for Girls over 16 at Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days** — Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Biology and Politics Class, 8 p.m.
 Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thursdays** — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veteran's Club, 3 p.m.
 Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
 Watling Association Amateur Variety Company, 8.30 p.m.
- Fridays** — Orchestra, 8 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** — Net Ball, at Woodcroft School, 3 p.m.
 Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Monday 1** Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Friday 5 Handicrafts Exhibition Concert, 8 p.m.
Saturday 6 Handicrafts Exhibition, 3.30 p.m.
Sunday 7 Adult School Rally, 6.30 p.m.
Wed'day 10 Public Speaking and Voice Production Class, 8 p.m.
Thursday 11 W.A. Quarterly General Meeting of Members, 9 p.m.

- Friday 12** Special Social, 8 p.m.
Saturday 13 L.F.C.A. Conference at Y.W.C.A. 3.15 p.m.
Sunday 14 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Health and Breath. Dr. W. P. Knowles.
Monday 15 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Thursday 18 } Watling Association Drama Festival,
Friday 19 } 8 p.m.
Wed'day 24 Public Speaking and Voice Production Class, 8 p.m.
Thursday 25 W.A. Council, 8 p.m.

WATLING ASSOCIATION

A MEMBERS' QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

will be held at the Centre on

THURSDAY, MAY 11th, at 9 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Proposed amendment to Constitution (see below).
5. Report of Council.
6. Any other business. Members wishing to raise any matter are asked to let the Secretary know before the meeting.

Notice has been given to propose the following amendment to the constitution in Section 5 Management. After the words "Council consisting of one representative from each of the constituent bodies named in the Schedule, to be appointed annually," add the words "one representative of each of the sections of the Association named in the schedule of sections (which can be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Council)."

BE SURE

you see the

Drama Festival

AT THE CENTRE

May 18th & 19th

ADULT SCHOOL BREAKFAST

At the time of writing preparations for the Men's Adult School Anniversary Breakfast are practically completed, and the occasion is looked forward to with keen anticipation.

This is the first function of its kind run by the members concerned, and its success is already assured, for the Committee of four appointed to carry out the Breakfast arrangements have each been allotted their various tasks for the provision of flowers, table cloths, crocks, and of course the eats, and it looks as if the Men's School is going to demonstrate how to provide a really good feed.

So, if you saw one or two furtive figures hurrying along to the Centre early on a Sunday morning with aprons tucked under their arms, you can guess where they were going. Members' wives and friends have been invited to the Breakfast and it is hoped to attract some new members into the School. An open School will follow the Breakfast and we have been lucky enough to get Mr. Reginald Stamp as speaker on the subject of "London's Jubilee."

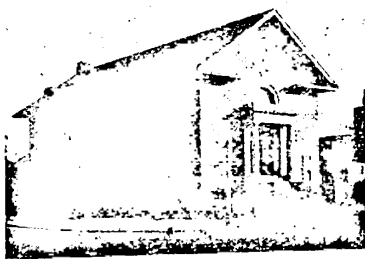
The Men's Adult School meets every Sunday morning at 9.30 at the Centre, and a very interesting talk and discussion takes place.

There is room for YOU!

F.H.L.

PLEASE NOTE that all matters for publication must reach the Editor, at 4 Littlefield Road, by the 13th day of the month preceding publication.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



*You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30 :—*

- May 7—Mr. A. B. HARLAND.
- „ 14—Mr. R. COLBERT.
- „ 21—Mr. CLAUDE GROVE.
- „ 28—Mr. O. C. HARTRIDGE.



SPELL IT

Dear Sir,

Considering that they were only a scratch team, I think our spellers did very well at the Spelling Bee at the Ambassadors Cinema; seeing that they were matched against a specially selected team with some scholarly qualifications.

I think, though, that better justice to Watling could have been done if more care had been exercised in forming our team. There are scholars on Watling quite capable of meeting and beating any group in a wordy battle.

BEE.

What the Watling Association has taught me—No. 1

By J. HILTON

DEAR MR. LAKE,

At a WATLING RESIDENT Committee meeting, early this year, you suggested that a series of articles under the heading of "What the Watling Association has Taught Me," would be interesting reading. I think that if some of our Committee members could only remember all that our Association has taught them (I include myself) you would want extra pages every month.

We have done things (and some are continuing at present), for such a long time, that we think we have been doing them all our lives, but how many were doing those things before coming to Watling?

Among some of the things I learnt was the fallacy of the saying "Many can help one, where one cannot help many." I more often than not favoured a committee of one.

Another thing was: "Hear all, see all, and say nothing." One can then almost appear to agree with one's opponent, which makes him think he has convinced you (almost).

In favouring a committee of one, I think definitely that any one of a Committee must be prepared to shoulder the burden if the rest of them tire, and for my part, under those circumstances, my policy has been—Right ho, get going, orthodox, unorthodox, any way you like, but if possible do it, if it flavours of the fair or foul style, remember you are not doing it for yourself, but for the community, and something accomplished is something done. But don't forget someone always knows (after you have done it) a better way it could have been done.

If you've done it and show a profit, well, it might have been larger, if you show a loss, well—there you are, "I told you so."

When you have your pigeon pinched from under

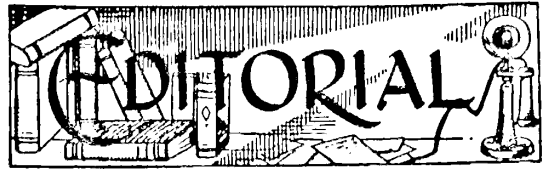
your nose, you grumble of course, but what is left but for you but to pinch another bloke's pigeon.

I remember once hearing our Chairman say in Committee, Mr. Curry, of Edgware, had promised him a cup, but he was not sure at the moment what he wanted one for. At our next Committee Meeting his greeting to me was, "Here, Mr. Blank-blank Hilton, is that true you've got a cup for your sports from Mr. Curry?" Now I ask you, chums, what would you do? Well, to this day, I believe our Weight lifters retain that trophy, which is on show in the common room.

Yes, both Joe Roblou and I have been a source of trouble to our very benevolent donors.

Another thing I was taught was that while one party was kicking you in the teeth, another party was patting you on the back. And that's just how it goes. Any football fan knows how the Referee goes up and down. One minute, "Good Old Ref!" and the next minute, "chuck him off!" But he always goes through with the game, and in his own mind thinks he's right, and I think that compares with our workers. I'm sure there are a few who will agree with me, and I am almost as sure that someone will write criticising this letter, but as Mr. Walker would say—"That's how I see's it, chums, we do come across some funny problems, don't we?"

But if you've an idea for improving the methods of our Committees, for the enlargement of our Centre, and the benefit of the community, well just drop us a line, will you, chums? Jack Hilton's the name, and send it c/o the Editor, and mark it in the top left hand corner "Ideas."



Seeing Stars

In olden times, if a child mis-behaved, the father, observing the golden rule, "spare the rod and spoil the child," gave his offspring a good walloping with a cane or slipper, and that was that. To-day we consider that we are more civilised, and we give children more scope to express themselves, even if their conduct is sometimes unruly.

According to one specialist, all our actions are governed by glands. Some glands are more developed than others, and, in consequence, we develop certain characteristics which influence our conduct one way or another. Quite recently, another expert stated that if Tommy is a naughty boy, his star is to blame. We are, according to this astrological expert, all born under certain stars, which direct our lives, and, if we are to make the best of our abilities, we must study our horoscope and so keep to the straight and narrow path. So now you know. If your child gets out of hand, give him a course of astrological treatment. Then instead of making him see stars by the aid of a slipper, you look up his birth star and you can then really set him on the path to becoming a future Prime Minister.

Each for All

A student from the West Indies who is visiting this country, expresses admiration for many of the amenities of London, but says that he misses the social life of his little island. There, he says, people depend on each other for amusement. Friendly visits, parties, dances, etc., are a communal affair. Everyone takes part and everyone helps, and so everyone is friendly and happy, whereas London is so vast a place that it is difficult to make friends. We can sympathise with our friend, as it is well known that in spite of the enormous number of people, one can be more lonely in London than in a country village. This is a point in favour of community centres, for there, strangers and lonely people can meet and in an informal manner become friendly and helpful to each other.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

TOWARDS THE ALL ELECTRIC AGE

The Influence of Britain's Grid Scheme

Great Britain in 1939 is among the leading countries of the world in electrical development. The ordinary man does not realise this. He does not know, for instance, that in most of the large cities in Great Britain there is electric power available for cooking or for water heating at the cheapest cost in the world. A man living in London or Leicester, for instance, though he may not be using the great variety of electrical gadgets that his American cousin in New York or Boston will take for granted, will certainly have an electricity tariff which encourages him to cook by electricity. This is by no means the case in the U.S.A., where tariffs are not low enough to encourage the use of electric cookers.

Then again, few people realise that very large consumers of electricity such as an electrified railway, or a large steel works or a consumer such as Messrs. Lever Bros. at Port Sunlight using 40 million units each year, buy electricity generated in British power stations working on coal which has to be mined and transported, more cheaply than equivalent enterprises in Switzerland whose power comes from the waterfalls and rivers.

Last and perhaps most important of all, the average man hears complaints sometimes from farmers or from people living in the country that they cannot get their electricity sufficiently cheaply. He is not aware of the fact that Great Britain is the only country in the world in which electricity is available almost everywhere. In other countries, there may not be so many complaints about the cost of electricity in remote districts for the very good reason that no electricity is available at all in such districts.

These advantages which can be claimed, and particularly the last about the availability of electricity in Great Britain, are due in a large extent to the creation of the Electricity Grid, decided upon in 1926, which is among the most ambitious engineering projects of the twentieth century.

The Grid scheme does not sell electricity to the consumer at all, but, through the interconnection of all electric power stations, it lowers the cost of generating electricity and makes possible huge savings in the cost of electrical machinery which, if power stations were not interconnected, would be needed. In fact, it affects the pockets of all British citizens very much. By the end of 1938, the total saving in capital costs as a result of the Grid—that is to say, the difference between the machinery now being used for generating power and what would have to have been used if the Grid had not been in existence—was £22,000,000, or nearly three-quarters of the capital cost of the entire Grid. Further, as compared with 1932—the year that the Grid came into operation—it is reckoned that £3,259,000 was saved in 1938 in the price of coal, notwithstanding the fact that the cost of coal is higher. This is because modern power stations working on an interconnected plan are more efficient than isolated power stations. In addition, it is estimated that the Grid has saved £8,200,000 in 1938 in the cost of generating electricity

as compared with the estimated cost of generating electricity from 1932 to 1938 if there had been no Grid.

If the British Government had decided that the scheme devised by the 1926 Electricity (Supply) Act was too bold, these huge sums would have had to be added in the last resort to the price paid for electricity by the consumer.

In 1829, the man who wanted to start a factory—and it was a period of enormous industrial expansion—could only build in the neighbourhood of coal fields. The result was the by no means lovely industrial areas in which men lived in close confinement, breathing air fouled by smoke. To-day it is possible to place a factory working on electric power in any part of Great Britain, because everywhere the Grid lines make large supplies of power available. This must ultimately mean that the industrial worker will have the same heritage of health as the agricultural worker. We shall never make another Black Country in Great Britain. When the Government of this country has time and resources to plan, when the nightmare of war, in other words, has receded, electric power will supply the framework of a plan for a new industrial order.

Incidentally, so far as war is concerned, the Grid is the best investment this country ever made. Thanks to the fact that all electric generating stations are interconnected, bombs dropped directly on to a power station need not necessarily deprive the area of power. London, like any other large city, can rely for its power not only on the power stations of its own area but from a national pool of electric energy to which the water power stations of central Scotland and the power stations of South Wales all contribute. During the 1914-1918 World War, there was no Grid system of electric power behind the British army. We have now secured our national safety so far as electric power is concerned.

The great progress of the electricity supply industry in Great Britain is not, of course, the result of the Grid Scheme. One might say that the Grid has meant that electricity supply undertakings have been free to get on with their jobs, secure in the knowledge that the commodity they were distributing was being generated as cheaply as possible and would always be available for them to sell in any quantity.

Since 1926, the public demand for electricity has increased from 7,000 million units to 24,376 million units. To-day out of twelve million households, no less than eight million are connected to the electricity mains, and of the remaining 4,000,000 houses, many will shortly be demolished. How quickly the country is becoming electrically-minded is shown by the rapid growth of electric cookers, to which a reference has already been made. During the past four years, the number of electric cookers in use has increased by 200,000 each year and now totals 1,103,000. In some of the larger cities the number of electric cookers used per 1,000 consumers of electricity, is between 300 and 500.

Perhaps the most satisfactory feature of electrical development is to be found not in the densely popu-

lated cities in which it is clearly easier to sell electric current cheaply and profitably, but in areas which include both town and countryside. For example, one may take the area of the Northmet Company, which embraces the suburbs of northern London and a large mass of sparsely populated rural country. In an area such as this one may see a beginning of the all-electric age of the future. Electricity has become the vital power relied upon by farmers as much as by town dwellers, by hospitals and town halls, by market gardeners and factories. Railway electrification schemes are already either prepared or being put into operation for most of the railways serving the Greater London area. The completion of these schemes will mean more leisure for daily travellers, and also the possibilities of new and better housing and town planning developments relying upon electrified railways.

Much of our modern civilisation is unsatisfactory. It was created too fast, and we have had too much to take the bad with the good. But it can also be said that electric power, the main creator of modern civilisation, gives a nation the possibility of replanning its industrial life and its derelict towns just as infallibly and inevitably as it gives a housewife the chance, at the turn of a switch, to do her household work quicker and more efficiently.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Within Government circles the international crisis is being used to intensify the demand for compulsory Labour Camps and Conscription for the unemployed under the plea of "National Emergency."

To-day it is not merely a question of the Government considering compulsion in the existing Ministry of Labour Camps. At the moment there is a Bill before the House of Commons whereby it is proposed to use the unemployed without the payment of wages to build Evacuation Camps under A.R.P. The Bill proposes that the U.A.B. may enter into an agreement with any recognised company for the employment of unemployed persons on this work. This is a very serious situation. We desire work at trade union pay and not work without wages. If work is a moral necessity for a man, then it ought to be recognised as such. The figures for unemployment now show a slight decrease, due to an increased drive in the arms programme, but in spite of this the hard core of 1½ million workless is still a factor that the Government has done nothing to alleviate. Next time people term the unemployed as "shirkers, work shys," etc., remember that men are not unemployed of their own account. To be out of a job for a long period is nothing to be proud about and make believe that this kind of leisure is not too bad. Such long spells have a deteriorating effect on all, and men in such a capacity make themselves ill over the worry of not having a job. However, one can keep talking about the problem, but our only hope will not emanate from the talking house at Westminster; what is needed is a more saner system where food shall not be thrown back into the sea or wheat burned; this is enough to make one see red and this is dangerous, so will hold my peace now until next month.

Hon Secretary, W. LEWINGTON.

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Rather Curious

In the February number of this magazine there was an account of "animal barometers" based on Joseph Taylor's "Weather Guide for the Curious." This quaint booklet was published so long ago as 1810, and contains quite a lot of unusual information about plants.

It appears from this that there are vegetable, as well as animal, barometers, and chickweed is given as a good example of the former. It has been called "an excellent out-of-door barometer." When the flower expands boldly and fully no rain will occur for four hours or more. If the weed continues in that open state "no rain will disturb the summer's day." When the miniature flower is half concealed the day is likely to be showery. If it shuts up entirely "or veils the white flower with its green mantle, let the traveller put on his great-coat, and the ploughman with his beasts of draught, expect rest from their labour."

Have you noticed the curious habit of the common sunflower of following the course of the sun during the day? It starts the day by facing east, follows the sun in the heavens through the south until it ends the day at sunset by facing west. Then during the night it untwists its stalk and faces east again ready for the next sunrise. The sunflower perspires freely and the side of the plant facing the sun perspires most and consequently shrinks, thus causing the flower to turn round.

This curious weather guide includes a "Botanical Clock" which consists of a list of plants the flowers of which open at definite times in sunny summer weather. Here are some examples taken from the list:—

The yellow goat's beard	opens at	3 a.m.
The yellow devil's bit	" "	4 a.m.
The common sow thistle	" "	5 a.m.
The spotted hawkweed	" "	6 a.m.
The broad-leaved hawkweed	" "	7 a.m.
The caroline mallow	" "	9 a.m.
The blue-bowered alpine	" "	12 noon

It is thus possible to tell the time of day by observing these flowers.

The flowers of many plants close up at night. The evening primrose shuts up about sunset and often does so "with a loud popping noise." It opens again at sunrise.

Some plants keep their flowers shut during the day and only open them at night. Night-scented stock is a good example of this. During the day-time the shut flowers give the plant a shabby appearance, but during the night the flowers are open and give forth a refreshing aromatic odour which can be detected quite a distance away.

The last page of this little book consists of some "Remarkable proverbial sayings relative to the weather," from which the following is a selection:—

When April blows his horn,
It's good both for hay and corn.

An April flood
Carries away the frog and her brood.

A cold May and a windy,
Makes a full barn and a findy.

A May flood never did good.

A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay:

But a swarm in July
Is not worth a fly.

WHAT TO DO IN MAY

FLOWER GARDEN.—Plant rooted slips of violets singly in an open position.

Give sweet peas their tall stakes when they begin to grow in earnest. Tie them to the sticks with raffia so as to give them a good start on their upward climb.

During fine weather about the middle of the month sow hardy annuals in beds and borders, also in vacant ground in front of shrubs. The seeds to sow may include shirley poppies, alyssum, mignonette, cyanus, larkspur, scabious and dwarf nasturtiums.

Most roses produce more buds than they can develop to perfection. It therefore pays to remove the smaller buds which appear round the larger central bud at the end of each shoot.

If you want fine wallflowers next season sow the seed now in a sunny spot. Dig the soil well and add a mere sprinkling of manure, or none at all if soil is rich already.

FRUIT GARDEN.—If the fruit trees have not been fed previously this year give them some sulphate of potash at the rate of 4 ounces over each square yard of ground occupied by the trees. Hoe it into the surface and water well.

The crops of blackcurrants, raspberries and loganberries will be improved by a free watering of liquid manure.

Cherries require careful watching. The slug worm is one of their chief enemies and is very difficult to dislodge as it gets fixed between two leaves. Hand picking is the surest, though an unpleasant, remedy. Birds are another enemy when the cherries are ripe. Protect the trees with netting if possible. A realistic painted tin cat has been known to keep the birds away.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Plant out early celery in trenches a foot deep, 18 inches wide, and if more than one row four feet apart from centre to centre. Fork up the bottom of the trench and add 9 inches of manure. Tread this down: place 3 inches of soil on the top and then plant the seedlings 9 inches apart. Water freely, especially if the weather be dry.

Hoe the ground between the rows of potatoes which are just coming through the soil and do the first earthing-up when the haulms are 6 inches high.

Broad beans should be in full blossom by the end of the month. Pinch out the tops as a preventative against black fly.

Sow scarlet runner beans. Earth up dwarf beans and sow some more if you want a succession.



I had such a start when I was in a large West-Ind shop the other day. I was passing through the ladies' wear department when what should meet my eye but a whole stack of taffeta petticoats—just like we used to wear when I was young—slim at the waist, flared at the bottom with a pleated frill to finish it off. You will know the kind I mean—the kind that gave a gentle swish as you walked or moved and so delighted the feminine ear as well as eye. These petticoats are nicer though because in the meantime zip fasteners have been invented and the whole appearance is neater than of yore.

I have been reading a little news of Spring styles, and here are some of the things I found out. The four leading colours of the season are cyclamen pink, parrot green, lime yellow and violet. Greys and blues are favoured for evening wear. Day dresses continue the squared shoulder, but evening dresses are slim and sloping in the shoulder. High waisted, slim fronted and full backed Directoire dresses, reminding me of the Empress Josephine are popular for evening.

In America much the same colours are being worn as over here. Hats with brims are favoured to shade the eyes for sight-seeing, as many people will be going to the fairs—one in New York and one in San Francisco.

Also from America come some interesting sandwich fillings.—Creole Filling: Mash butter or margarine ($\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.) until it is creamy, add a small tin of sardines, tomato ketchup, a few chopped olives and a little lemon juice; (2) Cream cheese and finely shredded pineapple sounds a delicious mixture for sandwich filling; also (3) Minced cucumber and mayonnaise; (4) Cream cheese blended with Marmite or other vegetable extracts; (5) Chopped walnuts with chopped celery or pineapple; (6) Celery, lettuce or tomatoes chopped together with cheese, all used between buttered slices of bread or in bridge rolls. The last three suggestions come from Australia.

With good wishes,

Yours,

SUSAN SAVOURY.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mrs. Wilsher opened the series of talks for March at the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School. She spoke on "Democracy," touching on its history and showing us how we may all play our part in upholding true democracy, both in our immediate district, as well as nationally and internationally.

Mr. Balmбра, Vice-President of the North-West Federation, spoke on "Lord Grey of Falloden." Mr. Balmбра, being himself a native of North Cumberland, gave us a clear picture of the Border Country

in which Grey grew up. This helped us to the better understand the character of the man who was British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, just before the Great War.

Mrs. Wilson gave an interesting talk on "The Sense of Beauty." She read modern poetry and showed reproductions of many beautiful works of art, in illustration of what she told us.

Finally Mr. Rhys Walker came along to tell members something of what the Adult School Movement had meant to him in his own life. He expressed hope that they would be equally fortunate, and would desire to take an active part in their own School, and further afield.

A specially interesting programme has been arranged for the month of May. This will, we hope, attract people who do not belong to the School to join us on the one, or all, of these dates at 2.30 p.m. at Watling Centre. A hearty invitation is extended to all who care to come.

May 1st—A.R.P. Mrs. Tisdall, Air Raid Warden for Hendon.

May 8th—"The Jewish Religion," Rev. H. I. Alexander, B.A., Hendon Synagogue.

May 15th—"The Moslem Religion," His Eminence the Iman, The Mosque, Woking.

May 22nd—"The Christian Religion," Miss Effie Ryle, Secretary for Women's Work, London Adult School Union.

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WATLING WEEK No. 11

As a forerunner to the Watling Week Programme we offer for your consideration three events in which you may be interested. If you are entering in any of the events displayed will you please fill in the entry form and return it to the Watling Centre with your entrance fees as soon as possible.

SATURDAY, June 24th.

On Cressingham Playing Field.

Sports Meeting and Physical Training Display

2 p.m. Children's Events

For those under 14. Entrance Fee, 3d. per event. If 3 or more entries are made by one child, 2d. per event.

GIRLS.

1. 50 yards Handicap for Girls 5 or over and under 8.
2. 75 yards Handicap for Girls 8 or over and under 11.
3. 100 yards Handicap for girls 11 or over and under 14.
4. Circular Jumping.
5. Obstacle Race.
6. Skipping Race for Girls under 8.

BOYS.

7. 50 yards Handicap for boys 5 or over and under 8.
8. 75 yds. Handicap for boys 8 or over and under 11.
9. 100 yds. Handicap for boys 11 or over & under 14.
10. Circular Jumping.
11. Obstacle Race.
12. Sack Race.

The Coronation Cup will be awarded to the child of a Watling Association member or who is a member of a Watling Association Group who secures the highest number of points. 1st, 5. 2nd, 3. 3rd, 1.

5 p.m. Adult Events

Entrance Fee, 6d. per person per event unless otherwise stated.

- Men's 13. 100 yards Scratch, for Maison Lyons' Challenge Cup, for Individual Residents and Clubs on Watling Estate.
14. 220 yards Scratch for the Cyclone Danny Trophy.
15. 1 mile Scratch for members of the Watling Association for the Curry Cup.
16. 3 miles Marathon, for Sydney Hurry Challenge Cup.
17. Tug of War, team of 8, Catch Weights, for Barney Built Trophy, open, entrance fee 5/- per team.
- Ladies' 18. 100 yards Scratch, for Individual Residents and Clubs on Watling Estate.
19. Relay, open. 6d. per person. TEAMS OF FOUR.

Mixed Couples.

20. Man Blindfold, Lady Driving, for members of the Watling Association over 25, entrance fee, 6d. per person.

Veterans' Race.

21. 50 yards for Men from 40 to 50. Entrance Fee, 6d. per person.

Special Veterans' Race.

22. 50 yards Mixed, for members of Watling Association Veterans' Club only.
- The organisers reserve the right to cancel any event if there are not sufficient entries.

SPORTS ENTRANCE FORM.

To be returned with entrance fee(s) to the Organiser, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 19

Herewith place finds.d., being Entrance Fees for the following sports events :—

Event No.	Entrance Fee.	NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS.	
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.....	Address
.....	Date of Birth.....	Club (if any).....
Total.....			

SPECIAL NOTICES.

To enable as many as possible to buy tickets for the "Dinner and Dance," at the "White Lion," on Friday, June 23rd, a special Savings Club has been started. Contributions may be paid in at the Office, Watling Centre, and a Dinner Club Card will be issued.

Make sure you get next month's RESIDENT, which will contain the full programme of Watling Week and a Lucky Number on the cover, prizes for which will be given by local traders.

Penny Cards will shortly be circulated about the Estate. Give generously of your pennies.

TUESDAY, June 20th.

2.30 p.m. Baby Show

Entrance Fee, 6d. per class.

Twins 1/-

Class A—Under 9 months.

Class B—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class C—Over 18 months and under 2½ years.

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

The following three classes are open to all:—

Class D—Under 9 months.

Class E—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class F—Twins under 2 years.

Ages on the day of Show. Birth Certificates to be produced. The judging will be done by Doctors not living on the Watling Estate.

A Pram presented by Messrs. W. J. Harris & Co. will be given for the best Watling Baby in the Show, and a Special Prize for the best Watling first baby in the Show.

NO BABY CAN ENTER MORE THAN ONE CLASS.

ENTRANCE FORM.

To be filled in and returned with entrance fee of 6d. per class to Mrs. Lord, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 16th.

I wish to enter for the Baby Show.
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Date of birth of baby

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The London Co-operative Society
Burnt Oak Broadway

W. A. & S. Thomson, Newsagent and Stationer, 7A Silkstream Parade, Burnt Oak



Sapphires and Diamonds

By F. H. LAKE

CHAPTER II

"I am afraid we must take it to the Police Station," said Betty's father when he had heard she had found the pup.

"Oh, daddy, can't we keep it?" chimed in Betty's younger sister, Chloe. "We could make a nice little kennel for it, and I could keep it in my bedroom." Mr. Lister smiled, somewhat sadly, as he shook his head, for Chloe was a cripple as a result of a fall when a baby, and had to be wheeled about in a chair.

"Just think how sad the little boy or girl is, who has lost this dog," said Mr. Lister. "No, I think we had better take it back. If it is not claimed we can probably keep it. Come along, Betty, let's go now. We'll catch a bus at the top of the street." The bus when it arrived was nearly full, but Betty and her father managed to get a seat, and were just settling down when Betty exclaimed, "Where's the dog?" "I thought it was with you," answered her father. They looked round the bus, but there was no sign of the dog. Betty looked back along the road which they had travelled. "There it is," she exclaimed excitedly. Looking through the window they could see the pup scampering after them as fast as it could. As soon as the bus stopped, they got off, and the pup almost collapsed as it reached them. "Well, I am afraid I shall not be able to get to the Police Station to-day," said Mr. Lister. "I have an appointment at four o'clock. You take the pup home, Betty, and we will try again to-morrow." For some distance Betty carried the exhausted dog, and when it seemed sufficiently recovered, she put it down, when it trundled after her, keeping close at her heels. Then, getting more venturesome, it ran in front and began chasing bits of paper. Into the road it went. Betty anxiously called after it, "Here—come back."

A large streamlined car was approaching at some speed, and Betty got rather frightened, for the car was bearing right down on the pup. "Oh dear!" sighed Betty. There was a screech of brakes and the car pulled up. "Why don't you take that dog home?" said the driver sternly. "He ought to be on a lead." Out of the car emerged a beautifully-dressed young lady. Smilingly she asked: "Is that your dog?" Betty was too surprised to answer. "You must take care of him," said the lady, stroking the pup. "You nearly lost him that time." With that she got back into the car and it drove off. For a moment Betty stood thinking how charming was the lady.

Then stooping to pick up the dog, she saw it sniffing at something. It was a bracelet. As pretty a one as she had ever seen. "Oh, what sparkling

beads," she said to herself as she picked up the bracelet. A man in a raincoat stopped and admired the bracelet. "Why, that's of no value," he said, "let me have it."

MOGGIES

The Moggies have been very busy lately. The sword-dancing girls gave a fine display to the Adult School Social at Lyndhurst Hall. Another busy group is the netball girls. They have played a league match for the J.C.C. nearly every Saturday since the season commenced. Other sections are working hard for the display which is being held at Cressingham Park on the 24th of June. Those of you who did not come along to the Beetle Drive, run by the Keep Fit girls, missed a treat.

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Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

May!—What a busy month this is going to be for us Clarionettes. Why? Well, from May 14th to 21st has been chosen as Clarion Bicycle Week, during which we are arranging an intensive programme of fixtures to bring new cyclists into our club and show them how to really enjoy cycling. I will tell you all about it further on in these notes.

Meanwhile let me run over last month's activities. To begin the month we had a Carnival Dance and those of you who attended will admit it was well up to the usual standard set by the Clarion in this district.

Then came Easter and the Clarion Meet at York. Many members attended this event which was the 43rd of its kind. One hero, Stan Keats to be precise, actually rode all the way by bike—he clocked 199 miles in the day, not bad for his first long run this year. Many old acquaintances were renewed from all parts of the country, particularly with the Rochdale boys and girls, with whom firm friends were made at Gloucester last year.

Many other members of the section went touring, some to North Essex with the North London, Walthamstow and Hackney Sections. Some along the South Coast, others to Berkshire, whilst the Isle of Wight got its usual generous quota.

Another event which is being anticipated is the London Clarion Spring Meet at Fawkham, Kent, where the 1939 Clarion Girl will be chosen and sections will take part in the 12-mile mass start race.

Now for May's programme. To start with, we are arranging for Mr. J. E. Holdsworth to come down and speak during the second week in the month. Watch out for full details later.

Then for Bicycle Week. On Sunday 14th we are holding an Invitation Run to a ramblers' and cyclists' Rally at Leith Hill, Surrey. YOU are invited to come. On the Tuesday evening there will be an Evening Invitation Ride. On Wednesday there will be a Social FREE at our clubroom at the Annunciation Church Hall, Thirleby Road. On the Saturday we are holding a great celebration Dance: watch out for the posters. Whilst on Sunday 21st we are holding another Invitation Run. YOU are welcome at all these fixtures—all except the Dance are free. This is a great drive to make cyclists realise they need to organise and get together to protect their rights on the road. You can join the Clarion for as little as 2/-. Write for particulars from The Associate Membership Sec., Mr. A. White, 72 Cressingham Road, Burnt Oak, or from the Section Sec., Mr. W. G. Glendenning, 23 Brinkburn Gardens, Edgware.

Our runs meeting place is the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, on Sundays at 9 a.m. and on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.

Let's be seeing you.

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CYCLING NOTES

National Cycling Organizer
at the CentreNow for Whitsun—Book May 11th—
Women Cycling to Health

By Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY, the Rudge-Whitworth rider, who as Britain's Cycling "Keep Fit" girl toured the country for nearly 30,000 miles last year

WHITSUN WHEELING?

After such fine weather at Easter you can well imagine how every cyclist looks forward to Whitsun. Another holiday means another little tour, healthy pedalling away to countryside he and she does not see so often.

If your Easter was not so enjoyable, then perhaps you may be thinking of taking to cycling more enthusiastically. I was about to say "more seriously" but feared I might give some readers the wrong impression. The open road is there for you, there's plenty of room for one more cyclist, yea, 1,000,000 more cyclists (especially the ladies), for the lanes and by-ways that you will learn to use as a pleasure seeking cyclist, are more or less traffic free.

WATLING CENTRE ON MAY 11th?

If you would like to know more about cycling you should without delay reserve this date in your diary.

This particular evening at 8.30 p.m. at Watling Centre is an important event for you. It may mean you start out on a new lease of life.

Briefly—Mr. J. E. Holdsworth, National Cycling Organizer, is due to pay a visit to the district.

He will speak to men and women, lads and lasses, as many of you who can come along, on cycling from all points of view. Mr. Holdsworth is a very well-known person in the cycling world, having had experience of club-life for many years, competed successfully on road and track, and has been appointed jointly by the N.C.U. and the C.T.C. (in conjunction with the National Fitness Council) to investigate and give encouragement to the art and practice of cycling.

Yes, cycling is an acquired art—come along and learn what "ankling" means instead of "pushing." Local club riders are expected to support his visit, and the complexion of most of them alone testifies why you feel . . . "much better after getting out on the old bike again" as a friend of mine recently said a few days after returning to inexpensive travel.

WOMEN—CYCLE FOR HEALTH

The finest medicine in the world is thought by many to consist of fresh water and fresh air in unsparing quantities, to which I would add cycling to suit at regular intervals!

No exercises to perform indoors in drab surroundings, but just steady gentle pedalling out from the streets and houses, into the grass-fringed lanes not far from here.

For girls and women a bicycle ridden correctly is good health on the easy payment plan. In six months

most of you by cycling to and from work could save enough to pay for a week's tour in North Wales, among the Cotswold Hills, in the New Forest, Dorset coast . . . and so on. Most women can comfortably do their 50 to 60 touring miles a day during the summer after putting in about three months' riding beforehand.

That means that *now* is quite a good time to decide you are going to pedal your own canoe . . . or rather bicycle! Perhaps we can get all the local cycling clubs to hold a Grand Ladies' Rally during Watling Week with a best-dressed cyclist contest? See you at the Centre on May 11th.

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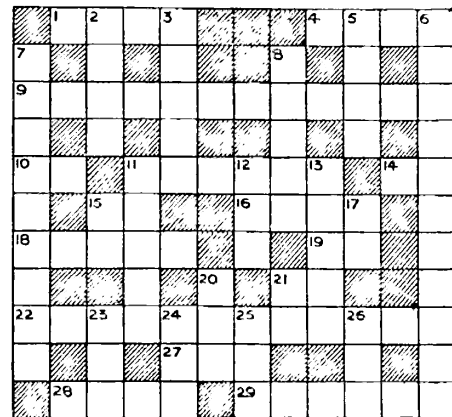
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Mr. Howard has been appointed director, and we are sure that all members will agree that he is the right man for the job.

There is plenty of talent on the estate, and there is still room for more members in this promising section.

Cross Word Puzzle

PRIZES: Two half-crowns for the first two all-correct solutions opened.



Across.

1. Marsh Lands.
4. Slack.
9. Making ready for.
10. Expression of doubt.
11. Harsh.
14. Officer Commanding.
15. There.
16. Fit and healthy.
18. Country of British Empire.
19. Thus.
21. On Ivory (initials).
22. King Richard was called this (three words).
27. Period of Time.
28. Map out.
29. Evaded.

Down.

1. Biblical Garden.
3. Platform.
5. Metal.
6. Added after letter—P.S.
7. Those who look on the bright side.
8. Fixed look.
11. Inactive.
12. Sheep.
13. Girl's Name.
15. Anno Domini.
17. Behold.
20. Animal.
21. Exclamation of pain.
23. Fish.
24. Boy's name.
25. Need (cut short).
26. Also.

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FOOTBALL CLUB

A supper and dance was held at the Centre on Friday, April 14th, to commemorate the success of the Football Club. This event we hope to hold annually. About 80 people sat down to a splendid supper, supervised and arranged by Mrs. Lodge (many thanks to her). Mr. George Nosworthy, Junr., was introduced and was asked and accepted to become President of the Football Club. After supper Mr. Lodge, our Chairman, gave a short speech on behalf of the club. Mr. J. Orchard, our Captain, responded. Mr. A. I. Jones, W.A. President, proposed the visitors and Mr. Dyer responded. After several toasts the party adjourned to the hall for dancing, under that jolly and capable M.C., Mr. Welch, everybody enjoying themselves. The evening closed with Auld Lang Syne, then the King. In closing I wish to thank all those who helped to make it a success that it was.

FOOTBALL

Our first season ended on April 29th and we are quite content with the progress we have made. Our position in the Hendon and District League you already know and we take this opportunity of thanking all those members of the W.A. who supported the team. We are sure they enjoyed watching the games, which invariably provided good sport and good football. Next season we are hoping to run two teams and we ask all supporters to become honorary or playing members, and we hope they will give their suggestions and take part in the discussions regarding the teams. Further particulars may be had from Mr. Lodge or from—

C. E. HICKS,
 Football Sec.

CRICKET

The W.A. Cricket Club is losing no time this season and is getting straight off the mark with a friendly match with Nemo C.C. at the Edgware Playing Fields on Sunday, April 29th.

Those members and friends who remember the enjoyable outings and games last summer will no doubt be eager to give their support again.

New members welcomed. Apply at the Centre.

The Boss (who has just dropped in to watch the football match): "So this is your uncle's funeral, Bob?"

Office Boy (with great presence of mind): "Looks like it, sir. He's the referee."

BALD FACED STAG?

THE WATLING RESIDENT

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Sick Animals

I am asked to say that the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (P.D.S.A.) is holding a Flag Day on Tuesday, June 13th, and the organisers would be very grateful for offers of help in selling flags at any place at any time of the day. If you are willing to help give your name to Mr. Bayer, 10 Fortescue Road.

Photography

A request has been received for a photographic club. If a large enough number of people are interested one will be formed. If you are interested give your name to Mr. Harris. This request has arisen independently of Mr. Jones's offer, for which see his advert.

A Home

The London County Council is responsible for the maintenance of 10,000 men, women and children in Public Assistance Institutions. Six thousand of them are over 65 years of age.

The Tail-Waggers' Club has found it necessary to secure more spacious headquarters accommodation, and has removed from Mark Lane to Willing House, 356-360 Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1. This change has been necessitated by the growth in the Club's work, especially in connection with its very successful scheme for supplying dog licences on the payment-by-installment plan. More accommodation is also urgently required for the Club's growing records—containing particulars about three-quarters of a million member-dogs, and it may be interesting to note that it will take our removers well over a week to dismantle and re-assemble even one of our comprehensive record systems.

Spot Prizes

The following traders and others too late for the press, are offering spot prizes during Watling Week. Look for the **Blue** disc in the local shop windows. If the number corresponds with the number on the inside cover of your *RESIDENT* the spot prize will be presented to you on producing the Magazine. No gifts can be claimed before Monday, June 26th.

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Ward & Strong, Butchers, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak.

Brady, Confectioners, Silkstream Parade, Burnt Oak.

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Adventure

An item of interest has been brought to our notice. The son of one of the Centre's old members, who was also one of our famous Ladies' Tug-o-War team, Mrs. Bell, late of Goldbeaters Grove, tells us that her son, home on three weeks holiday, was asked if he would cut his holiday short and rejoin his ship for the Royal Trip to Canada! In three-quarters of an hour he had with the greatest pleasure repacked his bags, and was on his way to report for duty as bell boy on the Empress of Australia.

Now his brother, 16 years of age, will I am sure envy him, but it is just possible that the King and Queen will make the return trip on the Empress of Britain after the Canadian tour, and the brother is bell boy on that ship, just returning from his second trip round the world. Just fancy, 16 years of age, and twice round the world as a sailor.

Both boys attended Woodcroft and Goldbeaters Schools.

Cabaret and Dance

A grand opening to Watling Week arranged by the affiliated bodies to the Watling Association will take place on Friday, June 16th, at the Centre, at 7.45 p.m. All are welcome. Spot prizes; surprise items; new talent.

Mrs. Nash

DEAR MR. HARRIS,

Will you convey to the members of the Watling Centre my warmest thanks for their sympathy in my recent loss. Also to the many friends who contributed to the flowers.

S. H. NASH.

Another Centre

An ambitious experiment in communal life affecting thousands of married people and their children is being made by Swansea Town Council at their new Townhill Housing Estate. The scheme cost £1,700 and includes the building of a community centre, divided in two sections, one for children and one for adults. There will be community rooms, a library, a fully-equipped clinic, workshops, gymnasium, shower baths and a canteen.

Gardeners' Dream

Experiments now being carried out are producing plants double and treble their normal size. The idea is to give X-ray treatment to flowers as they come into seed. By this method it is hoped that rose bushes will grow as large as oak trees. In the past the garden produce at harvest festivals has invariably been on the large size. What will happen now. Under this new X-ray treatment we shall have to build special hangers to park our marrows in.

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Fitness

A welter of publicity and propaganda on the subject of Fitness is, at the moment, assailing the people of this country. The cry for an A1 nation resounds with increasing urgency. Inasmuch as all youth desire to be strong and healthy and to enjoy the best in life such propaganda is needless. Fitness is a much more complex question than at first envisaged, entailing much more than physical jerks. When we have investigated all the requirements for a healthy, happy life we find we have unearthed a major political problem.

The necessity of good food is recognised as a prime factor to all-round fitness, by all experts except our rulers. Any scheme of physical culture neglecting this cardinal point is tantamount to building houses without foundations! More food for the people is a slogan with far-reaching implications because it means lower prices or more wages. And it is an undisputed fact that prices are increasing, while wages show no tendency to rise.

Housing conditions also have their bearing on the problem. When houses are insanitary and overcrowded, efforts at fitness are severely hampered. The sordid environment of slum-life does much to kill the natural urge of cleanliness and health. Attempts in such conditions are heart-breaking, the struggle against dirt and disease is never-ending. The Labour L.C.C. is to be congratulated on its enterprising housing policy, although much remains to be done. The benefits of good housing can never be fully appreciated while rents remain at high altitudes, and this is a fact that few landlords will recognize!

The amenities provided for ordinary P.T. and sports are by no means generous, while the possibility of their full use are made further remote by modern working conditions. Lengthy hours in factories, shops and offices, made longer and more oppressive by intolerable tube journeys, seriously curtail the hours of free leisure and recreation, so vital to healthy contentment. Many youth attend evening classes to further their abilities, a tribute to the perseverance of our generation. This is the explanation of the listlessness which affects our youth, driving them to seek escape from the austerity of life in Hollywood phantasy. The problem must be tackled boldly and the only solution compatible with the young workers' interests is in the proposals for trade training in employers' time. In other words "evening classes in the afternoon." The elementary request for paid holidays will also assist; the change of surroundings does so much to revitalize the constitution and build up stores of energy that it is unthinkable that anybody in Britain should be denied this right. With the evenings freed for our youth there must be an adequate increase in sports facilities. The suggestions are numerous. They cover all sports activities: cycle tracks in parks, flood-lit tennis courts for late play, more pools at popular prices, dancing in parks, etc.

This statement is an attempt to stimulate discussion on a basic question of youth happiness and national prestige. It is a question that comes more and more

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

June, 1939

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 4 The Art of Breathing. Dr. Knowles.
 11 Psycho-Analysis. Mr. J. G. Lang.
 78 Socrates. Miss Effie Ryle.
 25 Business Meeting.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for
 Worship, 11 a.m.
 Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
 Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** — Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
 P.T. for Girls 12-16 at Woodcroft School, 7.30 p.m.
 Dance, 8 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
 P.T. for Girls over 16 at Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days** — Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 7 Visit to London Fire Brigade Headquarters.
 14 Factory Legislation and Women. Mrs. Barrs Davies.
 21 No Meeting.
 28 On Making Hats. Miss Sperring.
 Women's Discussion Group, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thursdays** — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veteran's Club, 3 p.m.
 Watling Association Amateur Variety Company, 8.30 p.m.
- Fridays** — Orchestra, 8 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** — Net Ball, at Woodcroft School, 3 p.m.
 Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday** 4 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
 Miss C. Clement Brown.
- Monday** 5 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
 Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.

Sunday 11 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Mr. E. E. Cole on Watling Week.

Wed'day 14 Voice Production Class, 8 p.m.

Friday 16 } **WATLING WEEK**
to
Monday 26 }

Monday 19 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
 Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.

Wed'day 28 Voice Production Class, 8 p.m.

Thursday 29 Watling Association Council, 8 p.m.

Friday 30 Helpers' Social, 8.30 p.m.

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to the fore. In Totalitarian States fitness is compelled for ulterior motives of destruction. Some people in England, seeing the mechanical efficiency of dictator methods, cry for similar methods here. Our historic voluntary principle is not dead, it has never been fully utilised. A utilisation embracing the fore-mentioned suggestions of social reform will produce results a thousand times greater than Prussian militaristic methods. Greater in their results and greater in their ideals. Fitness not for war and barbarism, but for peace and the extension of our liberties and happiness.

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PLANT EXCHANGE

DEAR SIR,

Re the plant exchange mentioned in last month's RESIDENT why not have a stall during Watling Week, or perhaps later in the year, where members and friends could bring or send seeds, cuttings, roots, flowers or vegetables from their gardens. These could be put on the stall and sold for a penny or so for each article. By this means one could often get a much longed for cutting or root and we would no doubt feel that we would be helping others as well as ourselves. The proceeds of the sale might make a useful contribution to the Building Fund.

MRS. LAKE.

USE THE SCHOOL ROOMS?

DEAR EDITOR,

As you know, or should know, included with the May issue of our Bulletin of Community Centre Affairs, is an article by L. D. Gibbin on music making in newly built-up areas, and suggestions on how to start. There are quite a few points that some of us at Watling could all, because music I suggest is our strong suit. I daresay more than three-quarters of our activities include music—good, bad or indifferent, such as Adult Schools, Young Watlers, Dancing Classes, Variety Party, Orchestra, Choir, and most of our juvenile classes, and Folk Dancers.

One suggestion was to start this music-making in some tenants' houses. I definitely think this is not a good suggestion, as one of the conditions of tenancy is—no nuisance. If there is an estate with walls good enough to stop your neighbours hearing five or six voices singing, or instruments playing, and L. D. Gibbin knows of it, he might let us into the secret.

Why don't our National Council of Social Service advocate a greater use of schoolrooms. Almost all estates have schools. Why cannot they be used after school hours for social life. After all, we do contribute to the upkeep of these buildings, but there is always a lot of "ifs" and "buts" when one applies for the use of a room for any sort of social activity, even if there were a nominal charge to cover expenses.

Gibbin says the charm of the music club is that it has no committees, no subscriptions, no expensive clothes, and that the tenant of whoever's house they gather in supplies refreshments, as the homely touch makes all the difference. Its keynote is simplicity. The club exists for the sheer joy of making music, and sets its face against personal showmanship that calls for an Americanism "Oh yeah."

Believe me, as soon as they are good, they'll show. People get to know, and ask for their services, and they are pleased to show; besides, it would not be sociable if they did not, and surely there must be a captain (even a committee of one).

People will generally attend an entertainment provided by neighbours, and that very often paves the way for the people to get acquainted who have wanted to talk to each other for a long time. Encourage music, yes, by all means, or dancing, whist drives, and any other social meetings; but not in anyone's house.

Most people cannot afford it (as cheap as it is) and neighbours won't like it, so please go after the L.C.C. for a more frequent use of schoolrooms.

Clubs want their own rooms, and halls are often exorbitant prices, but the schools should be able to meet us. There are plenty of organisers who can be had for the asking.

JACK HILTON.

P.S.—I perhaps should not have used the term of "us" at Watling, as I have moved to the Hendon Borough Council Estate at Mill Hill. Quite a little colony on our own, no shops, and no conveyances within a mile, but a lovely little school in our midst where I'm sure entertainments provided for the tenants, by the tenants, would be greatly patronised and appreciated.

CONSCRIPTION

We wish to make known our protest against the Government's Military Training Bill.

We believe this Bill to be fundamentally opposed to all the teachings of Christ, and is an assumption by the State of an authority over human personality that is an outrage upon God and man.

It is, therefore, to the principal of the Bill that we are primarily opposed. We are concerned not only with those holding a clear objection of conscience, but with the wrong done to large numbers of youths who have no clear thought on the matter, but whose mental and spiritual attitude is now to be formed in a military environment.

We believe that the imposition of conscription in this country as an answer to war preparations elsewhere, will only serve to establish here the militarised national life under which human personality is being debased in so many other countries.

The peace of Europe cannot be attained by extending the system of pitting military power against military power, but only in a genuine meeting of the needs of nations and in a just sharing of resources.

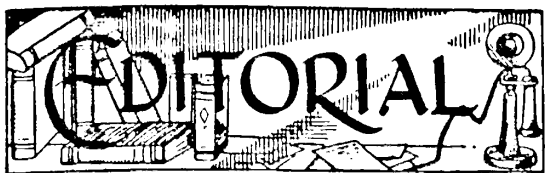
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Society of Friends,
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NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT (Burnt Oak Branch)

Conscription does not mean the unemployed will at last be able to get work. The Military Training Bill is not intended to allow men to take the work of those who happen to be called up. Also it is not to convey the impression "we are standing up to Hitler." These are but a few of the remarks that are expressed by the unemployed themselves, therefore, we of the organised unemployed movement wish to convey to the unorganised, Conscription is something in the hands of a profiteers' government that will eventually put Britain into Fascist fetters.

If the unemployed are to expect any improvement in their lot, then there must be a change in the government's treasonable policy being pursued at home in relation to the International situation and the agreement between Mr. Chamberlain and the Fascist Powers. The unemployed need to remember the abuse and slander that has been made against them by the "Times," and also Mr. Chamberlain just recently. If there is any doubt about this we commend you to read our very latest answer to Chamberlain, "Face

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Future Citizens

In a book recently published it is suggested that there should be a wage for all adult wage earners of 53 5 a week, with an allowance for every dependent child in excess of three, the amount suggested being 7/- per week. There should be free meals at schools and the allowance for children after the third could be reduced to allow for the number and value of meals. Whether or not we agree with these views, the fact remains that a woman with four children has a greater struggle than a woman with two. A man is not paid wages according to the size of his family, but according to his ability, or his usefulness to his employer. This apparently is only just and right, but children arrive and they have got to be fed and brought up, and made into decent citizens. This can only be done if they are well nourished and free from the demoralising atmosphere of poverty.

Nature is abundant. A flower will throw off hundreds of seeds. Animals multiply. There are as many fish in the sea as ever came out of it. If then people have large families are they necessarily immoral? The only thing about it which is immoral is the unnatural conditions in which many humans are forced to live. As a learned judge once remarked, "If society treats people as pigs we must not be surprised if sometimes they behave like pigs." In a world of plenty there is want. We have unemployment, distressed areas, and slums.

It is said that thousands of people in Britain live herded together in conditions worse than any that exist in the slums of Shanghai. This should not be. If, as it is claimed, we are the greatest empire the world has ever known, then surely the citizens of this great empire, with all the resources, should be the best fed, the best housed and the happiest people on earth.

How much comfort is it to an unemployed man in a distressed area to remind him of this great heritage. In this country we enjoy many privileges. Is it too much to ask that we safeguard our children by giving them the best possible start in life, no matter whether they come from a large or small family. They are all future citizens of Britain and this fact alone should ensure them of a good standard of living and equal opportunities.

F.H.L.

National Unemployed Workers' Movement—continued.

the Facts," and you will hardly credit the vile abuse that was used in order to cover up the fact that the government have done nothing to abolish unemployment.

Therefore a warning to the unorganised unemployed, suffer no false conception about what Conscription is for. This government is a dangerous one and it becomes very necessary if we are to expect any improvement, to replace it by a more progressive one as soon as possible. W. LEWINGTON, Hon. Secretary.

Watling People Show Their Skill

Another Arts and Crafts Exhibition has come and gone, and we have good reason to be glad because of its success.

Many people who cannot excel with their voices can gain a tremendous amount of pleasure with the work of their hands. Everyone has a gift of one sort or another, and the quality of the work displayed showed considerable skill in every class.

Knitting and Fancy Needlework vied with Dress-making, and the tempting exhibits in the cookery classes showed originality and skill.

The woodwork was of a very high standard of usefulness and accuracy, and the model aeroplanes almost invited one to take a ride.

Incidentally, the Edgware Model Aeroplane Club wins many competitions with their machines, and have some very fine model-builders amongst their members.

Paintings and Drawings of all kinds of things showed how instructive and attractive this hobby can be.

The Mayor of Hendon, who opened the Exhibition, mentioned that his particular hobby was carpentry, but he spent an hour looking at most of the exhibits in every class.

If you did not enter anything, remember you will have an opportunity next year, May, 1940. The Exhibition is arranged by the Burnt Oak Adult Schools, in conjunction with the Watling Association, and has for its objects the encouragement of hobbies and education through handicrafts.

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Youth and the Community Centre

At the tenth annual conference of the Community Centres convened by the Community Centres and Associations' Committee of the National Council of Social Service, The Right Honorable Walter Elliot, P.C., M.P. Minister of Health, said during his speech opening the Conference :—

"Activities on a big housing estate must be for young and old alike, but it is not easy to design a place where they can be so happily housed."

He went on :—

"I am very glad to see here to-day so many representatives of the great youth organisations and so many others who are giving this—the most pressing problem of Community Centres—their active consideration."

Later in the conference a paper was read on this subject by Basil L. Q. Henriques, J.P., the Warden of the Bernhard Baron Jewish Settlement.

He opened by saying that we in England realize the importance of youth, but we do not endeavour to foster the spirit of community. We are rather inclined to develop the individual endowments of each to the uttermost degree. He considered that we should base our efforts on service to the Community and thus foster toleration and self-respect.

The Community Centre should satisfy individual needs, first in relaxation, secondly in cultural activities, and thirdly in physical activities, particularly in team games.

The relaxation should be gained by contact within the Centre itself. The cultural activity should take the form of self-expression in art, handicrafts, etc. The physical side can be obtained by gymnasia, team games, and the general social activity.

He was of the opinion that youth required directional training, but that the training should be chosen by themselves. In this way, if young people join the Centre, it will be because they find in it that which satisfies their interests.

It was his opinion that Community Centres were not only for Adult recreation; but centres endeavouring to cater for youth and adult under the same roof were doomed to failure. He expressed his appreciation of the difficulties—finance, space, etc., but he did urge that even if it is essential to have them in the same group of buildings, youth should not be relegated to the odd corners.

Leadership is most important. A successful Warden did not necessarily make a good leader of a youth community, and in all probability in any case should not be requested to undertake such leadership; it was, however, very essential to have good leaders.

He, personally, was against a mixed organisation and thought that boys on their own, and girls on their own, could be more successfully handled, although he was conscious of the necessity of the Social meeting—say on one evening a week.

He then outlined his idea of the type of Centre. He thought a Central Hall useful for dramatic performances, dances, concerts, etc., but able to be divided into two or more smaller halls for use by more than one organisation (for instance, Gymnasium for Boys and Girls).

He thought a Common Room, Library, Art Room, Music Room, Relaxing Room, Changing Room and Showers, Class Room and Handicraft Room, were all necessary in the best type of Centre and this type if possible should be the aim of all associations.

He then went on to stress the fact, however, that the Spirit—esprit de corps must be present, otherwise the Centre becomes an Institution only and, therefore, fails in its objects.

He urged the co-operation between youth organisations and the recognition of the weaknesses of each. He said that the welfare of the boys and the girls is greater than that of the organisation.

He asked that the leaders of religious bodies should come out of their Churches, etc., to strive to obtain the good-will of the youth of the Centre. Get youth away from the belief that Religion is only connected with the Institution of Religion. Religion is not merely an institution; it is a source of daily inspiration and a constant influence on the lives and work of all of us.

Finally, he reminded us that the Association may look to the Local Education Authorities for the provision of instructors and there should be some liaison with the Juvenile Organisation Committee.

He thought it was desirable to have some of the rooms available for use by the Local Authority during the daytime as a Nursery School, and/or a Dental or Mind Ailment Clinic.

In the discussion that followed Mr. Henriques was taken to task on several of the points raised by him, but all were agreed that the needs of the young people were both urgent and of primary importance to the general well-being.

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Since then he has served the family well. We have gone bareheaded while he has housed the Junior's white mice, while Mrs. I. R.'s love-birds nested therein, while Mrs. I. R. mixed the Christmas puddings, but he remained faithful to us. We shall never forget the day when Mrs. I. R., in that stern, sunburnt voice that she uses for these occasions, said: "I am *not* going out with you again if you wear that hat." Basil flew off the hall-stand and bit her. She hasn't spoken slightly of him since, so whenever you see the top of Basil, the Beautiful Bowler, on the horizon, you see the noble Irresponsible brow just beneath. Now we ask you, would we take the wrong hat?

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The Queen will have the privilege and duty of heading the Carnival Procession on Saturday, June 17th, and of attending all evening Watling Week functions free, and of presenting Watling Week prizes.

The second and third chosen will be asked to serve as attendants, also with free admission to all functions. Although May 21st has been published as the last day of entry, anyone seeing this notice may enter at the Centre before 10.0 p.m. on June 3rd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th.

THE MAYOR OF HENDON

will declare the Week open and start

The Carnival Procession

which will assemble at Watling Centre at 4.30 p.m., will leave at 5.30 p.m., and probably take the following route. Parade in Deansbrook Road facing the "Centre," Orange Hill Road, Watling Avenue (Shopping Area), High Road, Montrose Avenue, Blundel Road, down Watling Avenue, Horsecroft Road, Abbots Road, Deansbrook Road, back to the "Centre."

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IMPORTANT.—Judging will take place at 5.0 p.m. Competitors not in place by that time will be disqualified from competing.

ENTRY FORM

To be returned to

We/I wish to enter:—

1. Decorated Vehicle.
2. Adult Individual Costume.
3. Adult Individual Comic Costume.
4. Child's Individual Costume.
5. Decorated Pedal Cycle.

(Children must be under 14 years of age on June 18th)

Signed

Society

Address

Date

8 p.m. Carnival Social

Admission 6d.
Children 3d.

M.C.: Mrs. Nyberg.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18th, 8 p.m.

8 p.m. Cinema Show

Admission 9d.

REAL TALKIES: "Britannia of Billingsgate." Cast includes Gordon Harker, Violet Lorraine, and other films. A fine evening's entertainment.

Organised by Mr. A. I. JONES

MONDAY, JUNE 19th.

Admission 2d.

5.30 p.m. Super Jumble Sale

Gifts will be welcomed by Mrs. Lodge

5.30 p.m. "Special Cinema Show" (TALKIES)

Admission 2d.

(For the children)

8 p.m. Carnival Queen's Whist Drive

Tickets 1/-

Handsome Prizes to suit all tastes. Value Unequalled.

M.C.: Mr. O. TORRANCE

7.30 p.m. Juvenile Dance Competition

Admission to Hall 1/-

Children 6d.

Numbered and Reserved Seats 1/6

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The School or Organisation must have been in existence before 1st January, 1939.

The maximum time allowed for each school or organisation will be according to the number of entries, but not less than 20 minutes. Lots will be drawn for order of performance at a time and place to be notified to entrants.

Entrance fee, 5/- per school.

The winners will hold the Perpetual Challenge Cup until Watling Week 1940, and there will also be a medal for the best individual dancer.

Dresses will not be taken into account in judging the contest.

Entrance Forms on application to the Centre.

Organised by Mr. C. DOWNES

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th.

Entrance Fee, 6d. per class
Twins, 1/-

2.30 p.m. Baby Show

Class A—Under 9 months.

Class B—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class C—Over 18 months and under 2½ years.

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

The following three classes are open to all:—

Class D—Under 9 months.

Class E—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class F—Twins under 2 years.

Ages on the day of Show. Birth Certificates to be produced. The judging will be done by Doctors not living on the Watling Estate.

A Pram presented by Messrs. W. J. Harris & Co. will be given for the best Watling Baby in the Show, and a Special Prize for the best Watling first baby in the Show.

NO BABY CAN ENTER MORE THAN ONE CLASS.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be filled in and returned with entrance fee of 6d. per class, per baby, to Mrs. Lord, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 16th.

I wish to enter for the Baby Show.
(Full names of baby or babies)

Date of birth of baby

Class.....

Mother's Signature

Date.....

Address

8 p.m. Dance

Admission 4d.

Younger Members.

M.C.: Mr. C. DEACON

8 p.m. Social and Competition Night

Admission 4d.

Older Members.

Arranged by Mesdames L. Nyberg, B. Lord, and Mr. A. R. Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st.

2.30 p.m. Special Social Whist Drive

Admission 6d.

M.C.: Mrs. CROWE

8.15 p.m. Miniature Drive

Admission 6d.

8.45 p.m. Grand Whist Drive

Admission 1/6

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M.C.: Mr. O. TORRANCE, assisted by Mr. F. WILLIAMS

THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd.

2.30 p.m. Whist Drive

Admission 6d.

M.C.: Mrs. CROWE

10/- TOP AND MANY OTHER PRIZES

8 p.m. An Evening's Drama

Admission 9d.

Reserved Seats 1/- and 2/6

The Watling Guild of Players presents: "A SQUIRE OF THE NIGHT"

A Farce in Three Acts, by SIDNEY BOWKETT. Tickets strictly limited in number.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd.

7.30 for 8 p.m. Members' Dinner and Dance

Tickets 5/-
Double 9/6

At THE WHITE LION, High Street, Edgware

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Tickets for Dance only,
Single, 1/6; Double, 2/6

Admission by Ticket only

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th.

On Cressingham Playing Field.

Sports Meeting and Physical Training Display

2 p.m. Children's Events

For those under 14. Entrance Fee, 3d. per event. If 3 or more entries are made by one child, 2d. per event.

GIRLS.

1. 50 yards Handicap for Girls 5 or over and under 8.
2. 75 yards Handicap for Girls 8 or over and under 11.
3. 100 yards Handicap for girls 11 or over and under 14.
4. Circular Jumping.
5. Obstacle Race.
6. Skipping Race for Girls under 8.

Boys.

7. 50 yards Handicap for boys 5 or over and under 8.
8. 75 yds. Handicap for boys 8 or over and under 11.
9. 100 yds. Handicap for boys 11 or over & under 14.
10. Circular Jumping.
11. Obstacle Race.
12. Sack Race.

The Coronation Cup will be awarded to the child of a Watling Association member or who is a member of a Watling Association Group who secures the highest number of points. 1st, 5. 2nd, 3. 3rd, 1.

3 p.m. Physical Training Display

Chairman: County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

The following Organisations are expected to take part in P.T. Displays:

BOWES GYMNASTIC SOCIETY (Trainer, T. Hawtin).

THE NATIONAL AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION, arranged by Percy Longhurst.

WATLING ASSOCIATION P.T. CLASSES. CO-OPERATIVE CIRCLE P.T. CLASSES.

FENCING DISPLAY.

5 p.m. Adult Events

Entrance Fee, 6d. per person per event unless otherwise stated.

- Men's 13. 100 yards Scratch, for Maison Lyons' Challenge Cup, for Individual Residents and Clubs on Watling Estate.
 14. 220 yards Scratch for the Cyclone Danny Trophy.
 15. 1 mile Scratch for members of the Watling Association for the Curry Cup.
 16. 3 miles Marathon, for Sydney Hurry Challenge Cup
 17. Tug of War, team of 8, Catch Weights, for Barney Built Trophy, open, entrance fee 5/- per team.
 Ladies' 18. 100 yards Scratch, for Individual Residents and Clubs on Watling Estate.
 19. Relay, open. 6d. per person. TEAMS OF FOUR.
 Mixed Couples.
 20. Man Blindfold, Lady Driving, for members of the Watling Association over 25, entrance fee, 6d. per person.

Veterans' Race.

21. 50 yards for Men from 40 to 50. Entrance Fee, 6d. per person.

Special Veterans' Race.

22. 50 yards Mixed, for members of Watling Association Veterans' Club only.
 The organisers reserve the right to cancel any event if there are not sufficient entries.

SPORTS ENTRANCE FORM

To be returned with entrance fee(s) to the Organiser, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 19. Herewith please find.....s.d., being Entrance Fees for the following sports events:—

Event No.	Entrance Fee.	NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS.	
.....
.....	Address .....	.....
.....	Date of Birth.....	Club (if any).....
Total.....			

8 p.m. Social

M.C. : Mrs. NYBERG

Admission 4d.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th.

8 p.m. "Bright and Easy"

"Maestro" : J. RADLEY

Admission 6d.

Members' Dance

M.C. : Mr. C. DEACON

Admission 6d.

MONDAY, JUNE 26th.

Admission by Ticket 1/-

8 p.m. GRAND VARIETY CONCERT

Organised by Mrs. GREY SKINNER assisted by Mr. J. RADLEY

Concert will include a SPECIAL LOCAL TALENT COMPETITION for people over fourteen years of age living in the Hendon Borough. Entry forms can be obtained from Mr. J. Radley, c/o "Watling Centre."

SPECIAL NOTICES

To enable as many as possible to buy tickets for the "Dinner and Dance," at the "White Lion," on Friday, June 23rd, a special Savings Club has been started. Contributions may be paid in at the Office, Watling Centre, and a Dinner Club Card will be issued.

Look for the LUCKY NUMBER on the cover, prizes for which will be given by local traders.

Penny Cards are being circulated about the Estate. Give generously of your pennies.

BOOK THIS DATE. FRIDAY, JULY 7th. "GAY GIRLIES" CONCERT PARTY, at the "Centre," at 8 p.m.
 IN AID OF "WATLING WEEK" FUND.

Prizes for the sports will be presented at a special Presentation Dance given by Maison Lyon, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, and held at "The Cornwall Assembly Room," White Lion Hotel, High Street, Edgware, on Friday, June 30th.



Sapphires and Diamonds

By F. H. LAKE

CHAPTER III.

CANNONBALL.

Betty looked up in surprise at the man in the raincoat.

She was about to hand him the bracelet, when she espied her father coming towards them.

"Hello, daddy," she called, waving her hand.

The man in the raincoat looked up quickly, and without a word made off.

"Look, daddy, look what I've found! A pretty bracelet."

Mr. Lister gave it a quizzical glance.

"Looks like one of Mr. Woolworth's," he said uninterestedly. "Come along, I've finished my visit earlier than I expected. We'll walk home and get an appetite for tea. I'll carry the pup."

The animal in question was rolling and toppling about in an effort to bite its tail. Mr. Lister caught it as it cannoned off his leg.

"Come here, you cannon ball," he said.

Betty laughed. "That will make a good name for him—Cannonball."

When they arrived home Betty had a long tale to tell and her mother and Chloe showed great interest, especially in the young lady in the car. "I wonder who she could be," queried Chloe. "Was she nice-looking?"

"She was lovely," answered Betty, "and she had such beautiful clothes."

"Let me see the bracelet," asked Mrs. Lister. Betty produced the jewel.

"My!" exclaimed Mrs. Lister, "isn't that lovely. They must be diamonds. Look how they glitter! I'll put it away safely, then tomorrow we'll take it to the police station when we take the pup. It might be worth something. Get the chairs up. Tea is ready. Now—who likes salad?"

Round the fire that night Betty had to tell her story all over again for the benefit of Chloe, who asked endless questions.

Mr. Lister glanced at the clock. "It's time for the news," he said, casually switching on the Radio, "and your bedtime, Betty."

Whilst the weather forecast and an S.O.S. boomed out from the radio, Mr. Lister assisted Chloe to untie her shoe laces, when something the cultured voice from the radio was saying made them all straighten up and listen—"a platinum bracelet studded with sapphires and diamonds was lost in the neighbour-

hood of Hendon. Will the finder please communicate to the local police station, or to Scotland Yard, telephone number, Whitehall 1212."

"That's it!" exclaimed Mrs. Lister excitedly. "Where did I put it! Ah! here it is."

"Sapphires and diamonds," muttered Chloe, staring in front of her.

"And I thought it came from Woolworth's," said Mr. Lister.

THE WATCHER.

Betty had forgotten about the man in the raincoat, but the next morning whilst standing near the front gate she saw him on the opposite side of the street. He had evidently been watching the house. Seeing Betty alone he gave a furtive glance up and down the street and then strolled over to her.

"Hallo, little girl!" he exclaimed with a half smile.

"Don't you remember me? I dropped my bracelet."

"Your bracelet?" questioned Betty. "Men don't wear bracelets."

"Ha, ha! that's so, little one, but—" He spoke confidentially, "the fact is, I was bringing it back from the jewellers for my wife. She had it repaired, you know." He spoke softly, "where is it now? Is anyone at home?"

"Mother's taken Chloe to meet Father. He is coming back at 10 o'clock, and then he and Mother are going to take the bracelet to the Police station."

The man gave a faint smile, then eagerly—"So they are all out. Where did you say the bracelet was?"

"Mother put it in the bureau in the front room."

"Oh, I see. Now, look here, girlie, would you go and find your Mother and tell her I want to see her very urgently. I'll stay here."

"All right," said Betty, and set off. She did not like the look of the man, and was anxious to tell her mother.

She found her mother and father in the High Street and told them about the man. "Let's get home quickly," said Mr. Lister.

The man was nowhere to be seen. When they got into the house, Mrs. Lister went straight to the bureau.

"It's gone!" she exclaimed. "The bracelet has gone!"

"I'm going after that man," said Mr. Lister.

(To be continued)

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A Garden in China

China is very much in the news at present, because of the war that Japan is waging against it. Japan appears to have thought that she could conquer China in a few weeks but the fighting has been going on for nearly two years.

A correspondent living in China writes to me regularly once a fortnight. She is a medical missionary and has charge of a hospital at Tung Chwan. Tung Chwan is a town in the province of Sze Chwan, the most westerly of China's many provinces. The western boundary of this province is the frontier between China and the mysterious country of Tibet.

Tung Chwan is on latitude 33 North, which is much further south than the latitude of London which is 50 North. The province of Sze Chwan is about the same latitude as Egypt, and the mouth of the Nile about the same latitude as Tung Chwan.

Now we must turn from geography to gardening.

As there is so much difference between the latitude of London and that of Tung Chwan climatic conditions naturally differ considerably and yet quite a number of plants that are grown in England can also be grown in West China.

Tung Chwan, like so many Chinese cities, is surrounded by a high wall in which there are gates that are closed at night. The hospital garden runs right up to wall on the inside. Here are some notes about the garden taken from my correspondents last letter which was written on the 17th of March.

"Spring is really here now; it is still cold enough for us to be glad of a little fire first thing in the morning and in the evening, but soon I think we shall be able to do without even that.

"The garden is quite exciting now. I try to look round every day to see how things are coming on. The wisteria has lots of buds already visible, some more than an inch long; it has never had so many before. There will be about 200 or more altogether, I think, for I counted over 100 yesterday, and there are more buds still too small to see properly.

"The gladioli are piercing through the ground in greater abundance than last year. Many of the bulbs were separated after last year's flowering and some were planted in fresh places. There should be a great show in due time.

"Hollyhocks are leafing well and the fresh new fronds of the ferns on the bank are a pleasure to look at. The irises on the bank are just coming into flower.

"I have a freak *corcopsis* which has survived the winter and is now in flower! True, the flowers are very tiny, not like they are in the autumn. Self-sown *escholtzia* is coming up in great profusion.

"The virginia creeper on one wall is beginning to show tiny leaves. There are tiny flower buds on the trailing single rose known as 'seven mile fragrance,'

so called because the scent is supposed to be such seven Chinese miles away. There are two peach trees and one apricot in blossom.

"I must not omit the useful side. At present there is no sign of the potatoes coming up, but tomato and beetroot have appeared. Alas, I have no lettuce except one stray plant. It was foolish of me not to ask you to get me a packet of seeds; it would easily have come in a letter. Owing to the war I have not got any seeds from down river from Nanking as usual. The B's gave me some onion plants. I hope they will be all right. I have not been successful with them before. They also gave me some strawberry plants and these are now flowering."

WHAT TO DO IN JUNE

FLOWER GARDEN.—Keep a sharp look out on the roses for aphids which can be detected by the curling of the leaves. If aphids appears, as it is almost sure to do, wash the bushes with a decoction of quassia chips, strong tobacco water or one of the numerous forms of prepared insecticide. Apply the wash with a paint-brush and so avoid much waste.

See that the sweet peas do not suffer from lack of water. If the roots are allowed to get dry the flower buds will fall off badly.

If more pinks are wanted this is a good time to make cuttings as they root very easily in June. Choose young shoots which have not flowered, trim them up and plant in a corner where they will keep fairly dry.

Lilacs can be propagated by carefully digging up some of the suckers growing around a well-established bush. The suckers may be planted in the place where it is intended they should remain.

The secret of growing good geraniums is to keep the soil of their bed quite firm. Therefore go round the bed regularly from the time the geraniums are planted and tread down the soil.

FRUIT GARDEN.—At the time of writing these notes there is a prospect of a heavy crop of apples, pears and plums. Many of the blossom clusters are too crowded and soon after the fruit is set it will be well worth while to reduce the number on each cluster to three or four. Remove the smaller fruit and retain the larger ones. It is a choice between a lot of little fruit and a much smaller number of large ones. The quality of the larger fruit will also be superior.

Give the gooseberry bushes a thorough soaking during a spell of dry weather. They will not ripen well unless they have plenty of moisture.

If possible place nets over ripening bush fruit to protect them from the birds.

Look out for American blight on the apple trees. It is a white cotton wool-like pest and if not stopped on its first appearance increases rapidly and does much damage. It is best removed from the bole and main branches by turpentine which should be applied by means of a stiff painters' brush.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Hoe the ground between growing crops as frequently as possible so as to keep down the weeds and aerate the soil.

Late peas may be sown early in the month, also some swede seed.

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HEN

Make, for succession, further sowings of French and runner beans, also lettuce, spinach and radish.

Early potatoes should be lifted as soon as they are ready.

Main crops potatoes should be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture at the end of the month or beginning of July in order to prevent an attack of the potato disease. Spraying is useless when once the haulms are attacked. It will not cure the diseases but should prevent it.

Give the onion bed an application of one ounce of nitrate of soda per square yard, and if the weather be dry water freely in the evening.

There is the same number of stars as the population of the earth—2,000 millions.

The camel is the only animal that cannot swim.

To make a really good "feather" brush from string, save all thick, coarse, hairy string. Cut the pieces into even lengths and tie round with thin string. Wind coloured raffia round the handle part and comb out the other end with a steel comb. These are decorative as well as handy to have in every room, and will wash when dirty.

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Why not a Watling Poultry Club?

The recent request of prominent Government officials is for all people who can to store two weeks' supply of food in case of emergency.

How many of us on Watling have thought that half-a-dozen hens kept in the back garden would form an interesting and profitable hobby, also an emergency supply of good food.

All of us have house scraps which we throw away, but would be put to good use if turned into new-laid eggs, via the back-garden hen.

Why not try a few fowls?

They do not cost very much to keep, in fact, kept correctly they more than pay for their first cost and keep, in eggs alone in a year. If anyone interested in keeping chickens would leave their name and address at the Centre or drop a postcard to the Secretary, Watling Centre, Orangehill Road, we could soon form a Poultry Club.

Many of us have kept fowls for years, to these I appeal to support the Watling Poultry Club and give beginners the benefit of their experience.

Nearly all the L.C.C. estates have a real live Poultry Club, so WHY NOT HAVE A POULTRY CLUB FOR WATLING?

E.W.B.

Club and Society Notes

BOXING CLUB

Watling Assoc. Boxing Club finished their season with a brilliant win over St. Helier & Hanwell boxing clubs, at Morden, thereby regaining the Inter-Estate Cup.

Watling have now won the trophy three years out of the four years of its existence, which is no mean record.

St. Helier were the holders last year, and they spared no efforts to keep it, but the Watling lads smashed their way to victory in workmanlike style, and I have seldom seen them box better, although it was a pity that there were not more supporters to cheer them on. As a matter of fact, Hanwell, an estate one-third the size of Watling, had three times the number of supporters. However, that made no difference to the result, Watling winning 7 finals, St. Helier 2, and Hanwell 2.

In his first fight, Smyth (Watling) stopped his opponent in first round, but narrowly lost on points in the final to a boy who was semi-finalist of All London Schoolboy Championship. As Smyth is only just 12 years old and it was his first appearance in public, this was a wonderful performance. He shows great promise. D. Gooden (Watling) beat his opponent on points, and so gave Watling their first final.

D. Crooks (Watling) smashed home two lefts and finished his man with a right to win in record time. Crooks is a class performer, and had he had stronger opposition the crowd would have witnessed some classy boxing from a 14-year-old, who gets to work like a veteran. Many people tip Crooks to win a Boys' Federation title before long.

L. Walker (Watling) beat his man in the second round. This boy had a really aggressive opponent, but fought back magnificently to give Watling their third final.

F. Guy (Watling) lost on points to a more experienced man, but showed great courage in going after him right to the end. This lad is a trier if ever there was one, and can be depended upon to fight from gong to gong.

A. Sarson (Watling) received a walk-over. I think they must have remembered what happened the last time he was at Morden. S. Walker (Watling) stopped his Hanwell opponent with a terrific left hook in the third round of his first fight.

In the final he beat Kimber (St. Helier), who was disqualified in the first round. This created an uproar that was most uncalled-for, as Walker, in my opinion, would have won in any case.

The last fight of the evening was a personal triumph for A. Podder, of Watling, as although barely 17 and making his debut in public amid a chorus of yelling left over from the Walker-Kimber fight, he gave a boxing lesson to a man who had well won in his previous contest. Pedder should develop into a heavy-weight, and showed that big fellows *can* box.

I have purposely kept to the last the account of T. Rainbow's (Watling) fight with Thompson (St. Helier). Thompson happens to be 6st. Schoolboy

Champion of England, and Rainbow knew this, and so did his seconds. Rainbow was told not to allow Thompson to settle down, as he has a wicked straight left and a grand style (he won the statuette for best style in the Championship). Tommy boxed to orders and gave his opponent no rest, forcing him to box on the retreat throughout the contest. He amazed the crowd, who have never seen their boy extended. Thompson managed to get his left to work in the last half-minute and so gained a very narrow verdict, with which many neutral fans did not agree.

Rainbow has every reason to congratulate himself as he very nearly upset the odds.

The lads and supporters were taken over in two coaches, and the Watling boxers were seconded as usual by instructors T. Curzon and E. Stewart.

We held our annual general meeting at the Centre on May 21st, and the club were photographed with some of their many trophies. This photograph will shortly be hung up at the Centre to let members and visitors know that we have a boxing club that we are proud of.

"STRAIGHT LEFT."

MOGGIES MONDAY NIGHT GROUP

The children meet at 5.45 and make-up their own plays.

They first choose their principal in each play usually groups of six, then they choose their players.

There is much excitement and noise while each set are rehearsing.

About 6.15 the whistle is blown to start and there is silence while each group go on to the stage and act their play.

When this is finished the children who are in the hall and are awaiting their turn on the stage try and guess the title of the play enacted. This goes on until each group has been on to the stage and set the rest of the children guessing.

Sometimes one group will hurry over their play, and while we are waiting for the plays to be performed on the stage they ask me to play a waltz.

This they enjoy as they have their big sister's dance frock on or their mother's skirt, and with such a serious expression I think they look much better than if they had a dress that was made to measure.

Sometimes there are prizes of cocoanut ice, which the children have taken home to their mothers.

As there have been many requests from the mothers how to make cocoanut ice, I decided to have the children in C room where there is a gas cooker, and show them. This I did last Monday.

What a time. They were so excited when the time came to cut the ice up and share.

The next day several small packets were handed in to me with the child's name who had made cocoanut ice for me to sample.

How to make a good plateful of cocoanut ice cheaply—

$\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. desiccated cocoanut.

1 lb. white sugar.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water.

3 drops of colour, or more according to shade required.

Put water into saucepan with sugar and boil until sugar has melted and a white froth appears on top. Slowly put the coconut in, mixing all the time.

Stir for about a minute.

Pour half the mixture on to a marble slab or greased tin and spread level with a knife.

Put the colour into the rest of the mixture in the saucepan, stir well and spread on to the white ice in the tin.

This can be cut up almost at once.

C. GAY.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

(From the "Resident" Correspondent)

The first meeting after Easter at Burnt Oak Women's Adult School took the form of a Social, and fourteen shillings was raised to help replenish the School Funds. Mrs. Nyberg officiated as M.C., and members were pleased to welcome her back after some weeks' absence due to illness. Mrs. Theobald kindly agreed to act as Secretary for a short time, as Mrs. Fairbairn was attending hospital with her daughter, and was therefore unable to be present for a while.

The following week a musical afternoon was enjoyed. Ladies from St. Michael & All Angels' Church, Mill Hill, brought their home-made and novel "musical instruments," and entertained us. To complete the programme, Mr. Lancaster kindly came to conduct the School's own Choir, in various choral pieces. Mrs. Durant and Mrs. Theobald also sang solos. Our hearty thanks are due to all who took part.

Early in April members took their share in helping to raise funds for the new Eversfield Adult School. They made cakes or sandwiches for sale at the Inter-School Social which was arranged for this purpose.

Later they gave their willing support to yet another Social, the proceeds of which were used to help clear the debt incurred by the monthly Sunday Evening Fellowship Meeting.

Some members have volunteered to give their services to assist in the distribution of milk to school children during the August Holiday.

In conclusion, we offer our congratulations and good wishes to Mrs. Gooden, who now has a fine baby son.

WORD MAKING

I wonder if you amuse yourselves as I do sometimes with the letters on the registration plates of cars.

There are different ways of doing it.

Sometimes you find that the letters make a word. There is a bus I see sometimes that has GO—very good for a bus; ELF belonging to a big coal lorry isn't quite so suitable!

One way is to take the letters and put in others, to make a word: one day I saw FMY and the man who was driving the car stopped at a school and a lot of children got out, so FAMILY came into my mind: FME I make into FAME, BIL into BULL, and JMY into JIMMY.

Another way is to take the letters and use them as the first letters of words to make a sentence. For instance, you could make AMM into A Mad Mouse or

Ancient Monkeys Munch; CMD could be Catch My Dog.

If you are by yourself you can make lists in a notebook, or if two or three of you are out together you can see who can be quickest or most funny—only don't be so absorbed as to get in the way of a vehicle!

It is special fun to look for the initials of your own name. I haven't found mine yet.

J. A. B.

What is the Borough Council Doing?

Three things which rather specially interest us on the Watling Estate, in addition to all its usual work. It is planning to construct a quarter-mile running track on Montrose Playing Fields. The young men and women of the Estate have wanted this for a long while, and it will be a very welcome addition to our amenities. Permission is being sought to borrow the necessary £1,375. It is to be hoped that no snags arise.

It proposes to erect a shelter at a cost of £110 in the small open space at the corner of Orange Hill Road and Watling Avenue.

The Works and Fire Brigade Committee is considering the provision of an Indoor Swimming Bath. The Education Committee considers this to be very desirable. So do many enthusiastic swimmers in this neighbourhood. What can you do to strengthen the hands of those who are working for it?

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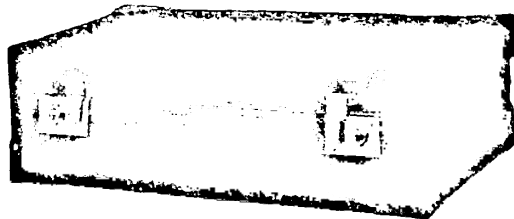
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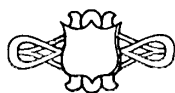
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By Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY, the well-known Rudge-Whitworth rider and acknowledged Britain's Cycling "Keep Fit" Girl.

CYCLING GOOD FELLOWSHIP WEEK . . .

During the week June 4th to 10th, every Watling resident who has a bicycle has a chance to take part in a conducted cycle ride led by an experienced cyclist. Boy and girl, man and woman, young and old, it makes little or no difference, for these specially arranged club runs will be taken at a steady, enjoyable pace. Watch for posters and announcements in the local paper—the "Edgware Times." They run some excellent cycling club news on their sports page, and items also frequently appear under the headline of "Watling Gleanings."

If you work at a large factory where many of the employees cycle to and from business, you may have already noticed how cyclists "get together" easily, especially those who have ridden with cycling clubs. In a cycling club you enjoy the friendship of other enthusiastic riders, and pick up no end of useful tips, the new member having the valued help of those with years of experience awheel.

Our Resident advertisers—Messrs. Pegley's and Rex Judd, will no doubt have posters in their windows inviting you to attend an invitational run arranged by one of the several local clubs. Club cycling represents organised cycling, and the benefits of being organised need little further enumeration.

Join in one of these rides on the Saturday, Sunday or Thursday (for the benefit of shop workers). I shall be taking two runs (for ladies chiefly) during Cycling Good Fellowship Week, for I know that lots of young girls of 18 years of age onwards could take to cycling and like it.

DIVIDED SKIRT AND WRAP-SHORTS

The divided skirt is ideal for cycling, and allows a certain amount of feminine grace to be preserved when awheel. It seems that I have lost any liking I ever had for plus-fours, and after hundreds of miles in my new style "wrap-shorts" which I devised in conjunction with "Modern Woman," these two items of clothing will see any keen woman cyclist through twelve months good riding. In conjunction with my articles in the Wednesday cycling journal, "Cycling," numerous enquiries have been received, almost every one of which concerns the vexed question of just what is best for a cycling girl to wear.

Women readers who read the March issue of the woman's magazine referred to above can obtain the pattern from that paper and make themselves a pair of these shorts which I hope will lead to greater smartness among wheelwomen, at the same time giving comfort and hard wear.

Should you care to carry out your own adjustments to your bicycle, unless you are certain of what to do, attempt little without "Cycling Manual" handy. Costing one shilling from your nearest newsagent, its 170 pages are packed with cycling information which will help you to keep your machine in the best running order.

WEMBLEY SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

From midnight, May 28th to June 3rd the Wembley Sports Arena is to be the scene of some of the most varied and exciting cycle racing any reader could witness. The Six Day Cycle Race is within easy reach of Watling residents again! I have already booked my seat for the final day. Last year I heard the finish "on the air" at Salisbury—this year I am going to see it! How about you?

B. D.

MOTOR CYCLING

Readers of the *Watling Resident* will no doubt be interested to know that Rex Judd, our regular advertiser, has entered three riders in the Isle of Man T.T. this year. The riders are: W. H. S. Pike, R. H. Pike and S. Wood, each of whom is mounted on a 249 c.c. Rudge for the Lightweight Race. We wish entrant and riders every success, and will make a point of glancing in Rex Judd's window when T.T. time comes round to see latest news of their progress.

D.

GOOD BOOK

"THEY THAT SOW," by Stephen Ronley.

The author has made a study of the Anglo-Jewish problem, already having earned fame in 1935 with his novel—"Waters of Babylon."

The story concerns a German-born Jew living in England, married to an English wife at the outbreak of the Great War. On such a situation the author has based a powerful and intensely human story that pleads not only for the abolition of war and all its hideousness, but for an end to the torment inflicted on Jews.

For it is the war that crashes Simon Freiberg's world and all that is dear to him. Many readers will appreciate the author's caricature of misplaced patriotism and the great harm it does.

C. Y. T.

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Well, here we are in summer. I don't know what the weather will be like when you read this, but as I write, it is raining and does not seem a bit like summer at all. Still, whatever the weather, do not let it stop you from regular riding, providing one has a good cape, cycling can be just as enjoyable in the rain as in hot sunshine.

Now, about the events of the past month. Did you come to the Cyclists' Meeting on May 11th? If you did not you missed a really enjoyable evening. Local clubdom rallied to the meeting enthusiastically enough, but I must say that the number of unorganised cyclists present was very disappointing. Mr. Holdsworth and Mrs. Dovey made really interesting speeches and some of "Billie's" experiences made humorous and enjoyable hearing.

I am writing this at the beginning of Clarion Bicycle Week, so that I am unable to say how it went off, but I do know that the Invitation Run on May 14th was a success, bringing many new faces into our ranks. Also "Boost," the magazine issued free to every member to celebrate the week has been enthusiastically received.

Now for the future, which is more interesting than the past. This will be in print before Whitsun, so I will just say that the club is touring the Berkshire Downs during the holiday, whilst other members will be at L.U. camp at Wisley, and touring in different parts on their own.

Then, on June 4th, in support of Mr. J. E. Holdsworth's Good Fellowship Week, we are organising under very capable leadership a special run to Cholesbury, in Bucks; an easy ride in which every cyclist, no matter what his or her experience, or how they dress or what machine they ride, are WELCOME, with no obligation to join a club. All that we wish to do is to show what pleasures you can obtain from cycling in the countryside around here. The meeting place for this ride will be outside the Co-op Stores at junction of Stag Lane and Burnt Oak Broadway at 9.30 a.m. Participants should bring their own lunch. A halt will be called in the morning for clevenesses at the Stag Farm, Flaunden (approximate cost 6d), and tea will be at Chalfont St. Giles (cost 1/2). Arrival back to starting place will be about 9 p.m. Now come along, you cyclists, show England what this district can do; turn out in your hundreds.

Later in the month it is expected that we will take part in Watling Week, as we did last year.

Club runs will carry on throughout the month as usual, meeting place for same being the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, at 9 a.m. on Sundays and 8 a.m. on Tuesdays.

If you want more particulars of the club, get in touch with either the Associate Membership Sec., Mr. S. Bennett, 72, Cressington Road, Burnt Oak, or the Gen. Sec., Mr. W. G. Glendenning, 23, Brickburn Gardens, Edgware. Let us hear from you.

Cheerio.

VIC. C. BOTTERILL,
Hon. Press & Publicity Sec.

BALD FAGED STAGE?

THE WATLING RESIDENT

The Journal of the Watling Association

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

A Super Centre

Negotiations to build a £1,000,000 centre at the Crystal Palace where the youth of the Empire and the world may meet, are going on favourably. This Youth City will be equipped with a theatre, library and common rooms in a central building, with separate dormitory blocks. Compared to this, the enlarging of the Watling Centre seems quite modest, nevertheless our requirements are urgent and constitute an important factor in the health and well-being of the people of Watling.

Say Ninety-Nine

Having had occasion to visit the dentist, I was interested to see the number of up-to-date magazines provided in the waiting room. This pleasant room, with its easy chairs, was a distinct improvement on the waiting room of my panel doctor, where the bare walls and stiff chairs call to mind the "depression from Iceland," and if you wish to read, you will find some out-of-date numbers of "Meg's Weekly." Bright and cheerful surroundings have a psychological effect in helping us to get well, so if we must have that aching tooth out or our tonsils painted, the doctors and dentists can make it a little easier by trying to put us in the right mood beforehand.

They're Off!

Visiting my barber on the Watling Estate the other day, the weather being rather warm, I remarked that I would like to be by the sea. Not so our tonsorial friend. He would spend his summer holidays visiting the different race-courses. That, he said, was his passion.

There is no accounting for taste. !

What's in a Name

A better title than "Dole Street" might have been chosen for the new school on the Council Estate at Mill Hill, and it is no wonder that parents of children attending the school protested. The name of the school will in future be Dollis School.

More Houses

During the past twenty years nearly four million new dwellings have been erected in England and Wales, yet there is still a shortage.

Raffles

We've got a Carnival Queen, but who is the Raffle King? We should say Mr. Lord. With that enticing smile of his, you have simply got to buy a ticket.

Homes for the Aged

Bexley Council are considering a scheme for providing bungalows and flats for Old Age pensioners at a rent of 5s. per week.

The Goat

There were three decorated milk floats in the Watling Carnival Procession, but the goat, led by a handsome (?) Spaniard, was unadorned. Apparently goat's milk, being so nutritious, needs no advertisement.

Acting Plays

The Watling Guild of Players would be glad to welcome new members. Now is the time to join, when the plays for next winter are being decided. Enquiries should be made at the Centre as soon as possible.

Affiliated Bodies

The Cabaret and Dance arranged by the Affiliated Bodies at the opening of Watling Week soon got a "full house," and many people had, unfortunately, to be turned away. The splendid support given to this show started the Week's activities on an optimistic note, and up to the time of writing, the success of Watling is assured.

Patience

One of the chief qualities an organising secretary must possess is patience. Anyone familiar with the working of the office at the Centre cannot but admire Mr. Harris for having his fair share of this virtue. In the midst of counting money and checking figures, there is a steady stream of workers and other members in and out of the office, especially during an active time like Watling Week, that we wonder how our O.S. gets his sums right. Some people, after a couple of days of this work, would be tearing their hair.

Golf Match

As a friendly gesture, the Mayor of Hendon issued a challenge to the Mayor of Finchley to provide a Corporation team for a Golf Match at Oxhey. The Mayor put up a cup for competition and extended the invitation to non-players to visit the course.

Running Track

Plans and estimates for a Running Track in Montrose Playing Fields have been approved. Application has been made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to the borrowing of £1,375 for the construction of the track.

Brent Hill Council Houses

Application for a subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provision) Act has been made for the purposes of building 120 houses under the Brent Hill Housing Scheme. 90 houses will be of the 2-bedroom type and 30 of the 3-bedroom type.

More Trenches

A letter has been received from the Middlesex County Council transmitting a copy of a letter from the Home Office (A.R.P. Department) stating that in due course supplies of the householder's steel shelter and of the appliances for strutting private basements would be supplied to the Borough. The letter further stated that communal shelters should, in the Lord Privy Seal's view, be provided as far as possible by the use, with adaptation where necessary, of basements, cellars, etc. The Lord Privy Seal appreciated, however, that in an area such as Hendon basements, cellars, etc., may be few and some further trench construction may be necessary. He accordingly agreed to the construction of such further trenches as may be necessary after basements have been exhaustively surveyed, in a scheme of communal shelters to cater for 10 per cent. of the population of the Borough.

Suggestions

Did you know that there is a box in the office for suggestions and complaints? Have you ever made a contribution?

Thanks

Mr. Boyer asks us to express his sincere thanks to all those who helped with the P.D.S.A. flag day on June 13th.

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ANOTHER OUTING

Having had many requests from members, I have decided to run another outing to Southend, having in mind also that the last, which took place last year, was a great success. I was assured by everybody that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Therefore I would like to impress upon those members who are anticipating joining the great crowd of merry-makers, to hand in their names as soon as possible to Mr. Judd or myself, so as to make sure of their booking. You will also notice that I have allowed you plenty of time in which to pay, so I sincerely ask you to apply as early as possible to save being disappointed. The cost of this outing is adults 6s., children (under "14 years of age") 3s. 6d., which includes the following: coach there and back, meat tea, all tips, illuminations, and altogether 10 hours in Southend. Thanking you all again for your past support.

Owing to the great success of our last two family socials, the Social Committee has decided to hold another. The date being July 21st, at 8 o'clock. Again the Harmelodians (the band that is different) will be in attendance. Plenty of fun, laughter and cheer and refreshments, including "with no Beer." Come along, see for yourselves what you get for 6d., children 3d. The one and only lady M.C.? Mrs. Nyberg.

The new Amateur Variety Company is now in full swing. If there is anyone who would like to join this great company, see Mr. Howard. Rehearsals every Thursday at 8.30.

Every member will be pleased to hear that Mr. Judd has been elected Assistant Social Secretary, so I know that you will all join in with me in wishing him the best of luck.

C. DEACON, Social Secretary.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

July, 1939

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 2 The Fatherhood of God. Mr. F. H. Lake.
 9 The Worth of Man. Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg.
 16 A Man's Faith. Mr. Williams.
 23 My Favourite Poem. Various Members.
 30 Our Responsibility for Refugees.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
 Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** —Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
 P.T. for Girls 12-16 at Woodcroft School, 7.30 p.m.
 Dance, 8 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
 P.T. for Girls over 16 at Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 5 Business Meeting.
 12 Outing.
 19 Physical Fitness. Miss Maclellan.
 26 The County Council. Mrs. Suggate.
 Women's Discussion Group, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veteran's Club, 3 p.m.
 Watling Association Amateur Variety Company, 8.30 p.m.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball, at Woodcroft School, 3 p.m.
 Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday** 2 Fellowship Meeting. "William Penn, Statesman and Saint." Mr. W. Waterfall. 8 p.m.
- Monday** 3 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
 Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.
- Thursday** 6 Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.

- Friday** 7 Gay Girlies' Concert, 8 p.m.
- Sunday** 9 Cricket Club Social, 8 p.m.
- Friday** 14 Young Watlers' Concert, 7.30 p.m.
- Monday** 17 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
 Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.
- Thursday** 20 Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
- Friday** 21 Special Social, 8 p.m.
- Thursday** 27 Watling Association Council, 8 p.m.
- Friday** 28 Helpers' Social, 8.30 p.m.

What the Borough Council is Doing

Tenders have been received for the construction of the Watling Park Bandstand.

The Middlesex Local Education Authority are considering details of the estimated cost of £19,082 for the proposed extension of the Watling Centre, together with information with regard to a suggested modification of the original plans thereof.

The Education Committee have been urged to provide adequate Air Raid Shelters at Goldbeaters School and to improve the exits from that school, particularly with regard to the Infants' Dept., and whether it would be possible to replace the existing drinking fountains by up-to-date types of fountain.

Consideration was also given regarding the proposal for the supply of milk to elementary school children during the mid-summer holidays. After discussion the Sub-Committee pointed out certain fundamental difficulties and are reluctantly of the opinion that the scheme is not a practical proposition.

The Highways Committee received a deputation on behalf of the Hendon Chamber of Commerce regarding street trading in Watling Avenue. The deputation stated that in the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce, street trading was wrong in principle, as it was unfair (particularly with the present depression of trade) and in direct competition with the shop-keepers, who have to pay rates, etc. It was urged by the deputation that street trading in Watling Avenue would add seriously to the congestion of this thoroughfare, and that if street trading is to be permitted in the neighbourhood, such trading should be carried on in the side streets leading out of Watling Avenue.

The Committee also considered a petition submitted by the Watling Street Traders' Association and signed by 39 shop-keepers in Watling Avenue in favour of the proposal to grant a limited number of street trading licences to local persons in Watling Avenue.

It is proposed to erect a hut for storage shelter for the use of players using the bowling green in Watling Park.

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6 Park Way, Burnt Oak



Leaders of the Blind

Interest in the work of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association seems to be gathering force, judging by the letters that reach the office at 58 Mark Lane, London, E.C.3. It should be explained that the administrative duties are there undertaken by the Tail-Waggers' Club. One of the greatest difficulties, now as in the past, is that of finding suitable dogs. One would have thought that any number could have been obtained either as gifts or for small sums, but the training school at Wallasey is not yet running to full capacity, so many dogs having to be rejected because they fail in temperament. Bold, sensible animals are wanted that will not be over-protective, that would not attempt to bite anyone who went to speak to their master.

I am glad to announce that the railway companies have at last promised to treat the blind generously by carrying their dogs without charge when they are travelling with them. That is a concession that will be much appreciated. If any of my readers have muzzles or chains to spare Colonel Battye would be glad to have them. He has uses for them in sending dogs to Wallasey that he has collected.

Captain Liakhoff, the head instructor at Wallasey, has made some observations upon the class of people who may with advantage be granted the privilege of receiving a guide dog. Clearly it is not everyone who could be trusted with such a responsibility. The experience gained at Wallasey must be extensive, as blind people have to go there for a period of training with a dog before they are allowed to take it away. Captain Liakhoff considers that women over 50 years of age have little chance of passing the training test, not finding it easy to adapt themselves to an entirely new method of walking and to using a different point of orientation. That point with a person without a dog is the wall, whereas with a dog they must make it the kerb.

The average age of a man capable of passing the test is higher, and those over fifty can be accepted safely if they fulfil the other conditions. Candidates for a dog must not have any difficulty in walking quickly. Most of those who receive one of these guides are delighted with the freedom with which they can move about. The trainer has to ascertain if the candidate has a good balance, has also a sense of orientation, and he should know the district in which the dog will be used. It should further be understood that before a dog is passed over to a sightless person enquiries are made about the conditions under which it will have to live.

A few weeks ago I mentioned that Miss Chater, who for the present is staying in Brussels, had sent in 100

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In the Park

The flower beds in Watling Park must give pleasure to many people besides inspiring amateur gardeners to try out similar schemes or lay-outs in their own humble patches. The entrance to the Park, at the bottom of Orange Hill Road, is particularly pleasing to the eye. The pergola covered profusely with different coloured wistaria is worth seeing, and must call forth praise from all flower lovers. Watling Park is perhaps a comparatively small park, but if quality counts for anything in the way of landscape gardening, we have something to be proud of.

Besides the beauty of the flowers and shrubs, there are amusements and interests to suit all tastes—the kiddies are well provided for in the way of swings, etc. Football, Cricket and Tennis have their place; Bands provide us with music and the new Bowling Green seems to be attracting many enthusiasts. What we want now to finish off a good job is a Swimming Bath. Space could be found for this very valuable incentive to health and fitness, and it would be greatly appreciated and patronised by all sections of the Estate.

Britain badly needs more swimming pools. There are fifty large towns in which there is not one swimming bath. This is a shocking state of affairs and it should be remedied. The King George's Jubilee Trust Fund have completed a three-year plan for giving £100,000 a year to youth organisations, and the provision of swim pools should be one of the chief considerations.

A Square Deal

The holidays with pay movement is a great innovation, although long overdue. All people who work for their living are entitled to holidays with pay, but even if they get full pay for their holidays, they have got to screw and scrape to be able to afford a few days at the seaside. The directors, shareholders, and sleeping partners of the Railway Companies have overcome this difficulty. They have put the fares up, so that now they will be able to go for a nice long cruise in the Mediterranean.

Pity the people who have taken houses in the suburbs. Having been lured miles out, they have balanced their budgets to a nicety. Perhaps leaving a small margin to go to the Pictures once a week. Then up go the railway fares, and bang goes the trip to the Pictures.

The Railway Companies want a square deal, and seem determined to get it—at your expense.

TAIL-WAGGER CHATS—continued from page 4.

Tail-Wagger recruits in one morning. She has supplemented that number by another hundred, obtained, I believe, in Belgium. Needless to say, her enthusiasm is much appreciated, and we are delighted to think that so many foreigners have been persuaded to take an interest in the movement.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

June 13, 1939.

On behalf of the *Resident* Committee, may I, through the medium of this journal, express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you for producing the June "Watling Week" issue of the *Resident*, although you were ill and had to take to your bed. We wish you a speedy recovery, and say, "Well done."

Yours sincerely,

E. E. COLE,

Secretary, "Resident" Committee.

BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS.

Dear Mr. Lake,

June 15, 1939.

I notice that in the current issue of the *Resident* you have a paragraph dealing with a Community Centre scheme on the Town Hill Housing Estate, Swansea, in which you mention that the scheme is to cost £1,700.

I hope you will forgive me pointing it out to you, but I think this scheme is going to cost £17,000. If I am wrong, I would be very grateful indeed to discover how such a very embracive list of amenities, as outlined in your paragraph, could be put across for such a small figure as £1,700.

I hope you do not mind me writing and pointing this out to you. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you very cordially for letting me have your magazine each month, and which I read with great interest.

ARTHUR S. DAVIES,

Organising Secretary.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30:—

July 2—Mr. R. SCAMMELL.

„ 9—Mr. J. W. LAING.

„ 16—Dr. A. G. HOUNSLOW.

„ 18—Mr. J. W. ASHBY.

„ 30—Dr. JULYAN HOYTE.

How's Your Poor Old Feet?

By LEO

Not only it is possible to tell people's character by the shape of their heads, but also by their feet. I once knew an old sailor who informed me that as a man came down the gangway of the ship he could tell who it was by the shape of the feet. Some of his shipmates were distinguishable by a corn or a bunion on their feet, or by the peculiar way in which they trod. I know of a cobbler who claims to be able to read the characters of his customers by the soles of their shoes. Just as there are phrenologists and palmists so, says our cobbler, there are pedologists, which is foot science, and he is often able to advise his customers on their strong points and weaknesses, and to help them in a tactful way.

WATCH YOUR STEP

Some people believe that our health depends a great deal on our shoes.

If you are depressed and your heart is in your boots it may not be because your heart is weak, or that you have indigestion. It may be because your boots don't fit properly. Women with corns and other foot trouble are probably paying the price of vanity. For every man or boy with a deformed foot there are fifteen women whose feet are abnormal. So it would seem that if you look after your feet your health will look after itself.

Badly fitting shoes cause a tremendous amount of headaches and nerve trouble. Vanity often prevents people buying their proper size.

African natives don't wear shoes and they never have corns or bunions. There is no need for us to walk about barefooted but with the present highly scientific method of making shoes, it is possible for us to get footwear which are the acme of comfort and neatness.

SLEEP TIGHT

When you go to bed with cold feet you can't sleep. Of course you can't. The blood is not circulating properly. Next time you are in bed and your feet are cold, try lying on the face for a little while. This is a very efficacious method of warming the feet as the blood is more free to circulate around your tootsies and soon you will be in bye-byes.

A FEED

From feet we come to food, which is always an interesting subject, especially in these days of abundance and malnutrition.

Doubtless most readers saw in the press a short time ago about the supper enjoyed by the Oxford and Cambridge crews after the boat race. The chief item in this feast—or the piece de resistance—as the novelists say was a "carpet bag." This is a piece of steak weighing about two pounds. It is slit longways and inside it are packed oysters. It is then grilled. If this was eaten by one man it would probably have fed a family on Watling.

VITAMINS

This is the daily diet of a child living in the South of England who is claimed to be the perfect child.

BREAKFAST.—After walking five miles to church and back, one thick slice of pineapple (6 oz.).

LUNCH.—Baked spinach and onion pie, with a very thin crust made of wholemeal flour, cheese and milk, about ten ounces in all.

TEA.—Two apples, one orange, two small tomatoes, in all about twelve ounces, including the skin of the orange. One small ice.

As a change from any one of these meals he may have salad and two ounces of raisins or eight dates; two apples and one ounce of sour milk; or a vegetable pie and one ounce of honey.

PORK CHOPS.—And here is the diet of a 14 months' old child of Rhode Island, U.S.A., who was chosen as the most perfect baby:

Here, according to his mother, is his typical daily diet: "Stewed fruit, cereal and milk for breakfast; mashed potatoes and pork chops, with two vegetables and cut-up fresh fruit for lunch; for supper he has whatever we have—a piece of steak possibly, potatoes and vegetable, or maybe spaghetti."

A DOG'S DINNER

This is the best diet to keep your dog fit, advocated by a Mayfair dog dietician.

Cooked mutton, biscuits, and powdered vegetables, liver biscuits and malt, mutton, biscuits and grated carrots, fish, biscuits and powdered vegetables.

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The Ideals of Community Associations and Relations with Local Authorities

Fourteen associations were represented at a conference on these subjects convened by the London Federation of Community Associations on Saturday, May 13th, with Captain G. P. Roberts in the chair.

We were fortunate in having Sir Wyndham Deedes to address us on the first subject. He was, as usual, stimulating, and helped us to think of our associations in a deeper and more careful way than we normally do. He said that the Community Association Movement had been full of life from the beginning, and besides this he saw five main characteristics which marked it.

1. It is democratic, developing a social democracy rather than a political one.
2. It is independent, not relying, at any rate heavily, on other bodies. Can this be maintained? Must a price be paid for it?
3. It is a natural movement, springing out of an actual existing situation, not introduced as a theoretical construction from outside.
4. It has variety and is not standardised, nor made to conform to preconceived ideas.
5. It has had to struggle and has gained strength from its struggles.

It isn't a good thing to dwell only on the virtues of a movement if one wants to see it progress, but we should also consider its defects in order that they may be remedied. Sir Wyndham suggested six points which we ought to consider, to see whether we are really developing as we wish.

1. Whom do we serve? What is our constituency? Does our Association represent the community at large or only a section of it?
2. Associations have not attracted the existing leaders of other organisations. Is this true, and if so, why?
3. Is our association directly representative even of that part of the community which has joined it, or do its leaders form a small clique?
4. Are associations co-operating as they should with others? Working as closely as they might with the local authorities? The policy of "ourselves alone" can be carried too far.
5. Associations have not given a sufficiently important place to the juvenile part of the population. In some places this is partly because of inadequate premises or finance, but it is a weakness.
6. While on the one hand many associations are "money-minded," always having to think of where the money is coming from, they are also sometimes careless of the value of money.

This is a crucial time for community associations. The nature of their relations with local authorities are of immense importance. In co-operation with them we have a definite contribution to bring. We are of the people, not regarded as foreign, the associations are

our own. This is a great asset and we would make this clear to the local authorities. This, the people's own Centre, is the thing to cherish.

Sir Wyndham concluded with a statement of belief in the value of the individual, and a diversity of organisations grouped round a local geographical centre. "We need institutions framed to the human scale."

In the discussion which followed a number of different points were made: Regret was expressed that we had to consider our relationship to local authorities and had not developed our own centres independent of outside sources. Some felt that the speaker had not recognised how representative a number of associations really are of the communities in which they function. It was hoped that the paid officials might be local leaders trained for the job rather than "academic gentlemen" brought in from outside. Even where an association is not representative of every individual in the community it may be representative of every interest, and that is equally important. The difficulty of catering for youth is to get the necessary accommodation and the leaders.

After tea, Mrs. N. Bentwick, chairman of the Higher Education Committee of the L.C.C., spoke on the relation between the local authority and the community association. She said she was shocked by the lack of knowledge among the workers for voluntary bodies of what the local authorities could do and the facilities it offered. It is the job of the voluntary body, whether a community association, women's guild, adult school, or anything else, to exploit the local authority as far as it can, to push new ideas on it, not to leave the authority to do all the development of new ideas.

There is a popular misconception that local authorities are rigid and inflexible, whereas as a matter of fact the L.C.C. is one of the most flexible organisations as regards education. Co-operation with it does not hamper you, but brings out opportunities for individual expression and experiment. The new vocational evening institutes vary greatly and work in many different ways. Many are, in effect, community centres, and are doing the kind of things out of which a community association should grow.

When it comes to aiding associations financially, there is as much flexibility as in other departments. The L.C.C. can erect, equip and maintain a centre, or it can give a block grant for the warden's salary and for educational expenses, or it can give a block grant for educational purposes only, or it can just supply particular classes, but the block grant is much more satisfactory as it gives unity of control. If these categories do not cover and particular case, it has only to be put up to be considered.

One great question is, "at what stage is one going to put up a centre to serve a community association?" Is the centre to come before the association or arise from the demand of an association? The latter seems the right line, but to get a community association you need a social consciousness which is what you lack in the early stages of a new estate. How are you to meet this dilemma? Mrs. Bentwick's suggestion was that you build an evening institute, let people get used to coming to that, and then as social consciousness develops, let the community association develop, the evening institute gradually fade out, and the associa-

tion take charge. Another suggestion put forward in discussion was that directly there are a hundred or so families in the neighbourhood, there should be provided some small hall, with kitchen attached, in which people may meet again to form their organisations and which, as the demand for more accommodation grows and the community association takes form and wins strength, can be added to to make the complete community centre. The essential thing is that that be planned for from the beginning.

Mrs. Bentwick felt that they were working rather in the dark at County Hall. They did not quite know what size a community should be to have a centre, or how big the centre should be for a community. No one had ever shewn the an ideal centre.

In the discussion it was stressed that the association should be in existence before a complete centre is built; that the "course" system, compelling a student at an evening institute to take three, or sometimes four, subjects was a hindrance both to young people and to community associations; that people would like to know more about what the L.C.C. is doing; that the lack of an ideal centre to show was largely a matter of lack of funds to build one.

Those who attended the conference certainly went away with a good deal to think about. The friendly criticism of Sir Wyndham was a very great help, and his exposition of our ideals gave us new enthusiasm for hard work, while Mrs. Bentwick helped some of us to see practical methods of making progress. The cordial thanks of all present were offered to both speakers and to the chairman.

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BALD FAGED STAGE?

Sapphires and Diamonds

By F. H. LAKE

CHAPTER IV.

BETTY, DETECTIVE.

Mr. Lister and his wife hastened out of the house, followed by Betty. Cannonball, sensing something exciting, chased after Betty. They had no idea where the thief had gone, but they made for the High Road. Traffic was rather heavy and people thronged the streets, some shopping, some walking aimlessly, some trying to hurry. "Not much chance of seeing him in this crowd," observed Mrs. Lister, "he has got away by now. Hello! Here is Betty and Cannonball." Betty arrived somewhat breathlessly. "Have you caught him?" she enquired. "No," answered her mother, disappointedly, "I am afraid we shall have to give it up." Mr. Lister was gazing at an approaching bus. "That looks like him over there—waiting for a bus—yes, it is him! Come on!" As they reached the bus, it was about to move off. The man had gone on top. Betty and Cannonball scrambled on. The conductor called "Full up!" and rang the bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lister were left on the kerb, waving. "Hi! Stop!" shouted Mr. Lister, but the bus went on with gathering speed. Betty sat down and Cannonball disappeared under the seat. The bus had travelled some distance before she fully realised her position. Her mother and father had been left behind and she had no money. Somewhere on top of the bus was the man in the raincoat.

"Fares, please," called the conductor. "Whose dog's that?" Betty picked up Cannonball. "It's my dog," she said. "I got on the bus by mistake, and I've got no money." The conductor looked at her, then at the dog. "Well, I am sorry. I can't take you for a joy ride, missie." He rang the bell. "You'll have to get off here—and there is a nice walk back for you." The bus pulled into the pavement and Betty got off. Someone else got off. It was the man in the raincoat. Not noticing Betty, he strode off. Betty waited a little while and then followed. She had difficulty in keeping him in sight, as he walked quickly.

When he reached a corner he stopped to light a cigarette, and Betty, keeping close to the wall, was able to draw nearer to him. The man stood smoking for some moments. He took something from his pocket. Something which flashed in the sunshine. Betty recognised the bracelet. The man looked slowly about him and then casually walked up a side turning. Increasing her pace, Betty reached the corner, where she stood hesitating. What should she do now? What could she do? She was helpless against the man, yet some instinct seemed to urge her to keep him in sight. Calling Cannonball, who was sniffing a bone in the gutter, she turned down the street, but the man was nowhere to be seen. Betty stopped and looked about her, but there was no sign of the man; in fact the street was deserted. She turned, and was about to retrace her steps when someone gripped her arm from behind. "What are you following me for," a gruff voice demanded. Betty turned round. It was the man in the raincoat.

(To be continued.)

MOGGIES

DEAR MOGGIES,

It is with deep regret that I write this, my last letter to you all, but I do hope you will soon get somebody that is nice and that you will all be very happy.

It was very encouraging to know that everybody that went in for the J.O.C. Sports came in the final. Bravo to Edith Pow for winning a silver medal, and to Cynthia Theobald, a certificate. The Moggies' lorry seemed to be a great favourite in the Carnival, and it was a big surprise when the Mayor said we came first. Another 10s. towards our outing!

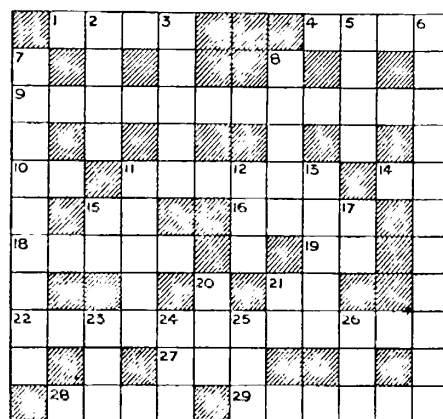
The netball girls have done very well indeed this year, but next you *must* be top of the League. I am sorry I won't be able to take all the Moggies to Southend. It will have to be those who have been the most regular.

Good-bye all.

Yours lovingly,
BEATRICE LORD.

Cross-Word Puzzle

PRIZES: Two half-crowns for the first two all-correct solutions opened.



Across.

Down.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Marsh Lands. | 2. Biblical Garden. |
| 4. Slack. | 3. Platform. |
| 9. Making ready for. | 5. Metal. |
| 10. Expression of doubt. | 6. Added after letter—P.S. |
| 11. Harsh. | 7. Those who look on the bright side. |
| 14. Officer Commanding. | 8. Fixed look. |
| 15. There. | 11. Inactive. |
| 16. Fit and healthy. | 12. Sheep. |
| 18. Country of British Empire. | 13. Girl's Name. |
| 19. Thus. | 15. Anno Domini. |
| 21. On Ivory (initials). | 17. Behold. |
| 22. King Richard was called this (three words). | 20. Animal. |
| 27. Period of Time. | 21. Exclamation of pain. |
| 28. Map out. | 23. Fish. |
| 29. Evaded. | 24. Boy's name. |
| | 25. Need (cut short). |
| | 26. Also. |

SWIMMING CLUB

WANTED.—A Secretary for the above Club. Anyone interested please enquire at the Watling Centre.

LADIES' PAGE

Growing Knowledge about Health

Early in the year, at the Town Hall of Crewe, in Cheshire, before an audience of more than 500 people, was held a meeting, which may prove a landmark in the health of this country. At this meeting, presided over by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, a Committee of 31 panel doctors presented their report on the working of the National Health Insurance Act, now just 25 years old. These doctors were able to report that people are now living longer than they did 25 years ago, but they also say that sickness has increased rather than decreased, and that the National Health Insurance Act has not achieved its purpose of "the prevention and cure of disease." This committee of 31 doctors say: "We feel the fact should be faced. Our daily work brings us repeatedly to the same point: 'this illness results from a life-time of wrong nutrition!' After a survey of some of the basic illnesses of the population, such as bad teeth, rickets, anæmia and constipation—all due, they believe, to faulty nutrition—they continue, 'but it seems to us that the master key which admits to the practical application of this knowledge as a whole has been supplied by Sir Robert McCarrison. . .

"His experiments afford convincing proof of the effects of food and guidance in the application of the knowledge acquired."

Sir Robert's own words are: "Good or bad physique, as the case might be, was therefore due to good or bad diet, all other things being equal. Further, the best diet was one used by certain hardy, agile, vigorous and healthy races of Northern India (the Hunza, Sikh and Pathan).

It was composed of freshly ground whole wheat flour, made into cakes of unleavened bread, milk and the products of milk (butter, curds, buttermilk), pulses (peas, beans, lentils), fresh green leaf vegetables, root vegetables (potatoes, carrots) and fruit, with meat occasionally."

These 31 Cheshire doctors go on to say also that they believe that we must also look to *the way* the food of the people is grown, if our nation is to be restored to its natural health. That is, that some way must be devised whereby the waste products of plants and animals, and even man, can be returned to the soil, so that it is enriched and restored continually for the production of a better quality of food for the people. They close their medical testament with these striking sentences. "For nutrition and the quality of food are the paramount factors in fitness. No health campaign can succeed unless the materials of which the bodies are built are sound. At present they are not.

"Probably half our work is wasted since our patients are so fed from the cradle, indeed before the cradle, that they are certain contributions to a C3 nation. . . .

"We cannot do more than point to the means of health. Their production is not our function. We are called upon to cure sickness. We conceive it to be our duty in the present state of knowledge to point out that much, perhaps most of this sickness, is preventable and would be prevented by the right feeding of our people."

Moral—Summer is here. Enjoy her abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables while it lasts. Throw away your tin opener for the time being and have as little out of tins as possible.

Yours for better health,

SUSAN SAVOURY.

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Retrospect

By H.G.R.

WHAT IS THIS WATLING ASSOCIATION.

Whit-Monday, 1939! It seems incredible that on Whit-Monday 11 years ago the first Fête and Gala was promoted by the Watling Residents' Association.

It is even more incredible that in the Autumn of 1927 the first Association of Watling was born; but that is true.

A rather inconsiderate, boorish letter writer, signing himself "Adsum," wrote in October, 1927, complaining of the nearness of the London County Council Estate, and of the type of people living thereon; of the spoliation of the countryside, and most important, of the lessening value of his and other property. Thus we had quite early on the antagonism of the older inhabitants of the district. A few stalwarts living in or around Gloucester Grove met in one of the houses and agreed to send a reply to "Adsum," and that reply was duly published in the *Hendon & Finchley Times*. It was considered that other attacks might come from different sources, and as a result of several further meetings held in local houses and finally in the study at the Vicarage attached to St. Alphage Church—kindly lent by the Vicar, at that time the Rev. C. de R. Copinger—it was decided that a meeting of Residents on the Estate should be convened to discuss the formation of a Tenants' League or Association, its objects being to safeguard and promote the interests of all the tenants on the Estate.

Now the people of Watling had been transferred either willingly or by force of circumstances into a strange land, and the very fact of living here had required sacrifices. Sacrifices of energy, friendships, money and time. Not the least of these was the sacrifice of friendships, and when we had a person who should have been really neighbourly complaining of us, the call to a meeting had the effect of filling the small hall then available to overcrowding.

The Watling Residents' Association was therefore publicly founded in January, 1928. The residents attending that memorable meeting willingly took this Association unto themselves and fiercely challenged the movers of its name, because in their opinion it did not have a sufficiently definite fighting title. In fact, the question of its actual name was left until a later meeting, held at a larger hall. The name and objects of the Association were chosen as follows:—

- (1) That the Association be known as the "Watling Residents' Association."
- (2) That its objects be:—
 - (a) Promotion of the interests of the residents on the Estate, and
 - (b) For their well-being in such social and other activities as may be found necessary.

This, then, was Watling's reply to "Adsum" and any of his kind, who felt that to set in their beautiful Mill Hill or Hendon such a colony of "slum-dwellers" was an outrage to any decent civilisation. *(To be continued.)*

MRS. BILLIE DOVEY 'ON THE AIR'

Readers who tune in at 8.15 in the morning will hear the popular Rudge "Keep Fit" girl in a 15-minute programme from Radio Luxembourg on July 24th, and again from Radio Normandy on August 9th. Her cycling articles are a feature of every issue of the *Resident*.

WATLING WEEK

Watling Week was first celebrated in August, 1929, under the title of the Watling Tenants' Association. In 1930 the name was changed to the Watling Association, which name, of course, it still retains.

Previous organisers of Watling Week: 1929, Mr. Rowley; 1930, Mr. Geo. Repath; 1931, Councillor Pinkney; 1932, Mr. J. Radley; 1933, Mr. Rowley; 1934-35, Mr. B. Littler; 1936-37-38, Mr. Sewell-Harris; 1939, Mr. Cole.

Residents, friends and traders have always responded generously in the past to make Watling Week successful, and the funds collected have been a good source of revenue to the Association. Much good work has been done on the Estate. The Centre has been a meeting house for members and friends, and many new residents have found the Centre a happy medium for finding new friends and interests. The Centre is the heart of Watling. Help to keep it beating. A report on Watling Week and acknowledgments will be given in the August issue of the *Resident*.

POULTRY

A Poultry Club was started at the Watling Centre last month. Its first public meeting is to be held at the Centre on Tuesday, July 18th, at 8 p.m., when Mr. P. H. Bayliss, the well-known contributor to *Poultry*, will speak on "Poultry for Pleasure and Profit." All interested are invited to attend, whether they mean to join the Club or not.

OUR JUVENILE ORGANISER

As will be seen from the children's page, Mrs. Lord is giving up her work as Juvenile Organiser for the Association. Many, both children and parents, will miss her very much and we feel sure we are fulfilling the general desire by thanking her very much for all that she has done for the children while she has held this office.

WATLING HORTICULTURAL AND ALLOTTEES' SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW

The first Show of 1939 will be held at Barnfield Road School on Saturday, July 15th. These Shows are adjudged to be the best in Middlesex and will well repay a visit. There are 80 Classes for Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Domestic Economy and Children's Classes. Admission is free to members of the Society, whilst non-members will be able to spend a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable afternoon at the cost of threepence.

His Worship the Mayor of Hendon, accompanied by the Mayoress, has kindly consented to open the Show at 3 p.m., and County Councillor Mrs. Grey Skinner has kindly undertaken to present the Cups and Prizes at 6.30 p.m.

It is safe to say that those who have not previously visited these Shows will be surprised and delighted with the exhibits, and it is to be hoped that as many as possible will take advantage of the opportunity of seeing what can be raised in our local gardens. Refreshments will be obtainable at popular prices.

The membership of the Society, which was formed in 1929, is now well over 900, and anyone interested in horticulture or the Shows should communicate with the Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Allen, 144, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware.

Up the Garden

By Mr. Meddlesum

Good afternoon,

This is the weather to prune your toe-nails. I was at the Battersea Flower Show the other day and I was struck very much by a pot of pink Laryngitis. They looked very effective, surrounded by a border of white Convulsions. The effect is obnoxious. You might try some of these.

A lady want to know if she can grow palm trees in her back garden. She once had a date with an Egyptian, and she thinks that a waving palm in her back yard would revive memories. Palms can be grown easily enough. They can be raised from seed, or you can buy young plants from any day nursery. The loam (not soil) should be dug deep and plants trodden in. They can be planted straight or slanting, so that the effect is like the leaning tower of Pisa. When the dates appear, you can, with a little practice, skim up the tree, just like the natives. A camel reposing nearby would have an enchanting effect.

One or two listeners want to know how to grow the common peanut, or the *nuttus monki*. Yes, these can be reared by the ordinary amateur. Dig out a bed two spits to a depth of three feet, or you can dig two feet and have three spits—it's all the same to me. Then fill up the bed with old tins, wire, wood, old boots, discarded inter ovens and old newspapers. Cover the compost with ashes and your bed is made. The plants like plenty of room, so put the seeds two feet apart. As soon as you have done this, cover the seeds with an up-turned flower pot. This not only protects them from the birds, but it will probably stifle the seeds, which is a good thing, anyway. I've got a letter here from a listener who is rather anxious to grow wrinkle bushes. I'll read the letter. *Dear Mr. Meddlesum, I am very fond of wrinkles and I like them for my Sunday tea sometimes the wrinkle man is late and sometimes he don't come at all and I don't get no wrinkles I thought it would be a good idea if I could grow my own what would you do Mr. — sorry Mr. Meddlesum.*

H'm, yes, I think it would be an easy matter to grow wrinkles on Watling. Choose a South wall—if not, a North wall will do, with clay soil, then dig it up—the soil, not the wall. The clay should go to a depth of at least two feet. If you haven't enough clay, any Watling gardener will supply you with a ship load carriage paid. Having worked the clay to a fine tilth, plant the wrinkle seeds, which have been previously soaked over night in an empty — milk bottle. In a few months time, that is if you planted the seeds the right way up, the tender buds will appear near the base of the stock. When the wrinkles are ripe, pick, and bottle in salt water—and I hope they poison you. Keep a sharp look out for glow worms, and remember that lettuce and a nice tender-hearted cabbage are the best things for slugs. Keep the hoe going. If in doubt—hoe it up. In fact hoe it all up—it will save you a lot of trouble.

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BURNT OAK MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The Quarterly Business Meeting of the B.O.M.A.S. was held at the Watling Centre on Sunday, June 25th, when the work of the last quarter was reviewed in general.

Mr. Griffin and Mr. Lord were re-elected as the Schools' representatives on the Inter-School Committee. Mr. Balmбра could not see his way to stand again, and in his place Mr. Lock was elected as the School's third representative. Mr. Balmбра, in declining to stand for re-election, said that reluctant as he was to do so, he felt he must express his great regret and displeasure at the lack of support accorded to the Committee by the three schools. He deplored, in particular, the scant attendance at the Inter-School Annual Rally. The Committee had invited a notable speaker and an excellent singer, yet the audience they faced was a meagre one. Had it not been for the outsiders, the Rally would have been a complete failure. When it is remembered that the three schools can muster over a hundred members, the lack of support was a grave reflection on the schools.

The Arts and Crafts Exhibition, run by the schools in conjunction with the Watling Association, also deserved greater support than it had had. Here again the fault lay not in the exhibits entered (some members of the schools and of the Association contributed magnificently with their exhibits), but in the poor attendance to the exhibition. Even when the Mayor of Hendon performed the opening ceremony the attendance was not good.

The socials and dances arranged by the Inter-School Committee were also not as well supported as they might have been. The school was reminded that the running of socials and dances was not the main function of the Inter-School Committee. They were a means to an end. The means of obtaining the wherewithal for activities of greater importance.

It was agreed, as usual, that the school should not meet during August. The last morning meeting will be held on July 30th and on Sunday, September 10th, the school will commence its meeting in the evenings at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. Sewell Harris, the Programme Secretary, was thanked for his hard work, and the school went on to discuss the Autumn programme. With so many choice plums in the Handbook the task was not easy. Here are some of the subjects, and it will be seen that they promise to be both interesting and profitable:—

1. The Wheel of Life.
2. Destruction and Protection.
3. In Garden, Field and Woodland.
4. Which Way to Peace.
5. Electricity and Daily Life.
6. Speed.
7. Volcanoes and Earthquake.
8. A Charter of Social Justice.
9. The Break-up of the Turkish Empire.
10. Iraq and Palestine.

Before closing, the question of appointing someone to visit sick members was raised. It was felt that there should be a school representative to visit those who were ill and to say a few cheery words to them. Mr. Lake has taken on this important work.

Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB (HENDON SECTION)

The "Bicycle Week" was a great success, quite a number of new members being made.

The next week-end, being Whitsun, most members were away touring, the main party being on the "Club Tour" to the Berkshire Downs. Starting Saturday afternoon, the Club made for Pangbourne, where a night's rest was obtained. Starting early Sunday, the tour continued via the Ridgeway, which is an ancient Roman highway, to the top of the White Horse Hill. Turning away from the Downs the Club made for the Vale of the White Horse and Farringdon, where the night was spent. On the Monday a leisurely ride home was made through Wantage and Wallingford. Everyone enjoyed themselves, saying that the ride was worth it, if only for the marvellous views obtained. The weather was grand and all looked very sunburnt on their return.

The following week two members took a "Conducted Cycle Ride" to Cholesbury, in conjunction with J. E. Holdsworth's (National Organiser for Cycling) Good Fellowship Week. Although the number who turned out was small, all expressed their enjoyment, and some came on the Club run the following Sunday.

Whilst on the subject of the "Conducted Ride," if anyone who missed that run would like to try a similar, they should get in touch with me through the Secretary or Associate Secretary, when I should be pleased to take them out. I don't care if you ride a "Penny Farthing" or a "Super Club" machine, for as long as I can show you what you are missing, I shall be satisfied. Believe me, it is the best way of keeping fit and seeing the countryside. Now for coming events.

A Cycle-Hike over the Dunstable Downs has been arranged on July 9th, tea being at Kensworth Common.

On July 30th a Map Reading Contest is being held, the start being somewhere in Essex, and tea at Thornwood Common. Events of this character are held frequently, and besides good fun, help members to find their way around with the aid of a map.

Other runs for July are as follows:—

July 2nd, "The Rodings." Tea at Potters Street.
July 16th, Ranmore Common. Tea at Ripley.
July 23rd, "Buck's Lanes." Tea at Wendover.

August week-end will be given over to another tour, which has yet to be arranged.

Club runs start every Sunday at 9 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock, meeting at the Police Box, Watling Avenue.

If you wish for further information about the Club, write to the General Secretary, Mr. W. G. Glendenning, 23, Brinkburn Gardens, Edgware, or to the Associate Secretary, Mr. S. Bennett, 72, Cressingham Road, Burnt Oak, or come to our Club room at the Catholic Church, Thirleby Road any Wednesday at 8 p.m., except the second in the month. Cheerio.

Yours,
"STOOB."

WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLS CLUB

LADY MEMBERS WANTED.

The success of the Bowling Club, so far as the men folk are concerned, is assured. We have been functioning since April 29th, and to date have a membership of over 40. At present, with one exception, all members are men, and it would please the Committee if some of the ladies would come along and join us. You need not have had any previous experience, in fact, it matters not if you cannot differentiate between Jack and Wood. There are plenty of quite good players available who will be only too pleased to instruct anyone in this most interesting and exciting game. It can be your game if you join us. There are two rinks in Watling Park reserved daily for the sole use of Watling members of the Bowls Club, so if you, male or female, who have not joined, desire to assist in making this a Club worthy of Watling, then come along to the rinks in Watling Park any evening or week-end and you will find a Committee man or the Secretary will be available to enrol you. You have really missed something by staying out of this most exhilarating game, so don't delay, get in before it is too late. It will soon be half season, so you can become a member shortly for the remainder of the season. Subscription 5s. for half season and 1d. per playing hour. Ladies' subscription will be 2s. 6d. for half season and 1d. per playing hour. We supply the woods and jack, so come along and swell the ranks of Watling Bowlers. Who knows, you may be a hidden champion.

I. O. J. TORRANCE, *Hon. Sec.*

CRICKET

The Watling Centre Cricket Team has made a good start this season by winning three out of four matches. The excellent bowling of G. Allen and the batting of F. Dean being contributory factors in these successes, backed up by good all-round play and sportsmanship of the other members of the team. Unfortunately, some of the team will soon be called up for military training, and we should therefore like to extend a welcome to new members. Practice is on Wednesday evenings at Mill Hill Park, and we hope new members will turn out to support us.

A. F. HOY, *Secretary.*

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Conscription has now become law, and much confusion unfortunately still exists in the minds of many people, as was witnessed by the conversation with the unemployed. Our Movement is not opposed to Conscription, under certain conditions. But we realise that the Military Training Bill is yet another inroad upon our established liberties. On Saturday, June 3rd, we were observed to be outside the Employment Exchange, not to prevent the lads of 20-21 from registering, but to explain why Chamberlain wants Conscription of the youth that was not responsible for the present International situation. We requested them to remain loyal to the class of people that they represent. That they must avail themselves of the military training for the purpose of combating Fascism

here or abroad. Also they should maintain that right to membership of trade unions, and any other of their civil rights. Of course, it is not to be expected that they will be used against workers who may happen to be on strike, as was done at Woolwich and abroad.

The people did not give a mandate for Conscription, therefore the Military Training Bill may be used in the future against the principles which we know to be our rights.

This, then, is our attitude to Conscription. It does not mean that we support Chamberlain, on the contrary. Our fight of the unemployed against him and the Government will continue in a more intensified manner in view of his dilly-dallying with the "opportunity" to save peace. Therefore the unemployed demand that their services be used in peace time as well as war time.

Our immediate task now is to get rid of the Government and replace it by one "of the people for the people, with the trust and support of the people."

On Friday, July 14th, a cordial invitation awaits you. Come with your friends and hear Don Renton, the person that organised the tea at the Ritz for the unemployed. Meeting is free. Watling Centre, 8 p.m. Keep this date free.

W. LEWINGTON,

Hon Secretary.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

There is no need to give a detailed list of subjects and speakers, for the month of May, in Burnt Oak Women's Adult School, as this was advertised in last month's issue. It is sufficient to say that the series of three talks on great world religions proved both interesting and enlightening. Before the concluding talk on "Christianity," six members read from the Bible passages of their own choice, which stressed some particular aspect of their own religion. This was very helpful and made Miss Ryle's talk more appreciated by all. Our speaker on "Air Raid Precautions" gave much useful and practical advice, and it was felt that our special programme had been fully up to the standard of our expectations.

Members gave their willing support to the outstanding event of Burnt Oak's Adult School year, the Second Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition. This was run by Burnt Oak Inter-School Committee in conjunction with The Watling Association. It was opened by the Mayor of Hendon on Saturday, May 6th, and a high standard of work was attained in the various classes. A Variety Concert was given on the previous Friday evening to raise funds to help defray the expenses of the Exhibition.

A happy day was spent on May 17th, when a party of members went down by coach to Jordans, the home of William Penn and other famous Quakers. Once again Mrs. Seed very kindly welcomed us all to tea at her home at Rickmansworth.

The letter from the General Secretary of the Adult School Union, on the question of World Peace, was given the full approbation of members, who felt still more determined to play their own part in furthering this cause which so nearly concerns us all. Miss Effie Ryle brought forms for the "Women's Petition for a World Peace Conference," which was gladly signed by members.

A delegate was sent to the meeting organised by the Hendon Trades Council, to enquire into the position of young people who are placed, by force of circumstances, in blind alley jobs.

Our sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery are tendered to two sick members, Miss Hurdle and Mrs. Gooden. We hope they will both be with us again soon.

VETERANS' CLUB

At a recent business meeting, the following officers were elected: President: Mrs. A. I. Jones; Chairwoman: Mrs. L. King; Treasurer: Mrs. E. Cole; Secretary: Mr. E. Cole; Sick Visitor: Mrs. Marshall; Canteen Committee: Mesdames Cox, Kennard, Lee and Olive.

On Wednesday, May 31st, the Veterans celebrated the fourth anniversary of the Club. Tea was provided by our happy band of lady helpers. Among the visitors were Mrs. Grey-Skinner, who lit the four candles on a large birthday cake, which she presented for the occasion. Other visitors were Mr. A. R. Lodge, Mr. C. E. Fanthorpe and Mr. C. J. Roblou. Mrs. W. R. Hilton, late Vice-Chairman, received a warm welcome. After tea the party adjourned to the Main Hall for the evening's entertainment. Mr. F. Cole commenced the entertainment by playing old-time tunes on the piano-accordion and was followed by songs rendered by members of the Club. Those taking part were Mesdames Richardson, Cox and Marshall, with Mr. F. Cole at the piano.

The remaining part of the evening was given over to the Southall District Blind Social Club, who gave a fine entertainment. Among the items were humorous sketches, songs and handbell numbers. The concert party consisted of nine blind men and one lady guide, and the way they performed on the stage was simply marvellous. They were given a splendid reception by the old folk, who thoroughly enjoyed the concert.

E. E. COLE.

THE WATLING BOY'S CLUB

Those who are interested in the activities of the Club will be glad to hear of the very successful Week-end Camp, held at Arkley, Herts., over the period of the Whitsun holiday. This Club has only been in existence since September of last year, despite many difficulties, such as limited headquarters, lack of funds, apparatus, etc. We can record several interesting events, and perhaps the biggest and best so far has been the Whitsun Camps, made possible by many kind friends. Our thanks are due to the owner of the site, Mr. Clayton, the Postmaster of Arkley, the 45th St. Pancras Troop of Boy Scouts for the loan of tents and necessary equipment, and others we have no wish to mention. We were very fortunate in having the best of camping weather, indeed our thanks are cordially expressed to the "clerk of the weather." The boys were fortunate in experiencing some horse riding. "Brownie," the horse, served us well, although she took a dislike to a certain club leader by trying to throw him into the muddy part of the field; but her efforts were not quite so successful, for one boy rushed to close a gate nearby which was open. Everyone who was there agreed that Camping is great fun, we were only sorry when the time came to return home on the Monday evening, as another camp-fire sing-song, like we had the previous evenings, would have been a grand finale. Never mind, next time will do!

N. R. WHITEHOUSE.

Hon. Sec.

Enjoyable Cycling Holidays

CYCLE AND SAVE MONEY—PREPARE MACHINE—WATLING WEEK PARADE OF BICYCLES

By Mrs. Billie Dovey, Rudge rider and Britain's Cycling "Keep Fit" Girl. She goes to Norway soon . . . cycling, of course!

CYCLING HOLIDAYS . . .

Each year, as the longest holiday of the year comes round, another cycling woman or club girl sets out on her first cycle tour. For weeks beforehand "he" and she have studied maps, read travel books, and drawn out profit and loss accounts in order that everything should turn out free from worry. That is the best of a cycling holiday—it is freedom at its best, for with a Bart's map, showing two miles to the inch, all the little lanes are marked, and that's where cyclists like to wander.

Although a cycling girl should have put in three months or so riding before undertaking a six or seven hundred mile tour, there is no hard and fast rule to adhere to. Ride regularly and you are almost bound to get really fit, that is if you take care of yourself and your diet at the same time. Few girls resident on Watling Estate would think of walking to, say, Kingsbury, or even Colindale, every day, but there are many that cycle there to and from their workplace every day.

They save money on fares, with which they purchase a bicycle and improve their health by keeping out of stuffy public transport vehicles. In other words, they buy outright their means of transport. They can at will ride from one end of the Estate to the other for next to nothing.

Having saved further money, they are able to holiday for a week for 50s. or so in hilly or flat country, according to choice. Don't say it's too much like hard work, for if healthy appearances count, local club and touring cyclists look as healthy as any . . . in fact they thrive on this so-called "hard work"!

PREPARATION OF MACHINE

Before going away (for often a 800 mile tour before returning home again), riders take good care that their cycling is going to be trouble-free by giving their machine a thorough overhaul. If riding in hilly country is intended, as it usually is, for that is where to find the best scenery, gears have to be lowered.

Talking of gears immediately brings forth the poser whether to have the hub type or the external shifting-chain

A Public Meeting

of the

Watling Poultry Club

will be addressed by

Mr. P. H. Bayliss

on

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at WATLING CENTRE

on Tuesday, July 18th

at 8.0 p.m.

gear. With the former the Sturmey-Archer is most popular, being totally enclosed and thus away from wet and dirt. But the external gear has the distinct advantage of requiring you to pedal in order to change the chain from one cog to another. This means there is no loss of momentum at the foot of a hill, and that in addition to the fact it is usually lighter than the hub gear, is the reason for its great popularity.

Shortly I shall be touring Norway with husband "Cyclux," who originated cycling articles in the *Watling Resident* ten years ago, when Mr. A. E. Ville was Editor. For the past three years we have toured Scotland and used low bottom gears of about 45 inches. This time, for lots of mountain pass riding, I shall have a Trivelox gear of the shifting-chain type, and bottom gear will probably be around the 30 mark. This gear seems to give one of the slickest changes of any I have yet tried.

Open-Air Book

All lovers of the rolling country and the clean, fresh open air will delight in reading Stanley Baron's latest *News Chronicle* Cycling and Open Road Annual, just published. Touring routes are interesting, explained in detail with sketch maps, and they are suitable for walkers and cyclists because they take in all there is good to see en route. Articles are contained on the art of touring and care of your bicycle, a special feature being one on "Women Awheel," by Mrs. Billie Dovey, the Rudge-Whitworth cycling "Keep Fit" girl, whose monthly contributions to the *Watling Resident* we have published for some time.

Included in its 200 pages the book lists 3,000 comfortable places at which one can stay for about 5s. for bed and breakfast. The book costs 1s. and encourages good travelling.

PUBLIC SPIRITUALIST MEETINGS

will be held at the

Burnt Oak Labour Hall

On Sundays, July 2nd, 16th and 30th.

at 7 p.m.

Trance Address and Clairvoyance

Every Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

Clairvoyance :: Tea

ALL ARE WELCOME



The Rotation of Crops

The principle of the Rotation of Crops should be applied, as far as possible, to any garden devoted to the cultivation of vegetables or to the portion of a garden so devoted. A farmer does it on a large scale with his fields, and the amateur gardener should do so with his vegetable plot if he wants to secure the best results.

The theory is that the same crop should not be grown on the same ground for two years running. It is well to have a three years' plan, or better still, a four years' plan. Vegetables vary in regard to the kind of soil on which they thrive and in the nutriment they take out of the soil. What the gardener puts into the soil should also vary in accordance with the special needs of the vegetables to be grown.

It is a great advantage that each crop should have a fresh site each year for four years, until it ultimately comes back again to the piece of ground on which it was first cultivated.

It is obvious that if the same crop, requiring the same kind of food, is grown year after year on the same ground, the soil must gradually lose much of the particular food which the crop specially needs, and the soil becomes exhausted and the crop poor. Even if the plot is manured scientifically with the idea of maintaining the supply of a particular kind of plant-food, that plan will be found far less economical than the adoption of a proper system of crop rotation.

Let us see how the four years' plan works out in the terms of specified vegetables.

The plot should be divided into four more or less equal parts.

In the first year, Plot 1 is well trenched and manured for peas, beans, celery, leeks and onions. "Catch crops" of turnips, spinach, lettuces and radishes may be grown between the rows of peas, beans and celery.

In the second year this plot is not manured, as fresh manure is not suitable, and indeed is detrimental for the crops that should be grown on it that year, viz., root vegetables, such as carrot, parsnip, beetroot and salsify.

In the third year, Plot 1 is again well manured, and should be devoted to the cabbage family, including brussels sprouts, broccoli, kale, cabbage, cauliflower and savoy. In the fourth year, Plot 1 can be used entirely for potatoes.

Now take Plot 2. The rotation will be: first year, root vegetables, as above; second year, the cabbage family, as above; third year, potatoes; fourth year, peas, beans, etc., as above.

For Plot 3 the order will be: first year, cabbage family; second year, potatoes; third year, peas, beans, etc.; and fourth year, roots.

And finally, in Plot 4, the order will be: first year, potatoes; second year, peas, beans, etc.; third year, roots; and fourth year, cabbage family.

This may seem rather like a crossword puzzle, in which the clues across are the four years and the clues down the four plots. If you make a plan on this basis it should be quite clear, especially if you bear in mind that the rotation, whether across or down, is first, peas, beans, etc.; second, roots; third, cabbage family and fourth, potatoes. The same order is also followed for the four plots in each year.

WHAT TO DO IN JULY.

July is a busy month in the flower and vegetable departments.

Flower Garden. Now is the time to layer carnations. Bend over some of the young stems, cut a "tongue" in them and bury the cut part in a little mound of rich soil.

When cutting roses, cut off a good long stalk with the flower. Then the gathering of the blooms will serve as a form of summer pruning, which will encourage the foundation of many more flowers. Cut away any small non-flowering shoots which crowd the centre of the bush. Apply manure water to the roots and cut off old blooms down to a healthy leaf and promising bud.

Pick off all dead blooms on the sweet pea plants and do not allow seed pods to form, unless you want some home-grown seeds for next season.

Prune clematis montana as soon as the blooms are over, and cut back wistaria, leaving only the young growth.

Fruit Garden. The birds will be busy this month as well as the gardener.

Protect the strawberries with netting. This may be arranged on thin poles, supported by uprights so as to be quite free from the plants and allow the gatherer to get under the net.

Morello cherries should be ripening now on the wall. Protect them by netting, suspended in such a way as to stand out a few inches from the wall and tree.

As soon as the raspberry crop is over, cut away the canes that have fruited and thin out the new shoots, which will bear fruit next year, to three or four.

Summer prune red and white currants by shortening the new side shoots to within about five leaves of the base.

Young trees planted in the spring should have a mulching of strawy litter, lawn mowings or early potato tops, if these are not diseased.

Vegetable Garden. The hoe should be kept going all the time on the cropped land, so as to keep the surface soil clean.

Late celery should be planted out as early as possible.

Gaps in the recently planted plots of cabbage and borecole should be filled in with fresh plants.

Sow more French beans early in the month for a late crop.

Spring cabbage may be sown about the middle of the month.

Runner beans should be in bearing this month. It is worth while to feed them with liquid manure or a good "artificial" fertiliser once a week.

For a late crop of peas sow an early variety, such as Pilot, now. The early peas germinate and mature quicker than main or late crop.

Keep on removing all side shoots as soon as they appear on the out-door tomato plants, and pinch out the top of each plant as soon as the fourth or fifth truss of fruit is set.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Broadcast by our Cycling Contributor

In addition to the broadcast dates given in last month's Resident, Mrs. Billie Dovey, our regular cyclist contributor, will also be heard from Radio Normandy (274 metres) on Saturday 29th July at 2.15 p.m. She will again take part in the Dunlop "Cyclists Magazine of the Air" which is broadcast every Saturday afternoon from this station. Mr. Reginald C. Shaw, a well-known member of the staff of the Cyclists' Touring Club who lives not far away at Kenton has played a great part as joint editor of this series.

Blood Donors

The appeal for blood donors in case of national emergency has not gone unheard as far as Watling is concerned as one or two members from the Centre have already been to volunteer at Red Hill hospital.

Open-Air Theatre

During these warm summer nights it would be a great innovation if we had open air performances of plays in the Watling Parks. This has been done in London for a number of years and we are sure that a play by Dickens or "A Mid-summer Nights Dream" performed in one of our Parks would be greatly appreciated.

A Holiday Club

Since the holidays with pay movement started, the Watling Resident has on more than one occasion drawn attention to the fact that most workers are unable to afford to go away when they get the time off. Now, we read that the T.U.C. is planning 50s. holidays. The idea is to finance camps and guest houses to meet the increased demand for holiday accommodation due to the extension of the paid holiday system. It is urged that the movement might spread holidays

over the whole summer to avoid congestion. It is time something was done on these lines, as, when the worker has paid his rent and bills, there is precious little left for holidays.

It has been suggested that a holiday movement might be started at the Centre, but the chief difficulty is the expense of acquiring a site. Some members have expressed a desire to form a holiday club, payments, by instalments, to commence right away, so that by next year, there is a nice bit in hand to ensure a good holiday without stinting. The Youth Hostels Association—a group of which has started at the centre—might be a valuable aid in this respect.

Popular Climber

What is the most common rose? According to a Resident reporter it is the American Pillar. In nearly every garden on the Watling estate, and on every other estate this rose flourishes. When travelling on the tube from Burnt Oak to Golders Green, watch the back gardens and you are almost sure to see an American Pillar.

Then you spot a garden without one, at least you think so, then you suddenly spy this persistent climber peeping round behind a shed or a fence.

Watling Choir

The nucleus of a mixed choir is already in being and arrangements for starting practice in the autumn are now being made. We know that many people are keenly interested in getting the choir going, and we feel confident that this will provide a pleasant and healthful occupation during the winter months. It is not proposed to confine the activities of the choir to the Centre, as it is hoped that outings and concerts will be arranged to take place around and out of the district.

All those interested, men or women, please apply at the Watling Centre.

Friends' Summer School

The small party of young people who are going to the Saffron Waldron Summer School are keenly looking forward to their holiday. The school is sponsored by the Society of Friends Education

Council and the children going from Watling attend the Friends meetings which are held at the Watling Centre every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Altogether there will be about 60 boys and girls at the School, and with lecturers and helpers the party will number about 80 persons. Walks, games, swimming, sports, educational talks and sing songs form part of the curriculum and when the young people return they should be benefited, both physically and mentally.

The Eight Gay Girlies

We understand that the concert given by the Eight Gay Girlies is the last they will give. The artistes, all busy married women, are now taking a well earned rest. Credit must be given them for the way they have all worked to make these shows the success they have undoubtedly been and we are very sorry to hear that we are to see them no more as a concert party. However, we feel sure that these ladies will not rest for long, and we are confident that they will soon be blossoming out into some other activity. The very effective costumes worn in the Crinoline scene in the last show were made by the ladies themselves and the bonnets by Mr. Griffey, who has also made several other useful gadgets used by the party.

Well good luck to the Eight for the way they have entertained us. Also to Mrs. Ethel Taylor for her popular songs and to the Watling Association orchestra who have always been ready to oblige.

Walks

I have been on the Watling Estate for over 10 years, and I have explored most of the countryside round

about, but I have only just discovered a walk which, to my mind, is one of the nicest round about Burnt Oak. That is the one through Canons Park to the King George V. Memorial Gardens. It is an old-established garden with many novelties such as an enclosed wall garden with quaint wall plants, a goldfish pool and fountain, and many original flower beds.

Another idea is beetroots planted in the flower borders. The rich crimson foliage gives an impression of a strange new variety of bedding plant until one examines it and finds it to be the homely beet. But the effect is good and the idea might be copied by other gardeners.

We should be pleased to hear of other walks which our readers probably know of.

Play Leadership and Organised Play for Children

The Hendon Education Committee are undertaking a scheme whereby children of school age will be able to participate in organised games under supervision during the Summer holidays, and we should be glad to know if any members of our organisation and their friends who may be in Hendon during the period named, would be willing to co-operate with us by assisting during any session, day or week.

The sessions are as follows:—

CRESSINGHAM ROAD.

10.0 a.m.—12.0 noon

2.0 p.m.—4 p.m.

5.30 p.m.—8 p.m.

The scheme will be in force from Monday, July 31st to Saturday, August 26th, inclusive, Sundays excepted.

Watling Week Accounts

PROFITS

	£	s.	d.
Donations	51	10	0
Dance and Cabaret	2	17	8½
Social on 17th	2	17	3½
Sunday Cinema	17	9½	
Rummage Sale	4	10	0
Carnival Queen's Whist Drive	1	8	6
Children's Cinema	13	0	
Juvenile Dance Competition	9	6	0
Baby Show	1	11	10½
Tuesday Dance	11	9½	
Wednesday Afternoon Whist Drive	2	13	0
£5 Top Drive	4	18	8½
Thursday Afternoon Whist Drive	18	9½	
Drama Night	2	0	2½
Social on 24th	1	4	8½
Bright and Easy	2	17	0
Grand Variety Concert	10	16	2
Gay Girlies Concert	3	15	0
Doll Raffle	1	0	6
Raffle at Prize Giving Dance	16	4	
Draw	3	7	4
"1,000 Yards of Pennies"	1	13	10
Miscellaneous	8	9	

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EXPENSES AND LOSSES

	£	s.	d.
Carnival	6	0	4½
Carnival Queen	3	4	6
Programme in "Resident"	5	5	0
Posters	17	6	
Postage	2	3	9
Miscellaneous	16	8½	
Loss on Competition Social	4	4½	
Loss on Sports	2	18	1
Loss on Dance on 25th	1	6	
Profit on the "Week"	91	2	7

Audited and found correct,

J. AUSTIN BAYES.

July 20th, 1939.

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Retrospect

By H. G. R.

WHAT IS THIS WATLING ASSOCIATION?

Residents hastened to join this new movement, for they felt the need of an organisation to assist them in obtaining some of their many social and other requirements. They felt like strangers in a strange land and the suspicion with which we were watched by the people of surrounding districts and the public utterances that were made strengthened the membership of the Association. Facilities for pleasure and a social life did not exist, and if they did, they were barred for the residents of Watling. The Association therefore realised that although Watling had a physical existence it still had to be put on the map and so it began to develop its own social life.

Having got the people together, it was necessary to give them some form of amusement and in due course the entertainment committee produced the First Grand Concert at The Old George Hall, High Street, Edgware, on 29th March, 1928. The place was crowded and literally hundreds had to be turned away. Those who were there will recall the wonderful evening with everyone joining in the community singing and when finally it was our pressing the organisers to arrange a similar function every week. These socials however took time to arrange, and a great deal of work was put in behind the scenes, for it must not be forgotten that many other activities were proceeding at the time in connection with conditions on the Estate, in regard to shopping, schools, travelling and so on.

The Committee were not idle. Arrangements were afoot for the first issue of the **WATLING RESIDENT**, and also for the Gala and Fete.

The first number of the **WATLING RESIDENT** was on sale on the 1st May, 1928, and great credit is due to the Resident Committee at that time. Dr. I. G. Briggs, Editor, and Councillor (then Mr.) H. W. J. Connell and Mr. J. Lysagt, Advertising Managers. They burnt the midnight oil for many weeks before No. 1 came out.

On the first page of that first **RESIDENT** appeared the following:—

"When we have been torn up by the roots, and rudely transplanted to foreign soil, as most of us here have been, we are lonely; yet, save in rare instances, we lack the facility of quickly making friends. Beyond our immediate neighbours we know no one on this Estate. We are dumb, shy and lonely when we might be articulate, friendly and companionable. Our pleasers we enjoy alone and our troubles we must suffer alone.

There are many on the Watling Estate with similar hopes, aspirations, hobbies and interests but we do not know them, and they do not know us.

The Watling Residents' Association hopes to bring together those whom convention forbids to introduce themselves. It is not interested in political creed or religious belief: it places no value on the accident of birth or on social or financial status, or occupation, or on raiment. It asks only that a member be gregarious, that he associate with his fellows in works for the benefit for all—It hopes to make him feel that in being a citizen of Watling, he is a citizen of no mean city, a man with many and worthy friends. The accomplishment of this very noble aim lies in co-operation. The Association cordially invites all men and women of goodwill to join and with such time as they

can afford, and such talent as they can bring, contribute to the work of making us all good neighbours and good friends."

Those words were written in 1928 and we know now how fully they have been lived up to, and to what extent the people of Watling have benefited by the early work of the Watling Resident Association. The Association set out to attain a civic pride, and hoped that its achievements would be regarded in the near future as a guide and pattern for others to follow.

(To be continued)

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

August, 1939

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
- Mondays** — Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** — Dance, 8 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days** — Women's Discussion Group, 2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thursdays** — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Veteran's Club, 3 p.m.
- Fridays** — Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** — Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Monday 14** Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.
- Sunday 20** Cricket Club Social, 8 p.m.
- Friday 25** Helpers' Social, 8.30 p.m.
- Monday 28** Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.
- Wed'day 30** Women's Neighbourhood Guild Social, 2.30 p.m.
- Thursday 31** Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.

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What of Watling?

"Has Watling grown into a community?" That is the question asked by Mrs. Durant in her recently published book "Watling." She quotes a community as "a territorial group of people with a common mode of living, striving for common objectives." After a fairly exhaustive investigation into the lives of the people of the Estate and of the conditions under which they live, she doubts whether the people of Watling have grown into a community. There is, she says, considerable social differentiation.

The population is mobile. When the young people grow up and get married there is no opportunity for them to settle on the estate. They move away, often out of the district, consequently family life is broken up, and tradition and local patriotism stifled. The Watling Association which might have welded the estate together as one happy family, had to wait until the Centre was built before it could begin its work in earnest, by then, various other organisations had got under way, and then, owing to its geographical position and its lack of accommodation, the Centre was not favourably situated to be the focus of the community.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Durant gives an interesting, if somewhat statistical history of the Watling Estate. (Read also "Retrospect" which is appearing monthly in this magazine). How a stretch of farmland in Hendon with its natural charm of hills and trees was chosen to become a housing estate of the L.C.C.. The opening of Burnt Oak Tube station in October 1924. The erection of the first cottage in April 1927. The acres of mud, bricks and mortar, no shops no schools, children running about wild.

The snobbery of the people of surrounding districts with an anti-Watling complex. The loneliness, and the need for a social life. The forming of the Watling Residents' Association. The Watling Resident was the first local paper, and this journal, it was hoped, would serve as a link uniting all Watling people.

The estate once stood out clearly as a compact settlement in a countryside dotted with middle class houses; it is now merely part of a completely developed residential and industrial area. The greater number of people came from St. Pancras and Islington. Not more than 15 per cent. as a result of slum clearance. Woman and children are the most prominent members of local organisations. The proportion of children who attend organisations outside their schools is greater than in other urban areas. Every fifth child in Mill Hill School is a Watling child. A greater number of Watling weddings are held in local or neighbouring churches than in Registrars' offices. These, and other interesting facts and figures are brought out in the book. The author quotes freely from past and present issues of the Watling Resident and she must have spent a considerable amount of

time in this intense study of a new housing venture. Some of us early pioneers on the estate have seen it grow, develop and change. Living on the estate, we are perhaps too close to it to judge how we are developing. We hear the opinion of others who have moved off. Some back to London, some to other estates. Most of them express a loyalty to Watling. They miss the warmth and friendliness of its people. What effect the Watling Community Centre has we can only judge by the attraction it has for many of us, the amount of voluntary work enjoyably performed. Many lonely people have found new interests, new friends and a more hopeful outlook since joining the Community Centre. Many residents have undoubtedly broadened their outlook and their sphere of usefulness. If the community association has done this, even to a small percentage of residents, it is fulfilling its purpose, and is inspiring a band of people to lead lives of helpfulness and example.

"Watling"

Reviewed by our Organising Secretary

Mrs. Durant's survey* of the Watling Estate and the Watling Association should be of interest both to those who live on the Estate and to any who, though not living on the Estate, are concerned with the development of social life in England, the planning of new estates, the work of Community associations or the influence of re-housing schemes on the lines of the individuals concerned.

It is, in the main, a good description of the way in which the estate and its social organisations grew, though there are a certain number of inaccuracies, some evidently due to misunderstanding, others to the fact that the situation had changed between the time of the research and the date of publication of the book.

Many Watling residents will be specially interested in the accounts of the early days of the Estate and the "Watling Residents' Association" as it was then called which are very well done as far as one who was not present at the time can judge.

A considerable amount of statistical work was done in the course of preparation of the book and much of this is shown in various tables which appear both in the main body and in an appendix. Some of this information is difficult to get elsewhere and some is entirely fresh. To quote a few examples, it is interesting to know that at the time of their moving to Watling one-fifth of all the tenants included in a given sample were working in the City of London and Holborn, and one-tenth in Hendon; that in 1935, 101 Watling children and 332 from the rest of Hendon entered secondary schools while in 1936 the figures were 126 and 321 respectively; that in 1930 out of 5,685 children attending schools on and near the Estate 5,468 came from the Estate, whereas by 1936 out of 6,958 only 5,067 came from the Estate; that rather less than one-fifth of the total number of people over 14 who borrowed books from the Central Library in Hendon came from the Estate and over two-fifths of those under 14 were Watling children.

Those who have been responsible for the work of the Association will whole heartedly agree with Mrs. Durant that it was deplorable that the Community

Centre was not built much earlier in the life of the Estate, and that it was not possible to find a central position for it. Most of her other conclusions also, will be those of others who have given thought to the matter; that frequent changes in the population have made difficult the building up of a sense of community and that it is very desirable that the L.C.C. should make it more possible for those who come here to settle down permanently; that the shifting is specially bad for the young people; that the local supply of secondary education is inadequate; that juvenile delinquency is largely the result of economic conditions and lack of adequate social institutions; that the needs of adolescents are now more pressing than those of any other age group; that "it is not too much the willingness of the people to become members as the energy of the collectors which is reflected by the state of the membership book"; that the conflict on interests between youths and adults at the Centre is caused by lack of facilities. "One achievement can definitely be attributed to the Community Centre already: its members no longer live in the isolation which is so common a mode of existence in present-day towns and in suburbs. An old woman leaving a Veterans' Club meeting puts this to her companions; "I mean to say, it does bring a change in our lives!"

"In London's inner boroughs clubs have been established for the people; the Community Centre at Watling was planned and is run by the people themselves. Thus an exceptional institution has been created, free from patronage. It encourages its members to find their own interests; it hopes to be a nucleus of local government. Already the Centre has revived common enjoyment, not by prompting from outside, by rules and regimentation, but by stimulating ease and friendliness in those who join."

E.S.H.

* Watling, A Survey of Social Life on a New Housing Estate. Ruth Durant. P. S. King & Son, 7/6.

A LETTER FROM THE MAYORESS OF HENDON

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June 18th, 1939.

DEAR MR. HARRIS,

Will you please give the enclosed amount (5/-) as an extra Prize from the "Mayoress" to No. 17 United Dairies milk van. I quite agreed of course with the Mayor's decision about the other Prizes, but I was very much struck with the beautiful "grooming" of the white horse and the harness also was well done and I appreciated the medal the driver had from the R.S.P.C.A. especially as I know what it means, caring for horses like that. I used to ride myself a good deal in the North.

Will you please give it with my good wishes to the driver and tell him to give the white horse a special "pat" for me!

The Mayor and I much enjoyed being with you all yesterday and it was nice seeing so many happy and healthy children. Will you please also convey to the Carnival Committee our appreciation of all the hard work they must have put in.

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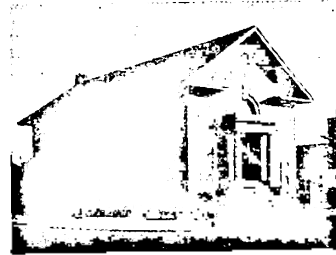
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Tenants Unite

"Rent Strike" is a term of recent coining, and is connected in the minds of most people with the recent successful rent strikes in Stepney. Actually, however, as was pointed out at the National Convention of Tenants and Residents held at Birmingham on July 15th-16th, the tenants' and residents' movement is a young but rapidly growing one. Disputes have been, and in some places still are, going on in places as far apart as Staffordshire, Lanarkshire and London.

Mr. Jim Borders, now well known on account of the recent "Elsie Borders" case, explained in his report that there are three main types of association concerned in this movement. There are tenants of private landlords who have used the weapon of rent strike against excessive rents, as in Bethnal Green; there are municipal tenants' associations; and there are associations of owner-occupiers, associations of mortgagors who are dissatisfied with the guarantees given them by the Building Societies as to the construction of the houses they are purchasing.

A word is perhaps necessary in regard to the municipal tenants. There is a widely accepted notion that a local authority is necessarily an ideal employer and an ideal landlord. On both points this is a fallacy, and in regard to municipal tenants, the Convention was able to demonstrate the unsatisfactory conditions of many tenants of local councils. It is true that a local authority is unlikely to control slums or jerry built houses, but it is important to make clear that houses ought to be provided for the working people *at rents they can afford*. That this is not being done is sufficiently evident, particularly when incidental expenses such as fares to the city are taken into account.

In Birmingham itself, for example, which has its Becontree and its Watling, it was proposed to increase rents by 2s., with a system of rebates for necessitous cases. This proposal was opposed by a campaign of rent strikes lasting over a period of seven months, and has just ended successfully for the tenants.

The Convention, after considerable discussion, accepted the view that all three types of association—private tenants, municipal tenants and owner occupiers—must co-operate on account of their common need for decent housing within their means. It was pointed out that many of those who are buying houses on mortgage (particularly those who are buying fairly cheap houses, and concerning which there are most complaints) are working class people just as much as those who pay rent. Indeed, it is a common occurrence that people in bad housing conditions decide to purchase their own houses in the suburbs on account of their failure to rent decent accommodation or obtain a Council house.

In the discussion the question of the rating system was dealt with. Much of the unsatisfactory housing arrangement at the present time is due to the fact that local authorities are not able adequately to deal with the problem within their area. This is largely due to financial limitations, which means that to finance new housing schemes they have to borrow heavily, which puts a burden upon tenants in the form of high rents owing to large loan charges. The derating provisions of the modern rating system tend to keep down a local authority's revenue and restrict its programme.

It was felt that 25% rating of industrial hereditaments should be abolished and that they should be fully liable, and also that site values should be taxed.

As a result of the convention, a Tenants' Charter was formulated to cover the following points:

- (1) A new Rent Act, to extend control to all working class houses and placing a specific obligation for adequate repairs, strictly defined, on to the landlord.
- (2) Abolition of the landlord's right to distrain.
- (3) Local authorities should be obliged to provide adequate housing accommodation within the means of poorer families.
- (4) Responsibility for the condition and construction of all houses bought under mortgage should be placed upon the builder and building societies.
- (5) Necessary services and amenities should be provided on all housing estates.
- (6) The reform of the rating system.

It was decided that a National Advisory Committee should be formed to pursue a campaign on these lines.

One very important feature of the tenants' and residents' movement is the feeling of solidarity and community spirit which it engenders. Tenants who hitherto led isolated lives are beginning to realise that their problems are similar to those of their neighbours, and that they can only solve them in conjunction with their neighbours. This movement is teaching the housewives in their homes the lesson of trade unionism which their husbands have learned in their workshops.

L. J. C.

OUTING TO KEW GARDENS

The Burnt Oak Men's Adult School have arranged an outing to Kew Gardens on Sunday, September 10th. Meet at Burnt Oak Station at 10 o'clock. Some members will be accompanied by their wives, and an open invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join the party.

WATLING & DISTRICT ROSE SOCIETY

has again had signal successes at the Summer Show of the National Rose Society at Chelsea. Mr. Hostler won the Gardeners' Company's Challenge Cup, a coveted prize which has usually been won by persons well known in the rose-growing world. Mr. Hall won two seconds and three thirds; Mrs. Parish, two firsts and one second; Mr. Smiddy, one second and one fifth; Mr. Ford, one third, and at the Hendon Show Mr. Ford won the Dr. Anderson's Cup. The standard of rose growing in this district has noticeably improved, experts tell us, and we are glad to attribute a great deal of this improvement to the enthusiastic and educational work of the Watling and District Rose Society.

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While these increases will undoubtedly cause general hardship there is one aspect of the issue—the effect of the increases upon young people which deserves special consideration. Boys and girls earning a small wage are affected by the higher fares just as much as those who are relatively better able to afford them.

Thousands of young people travel up to London by workman's tickets because of their cheapness and arrive in central London at or about 8 a.m. In many cases their offices and shops do not open until 9 o'clock or half past nine, so that they have to wait about for an hour or more every morning. It is reported that the waiting hall at Charing Cross (S.R.) Station is crowded beyond seating capacity with people waiting about for their workplaces to open.

When you consider that some of these young people breakfast off sandwiches while they are waiting, have sandwiches for lunch and arrive home about 7 o'clock after standing in the train on both journeys, it is clear that this cannot but have a bad effect on their health. To expect them to go to evening classes in the evening, is unreasonable to say the least.

It is not difficult to think of remedies. The latest time for taking workmen's tickets could be extended; or the facility of the cheap juvenile season ticket could be extended to a higher age than 18 and up to a higher maximum wage.

It is noticeable that the official notices of higher fares omit the word "increased"; the new fares are described as "revised" "amended" or "modified," but a higher fare by any other name costs just as much, and it is worth remembering that a single fare that is increased by 1d. will mean a difference of 5s. per week in the exchequer of a family in which five members travel to work or to school.

The Fares Committee of the British Youth Peace Assembly is undertaking a campaign to collect information of the hardship caused to young people and the Watling Association has been asked to assist in this work. The object is to collect such a body of evidence that it will be possible to secure substantial concessions from the Transport Board.

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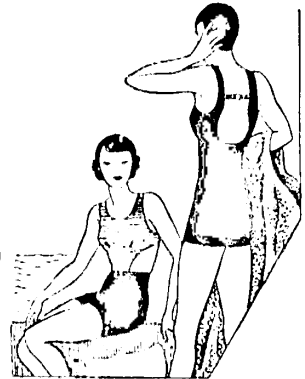
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WATLING WEEK No. II

WATLING WEEK AND THE COMMUNITY

It will be noticed that in this report on Watling Week I have worded the headings Watling Week and the Community. I have done this because the success of the Week could never have been accomplished without the Community playing the all important part, and, as will be seen in this report, the Community I refer to not only covers our own members who responded magnificently to the attractions that were offered, but also a great many friends in the locality who although outside our own movement showed their interest in many ways.

As a preliminary to the Week the Carnival Queen Contest was held at the Savoy Cinema from June 5th to the 9th. The finals were judged by Mr. James Mason and Mr. Jack Worrow. The ceremony of the coronation was carried out by Pamela Kellino, stage and film actress.

The results were Miss Iris Barrett, Carnival Queen and Misses Joan Neyland and Gladys Harvey attendants. Our thanks are extended to Mr. W. J. Rawkins, Manager and to the Directors of the Cinema for the splendid way this competition was carried out. The Watling Association Orchestra played at the Cinema throughout the week. The event was organised by Mr. C. J. Roblou.

We commenced our Watling Week Programme with what I would call an advance guard in the form of our Constituent bodies who organised a "Dance and Cabaret" in support of the Watling Week fund. They needed no bugles to herald the approach of Watling Week for soon after the doors were opened for this event they had to be closed again with a notice up "Full House." The Dance was well supported by members of our Constituent bodies and we extend our thanks to them and the Committee who organised the function. The Committee was as follows:—Messdams Guy and Lake, Womens' Adult School; Messrs. Preston and Lock, Mens' Adult School; Messrs. Lewis and Bell, Oddfellows; and Miss King and Mr. Worts, Young Peoples' Adult School. Mr. Worts acted as secretary.

The dream of an organiser and his committee is that the programme they have prepared will run without a hitch, and according to plan. That is the dream, but in many instances where a lengthy programme is arranged the committee seldom meet with such good fortune. We received our first setback about four days before the Carnival Procession was due to start. We were informed by the band we had engaged some time beforehand, that they would not be able to attend owing to a number of their men being called up for service. Enquiries were sent out to local bands but we were unable to secure one at such short notice. As a last resource we phoned Messrs. Boosey and Hawkes, (Musical Instrument Makers) of Edgware who managed to collect a scratch band from their employees, but our troubles did not rest here for the National Crisis made itself felt again when we learnt that about seven out of the entries of decorated vans

for the Carnival were unable to attend as their drivers had also been called up for service. However, the day found us with still a fair amount of entries although the length of the procession was somewhat shortened. The Mayor of Hendon kindly consented to judge the decorated vehicles and open the Week. A bouquet was presented to the Mayoress by Miss Margaret Harris and after introductions to the officers of the Watling Association the Mayor accompanied by the Mayoress proceeded to judge the vehicles in a most thorough and efficient manner.

After the Carnival Queen and her attendants were enthroned upon a beautiful decorated van supplied by Messrs. Beatty, the Mayor declared the Week open and we proceeded on our way round the Estate. A halt was made outside "The Savoy Cinema" when a bouquet was presented to the Carnival Queen by George Nash, the Cinema page boy. Carnival prizes were won as follows:—Decorated Vehicles (Organisations) 1st "Moggies," 2nd "Young Watlers," consolation prize "Veterans Club."

Decorated Vehicles (tradesmen) 1st Express Dairies, 2nd London Co-operative Society. A special prize was given to the driver of "United Dairies" by the Mayoress. A copy of the letter by kind permission is printed elsewhere in this issue. The children's costumes were judged by Mr. and Mrs. Evitt. The results were as follows:—Individual costumes, Arthur Fitzburg; Humorous Costume, Vera Judge.

The Carnival Social in the evening once again found the Hall packed and members settled down to an evening of gaiety, under the capable hands of Mrs. L. Nyberg as M.C.

Sunday evening found the Watling Week Committee once again put on their mettle. We had arranged an all talkie cinema show but unfortunately the films did not arrive owing to a delay in the course of delivery. People were arriving for the evening's entertainment and something had to be done.

Councillor Pugh offered to loan us a projector and with a number of films loaned by Mr. A. I. Jones we soon got things going. The Cinema show went on but without the talkies.

After this our trouble ended, for the rest of the week went off with a swing. Monday's Social Whist Drive received a good attendance, and the Juvenile Dance Competition at Wesley Hall brought another packed house. The winning school was trained by Miss Eileen Good. Other contestants with close results were Miss Doris Wilson's Avon School of Dancing and The Young Watlers under the leadership of Miss Connie Cook. A Medal for the best individual dances was won by Miss Letha Davis. The adjudicator was Miss S. M. Greaves of the Mayfair School of Dancing. This event was organised by Mr. C. Downes.

Our Baby show on Tuesday afternoon brought over 70 entries. The champion of the Baby show was William Albert Brown, who took first prize in the

under nine months section and was adjudged the best baby in the show. The Best first baby was Michael Coombe. Other winners were under nine months 1st Paul Mead, 2nd Iris Bolton, 3rd Marian Laming. Over nine months and under eighteen months:—1st Peter Woodward, 2nd Derek Phelps, 3rd Barbara Clements. Over eighteen months and under two and a half years:—1st Michael Coombes, 2nd Sylvia Morton, 3rd Michael Baldwin. Under nine months (open classes):—1st William Albert Brown, 2nd Brian Roberts, 3rd Beryl Curry. Judging was undertaken by Dr. R. Hunt-Cooke, Dr. A. Forgie and Dr. Margaret Colls. Event organised by Mrs. B. Lord. Tuesday evening found amusement in plenty for the older members who between dancing enjoyed games and comic competitions, while the younger members enjoyed a dance in the Main Hall.

The older members' event was organised by Mesdames L. Nyberg, B. Lord and Mr. D. Lodge, and Mr. C. Deacon was M.C. for the younger members. Wednesday's programme offered ample opportunity for the whist drive players. A special Social Drive was organised by Mrs. Crowe and Mrs. Galvin, and in the evening a £5 0s. 0d. top prize attracted a large number of players and an overflow had to be arranged in the adjoining room. Our thanks are extended to the sports and social section of the L.C.C. for the loan of tables, also to Mr. O. Torrance and his stewards who had a very busy but successful evening.

Keeping the reputation for packed houses Thursday evening found a crowded Hall enjoying a farce in three acts "A Squire of the Night." Our thanks are extended to the Watling Guild of Players and The Watling Association Orchestra for their splendid entertainment and services to the Watling Week cause.

The Members' Annual Dinner and Dance was once again held at the Cornwall Assembly Rooms, Edgware with an attendance of nearly 140.

The Sports and Physical Training Display attracted a fair number of people to Cressingham Playing Fields despite grey skies and a cold wind. County Councillor Mrs. Suggate presided at the physical training demonstration and commented very favourably on the performances. Displays were given by the Watling Association Physical Training Classes, Co-operative Circle Physical Training Classes, Southgate and Wood Green Athletic Club, Middlesex Physical Training and Fencing Class. National Amateur Wrestling Association and the Watling Association Folk Dancing Class. In the children's sports events the Coronation Cup was won for the third year by Irene Richardson. The big event in the Adult events was the Tug-of-War for which there were four competing teams. The results were:—The Gas Light and Coke Company, Nine Elms Depot winners, defeating Benskins Brewery, Watford by two pulls to one. The children's events were organised by Mrs. B. Lord, and the senior events by Mr. A. R. Lodge. In the evening a social arranged by Mrs. L. Nyberg, attracted many people to the Centre. Sunday evening brought the Crazy Gang in evidence in a skit "Court of Black Justice." The Gang's faces were blackened for the occasion and their antics caused roars of laughter. In the Main Hall younger members enjoyed a special dance arranged by Mr. C. Deacon.

As a final to the Week a special "Variety Concert" was held at the Centre on Monday evening to a packed house. The Concert was organised by County Councillor Mrs. Grey-Skinner assisted by Mr. Jack Radley who officiated as Comper, and included a local talent contest. Mr. John Rorke kindly consented to judge the competition. The results being 1st Dorothy King, 2nd Yvonne Vincent, and 3rd Irene Judge. The programme embraced five noted B.B.C. artistes and concluded with Wally Scott and Will Speed, wellknown to Watling folk. Marie de Latin was accompanist at the piano, and the Directors Dance Orchestra rendered selections during the evening. A wrist watch awarded for a competition was won by Mrs. A. Brixey. A fine evening's entertainment worthy of a Hall three times the size of ours. Although this event concluded the Watling Week programme there were still two more important events which were embraced in the Watling Week activities. On Friday, June 30th a grand Presentation Dance was given at the Cornwall Assembly Rooms by Maison Lyon of Watling Ave., Burnt Oak, and organised by Mr. Jack Hilton. Prizes for the sports winners were presented by the Carnival Queen, and as a wind-up of the festivities our Vanguards, the Gay Girlies Concert Party, gave an excellent show at the Centre on Friday, July 7th, once again to a packed hall. There was merriment and wit in plenty. By some strange manner a mere male crept into this all-female concert party in the shape of none other than Jack Radley, who performed as comper. Musical selections were provided by the Watling Association Orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. W. H. Lancaster, with Mr. H. Callaghan at the piano. We extend our grateful thanks to the Gay Girlies for their splendid efforts in aid of the Watling Week funds. So we draw the curtain on the festivities for Watling Week No. 11.

I commenced this report with a reference to the Community and the part they played in Watling Week. It is easy to see how big that part was in the general report but there is still a great number to be included and we now extend our most grateful thanks to the following: The Carnival Queen and her attendants who carried out the duties in a most effective manner; the Social Committee, Stewards, and Canteen workers who worked so hard for the cause throughout the week; to Mr. C. C. Smith and Mr. Clark for their services in our preparations; to the following local traders who gave spot prizes in the RESIDENT: Bumper Bargain Stores, Harvey and Thompson, Steeles, Price, Hales, Genners, Chas. Phillips, Dewhurst, Vowden, Watson, Laidlers Stores, Stevens & Steed, Ward and Strong, Brady's, Bartletts, Thompson's, Wright Bros. & Thorpe, Barr's, William Bros., A. I. Jones, Hepworths, Alfreds, Hillmans, and Pegleys. To Ann Russell, Burnt Oak, who provided the dress for the Carnival Queen; to the Bumper Bargain Stores who provided the dresses for the attendants, also a number of prizes; to the Co-operative Society, Dicks, Greenwoods, Elmar, Curry, Stanley J. Lee, Vowden, A. I. Jones, Chas. Phillips, Garret, Price, Steeles, Harvey & Thompson, Hales, Hendon Electric Supply Co. for gifts. To the following for the prizes for the Baby Show: W. J. Harris & Co. (who gave a pram for the champion baby), Glaxo Laboratories, Cow & Gate, Allen & Hanburys, D. W.

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BALD FAGED STAGE?



"A Downland Year"

Amongst the many books that are so fascinating to lovers of the country is one that has just been written by Tickner Edwardes with the above title. Mr. Edwardes has written nearly a score of books, mostly about country life. Several of them are about bees.

"The Lore of the Honey-Bee" is one of his best known. It is said that the late Lord Oxford and Asquith admitted having sat all one night into the small hours of the morning reading the bee book "unable to break away from the spell of its charm."

But "A Downland Year" is a book you can dip into and read at haphazard at any time. It consists of little "sketches" of the country-side and there is one for every day of the year. It is the Sussex Downs that give the book its title.

Here are two out of the 365 "sketches" taken at random that will give you some idea of the charm and interest of the book.

"August 3rd. It takes much to draw me away from Sussex, but one place at one particular time never fails to do it, and that is the Somerset teasel country in the cutting season.

Just now, in certain districts, you can travel for miles and see little else but these teasel-fields on every side—whole provinces of living growing amethysts, the beautiful soft colour stretching away almost to the earth-line wherever you look and a roar of bee music lifting up from every field.

It is a two years business, this teasel growing, the plants being raised the one year to flower the next. You sow your seeds on Lady Day, in which observance there is no doubt a touch of superstition, founded on a good basis of common sense. In November you transplant the young teasels, and then there is nothing to do but weed, weed, until next year's cutting time comes round.

It will be news to many that teasels are still used to raise a nap on cloth; moreover that they are in such demand that in a week or two the canny Yorkshiremen will be coming all the way to this far southern county to buy up the produce of the fields."

"December 29th. I was up at the dew-pond early—just as the sun was peering over the edge of the world and picking out every snow-clad hill-top around me with chevrons of rosy light.

But early as I was, the starlings were there before me. Creeping up the bank that surrounded the pond and stealthily looking over. I saw that the water was one solid sheet of ice, with half a dozen of the birds moping by its rim, evidently in dismay.

These flew away the moment my head appeared over the brow. But others came up on the wind, looked at the ice, gave it a hopeless, helpless peck or two, then made off. A minute or two later a green woodpecker came looping over from the thicket hard by.

He too stared at the ice in bewilderment, going off at last.

Turning and gazing back as I trudged homeward, I saw a party of rooks streaming towards the pond, with the same disappointment in store. The freezing of the dew-ponds is a serious matter for these downland birds, who depend on them for their water-supply."

WHAT TO DO IN AUGUST

FLOWER GARDEN.—Now is the time to plant the lovely madonna lily. Dig in a layer of leaf-mould two inches deep before planting. They look best in groups of three or four.

Take cuttings of bedding plants such as fuchsias, heliotropes, calceolarias and geraniums. Root the cuttings in pots or boxes.

Plant winter aconites, grape hyacinths, snowdrops and scilla. Some would look well in the rockery.

Alpine plants should be carefully examined and if the stock of any species or variety has not made sufficient progress insert more cuttings or offsets in a cold frame to supply deficiencies.

Roses are gross feeders, therefore where the ground has become dry and the plants show signs of mildew give them a liberal watering with liquid manure. Also syringe the plants with water to which a little ammonia has been added. This will cause them to make fresh growth which should be clean and healthy and produce an abundance of late blooms.

Towards the end of the month plant some irises, English, Spanish or Dutch. The flowers are beautiful and they come at a time when the daffodils and other spring bulbs have finished.

The seeds of antirrhinum, larkspur, pansies, polyanthus and valerian may be sown out of doors this month.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Early in the month attend to the summer pruning of apples, pears, cherries and plums. Shorten all young shoots three fourths of their length on all trained trees, except such as are required for extending the extremities of branches or for laying in between branches that are too wide apart.

Cherry trees should be pruned and cleaned as soon as the fruit is cleared. Give the roots plenty of water and thoroughly wash the trees.

Examine carefully the apple and pear trees to see whether American blight is present. If it is lose no time in trying to exterminate the pest. A strong insecticide may be used. A petroleum emulsion or a nicotine emulsion is most efficient. If this is rubbed in with a small brush it should prove fatal to the insects and will do the branches no harm.

Remove bodily the misplaced young shoots of apricots. Nail others to the wall or fence and see to the gathering of the fruit before it becomes unduly ripe or receives injury from birds and wasps.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Onions may be sown any time now up to the first week in September. Before sowing the ground should be firmly trodden down and raked level. Make the drills about 9 inches apart. When the young plants are up they should be kept free from weeds and watered if the weather be dry. The soil between the rows should be given an occasional

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Sapphires and Diamonds

By F. H. LAKE

CHAPTER V.

THE CHASE

Mr. Lister and his wife stood on the kerb and saw the bus convey Betty and Cannonball out of sight. "We'll get on this one dear" he said as another bus stopped in front of them. Mr. Lister took penny fares. He knew Betty could not go far as she had no money. "We must keep a good look out for her. She can't be far away." The bus pulled up at the first stopping place and they peered through the window, but there was no sight of Betty. The bus was just moving off again when Mr. Lister caught sight of a young puppy, wandering about, apparently lost. "Cannonball!" exclaimed Mrs. Lister who had also seen the dog. Ringing the bell to stop the bus they hastily alighted and retraced their steps to the side turning where they had seen the dog. "Come here 'Cannonball' coaxed Mr. Lister but the dog after one or two bites at his feet, ran up the street. Turning a corner, they almost collided with Betty and the man in the raincoat. Mr. Lister took hold of the man's arm in a firm grip, "Where is that bracelet," he demanded.

The man's courage seemed to leave him, for without a word he handed over the bracelet. Mr. Lister turned to his wife, "shall we lock him up?"

"No: let him go. We'll take the bracelet straight to the police station now and be on the safe side. Come along Betty." The man slunk off and they made for the Police station which was not far distant. "Where's Cannonball?" asked Betty suddenly remembering the dog. They looked about, but it was nowhere to be seen.

"He's gone again," said Mr. Lister, "I am afraid it's goodbye to him. Well, here is the Police station. We'll all go in."

The Police Inspector heard their story and then examined the bracelet. "Yes, it looks like the one; it tallies with the description. You were lucky to get it back from that man. He was just a common thief I expect. Now look here, leave me the bracelet and your name and address, and you will probably hear something in a day or two. I expect you know it belongs to Sir John Galvin the famous surgeon: at least, to his daughter; Lady Margaret."

"Well, we didn't know," said Mrs. Lister. Betty's eyes opened wide, "Wasn't I lucky to find it," she said as they made their way out into the street.

When they arrived home Chloe was sitting in her wheel chair at the front gate. On her lap was Cannonball fast asleep.

"Hello Chole. My. How did he get here?" queried Mrs. Lister. We lost him a long way away. Chloe smiled, "I sat here in this chair, and suddenly felt him jump up at me. He looked awful tired. As soon as I put him on my lap he fell asleep."

"Marvellous how he found his way home," said Mrs. Lister. "Instinct I suppose."

VISITORS

A week passed and the excitement of finding the bracelet died down as the Lister family settled down to their household routine. One day Mrs. Lister was busy ironing. Betty was in the back garden playing with Cannonball. Mr. Lister was rolling the front lawn and trying to keep up a conversation with his daughter Chloe who had wheeled her chair up to her favourite sunny spot near the front gate. Silently, and almost unobserved a large streamlined car drew up and a smartly uniformed chauffeur stepped out. "Does Mr. Lister live here?" Mr. Lister stopped his rolling and came over to the gate. "Yes, I am Mr. Lister."

The chauffeur opened the door of the car and a young lady stepped out followed by a tall slim gentleman, slightly grey at the temples. Betty came out, and the young lady smiled and patted her on the shoulder, "We've met before I think."

"We were very pleased to get the bracelet back," said the tall gentleman turning to Mr. Lister. "It is rather valuable—especially to us. It's been in our family for years." He took the bracelet from his pocket and held it up. "There it is—a broken catch that's why it got lost."

Mr. Lister noticed the surgeon's long fingers, broad at the tip. His hands looked strong and capable.

Mrs. Lister hovered in the doorway. "Won't you come in? I am just making a cup of tea." "Well, for five minutes," said Sir John, "I've got to be at the hospital at 3.30."

Mrs. Lister busied herself in the scullery and presently appeared with a large pot of tea.

"Just what I could do with," said Lady Margaret. She turned to Betty who was standing near her mother. "There will be a nice little reward for you Betty, and you will be able to buy your daddy and mummy a nice present and a new collar and lead for your little dog."

Betty was so excited she could hardly murmur her thanks. "Who is the little girl in the wheel chair?" enquired Sir John of Mrs. Lister.

"That is Chloe—my other daughter, she is a cripple. She had a fall when she was quite young, and has not been able to walk since."

"Hm" muttered Sir John. He sat silent for a few moments—"Could I have a look at her?" Mr. Lister put his empty tea cup on the table. "I'll bring her in." Chloe appeared, smiling.

"The doctor would like to have a look at you Chloe," said Mrs. Lister. "Just set her on the couch," said Sir John.

Chloe was gently lifted on to the couch whilst Mr. Lister ushered Betty from the room.

(To be continued)

COMPETITION

The last chapter of "Sapphires and Diamonds" will appear in next month's "Resident."

How would you like to write it? I am sure you can. Just write down in plain, simple words how you would like the story to end.

Prizes will be awarded for each chapter printed, so come along and try your luck.

GARDEN NOTES—continued from Page 11.

stirring with the hoe. Excellent crops of autumn sown onions may be grown by merely thinning out the plants to four or five inches apart and keeping them free of weeds.

Spring sown onions should be lifted towards the end of the month. Spread them out on mats on the paths for a few days until they get thoroughly dry. When dry store them in a single layer in a cool dry place or tie them in "ropes" and suspend them from the ceiling in a room or shed.

See that the late peas have a liberal supply of water in dry weather.

The plants of peas and beans that have done bearing should be taken up and the land that they have occupied should be roughly dug. A liberal supply of lime will be useful especially if applied on dewy mornings.

Sow seeds of spring cabbage, red cabbage, and colewort early in the month, also main crop turnips.

Gather herbs of all kinds and tie them in small bunches to dry for winter use.

Give frequent supplies of liquid manure to the outdoor tomatoes to help the swelling of the fruit.

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Guest (waking hastily): "Why, what time is it now?"

Servant: "About a quarter to eight, your honour."

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HENDON

Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB Hendon Section.

This month has not lived up to its nickname of "Flaming June," but that has not stopped members turning out on club-runs. With the longer spell of daylight we get at this time of the year runs become more pleasant. After the smoke-laden atmosphere and noise of the town it does one good to get out into the country. Do you ride a cycle? Would you like to come out with us on a run? We meet at the Police Box, corner of Watling Avenue and Montrose Avenue, every Sunday at 9 o'clock. The runs for August are:

Aug. 6.—Informal.

„ 13.—Follow-my-leader run (to be held in Bucks). Tea at Tring.

„ 20.—Broadfield (Beds.). Tea at Burnham Grn.

„ 27.—Box Hill (Surrey). Tea at Oxshott.

Sept. 3.—Woburn Sands (Beds.). Tea at Eggington.

If you are thinking of joining a Club, I would like you to study these advantages that the National Clarion offers you. For 5/6 a year you get 10/- per week if injured in an accident, third party insurance up to £1,000, insurance whilst riding to and from work. You are also offered 10/- towards the cost of any immediate medical attention, and 7/6 towards the cost of returning home after an accident. On top of all this there is free legal aid for anyone requiring such service, plus being able to take part in all activities of your local section. Further particulars are obtainable from the Local Secretary, Mr. W. G. Glendenning, 23, Brinkburn Gardens, Edgware.

Perhaps you only ride to and from work. Have you ever wondered what would happen if you were unlucky enough to meet with an accident? Would you have any legal assistance to help you recover the cost of any damage?

Again supposing you were unlucky enough to knock somebody over and they claimed damages against you, would you be able to pay? If you were an Associate Member of the Clarion you would have no need to worry. For 2/6 per year you are offered full legal aid and Third Party Insurance up to £1,000. For fuller particulars write to the Local Associate Secretary, Mr. R. Batten, 19, Silkstream Road, Burnt Oak.

On the social side, club nights are held at the Catholic Church Hall, Thirleby Road, Burnt Oak, every Wednesday, except the second in the month. We have table tennis, two dart boards, besides many other amusements and games. These privileges are open to all members of the club for the nominal fee of 1/2 per month. This also includes a free monthly magazine. The clubroom is open from 8 to 10.30 p.m.

Au revoir until next month.

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Cycling's Great Variety

Mountain riding in quieter Europe—Photograph
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By Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY, the Rudge-Whitworth
rider who toured nearly 30,000 miles last year.
She lived on the Estate (in Dryfield Road)
for a few years.

CYCLING IN NORWAY

It has always been my belief that every touring cyclist should see Britain first. Now that most of the high roads and mountain passes of England, Scotland and Wales have passed beneath my wheels I am about to make my first cycle tour abroad. Cycling in high places has always strangely fascinated me, and as the best scenery is nearly always found amid the mountains, "Cyclux" and I have chosen to visit Norway. Situated in the quiet corner of Europe this nation hands out the arm of friendship to all British cycle tourists, and in forthcoming issues of the "Watling Resident" I hope to be able to tell you about our travels.

When you read this we shall probably be well away, high up in the sparsely populated Jotunheimen Mountain district. Our gears will be low—ranging from a low of 40 for climbing the zig-zag roads up the mountain sides, a normal of about 54, with top only reaching 70, if that.

Even for normal lane riding within easy reach of the Estate, many cyclists would be more comfortable on lower gears.

CYCLING PHOTOGRAPHY

The ever changing scenery available to the touring cyclist enables him (or her) to couple photography with enjoyable travel. We have albums full of scenes encountered around Snowdon in North Wales, among the English Lakes, amid heather and mountain in Bonnie Scotland, and Devon and Cornish coast . . . in fact ranging from Land's End to John o' Groats. These photographs present us with a personal record of our wheel wanderings, our friends enjoy looking at them, and when the dark cold winter days come round it is very pleasant to bring back memories of glorious sunshine on say, the Isle of Skye.

Owing to my Rudge riding taking me to a Rally in North Wales, I was unable to attend the recent Watling Week Dinner which happened to be held on the evening of the day I left for that district. The rally was held at Colwyn Bay, and Mr. J. E. Holdsworth, National Cycling Organiser attended. Readers will remember the Hendon Clarion were recently responsible for bringing him to Watling Centre. The Mayor supported the meeting not only with his personal interest, but also by coming along; and Lillian Dredge and myself spoke in favour of women cycling for better health and fitness.

BEST-DRESSED CYCLING GIRLS

Reports from reliable sources inform me that the number of young girls taking to cycling is steadily

increasing, so that local "mixed" clubs should attract some of these to their ranks early, for they are the riders of the future.

Another good point is the desire to see women awheel looking as feminine as possible. It is not enough for a cycling girl to just put on a pair of almost masculine cord shorts, ride as fast as possible in male company in order to be considered a good rider.

Almost every week-end I attend rallies of women cyclists held in places far apart. At Lullingstone Castle in Kent recently I judged women riders who took part in a "style-riding" contest, and a "best dressed cycling girl" competition. Again at the Yorkshire N.C.U. Rally, at the Coventry C.C. Field Day at Stratford-on-Avon, and the West Met. C.T.C. Rally at Burnham Beeches these "best dressed cycling girl" events were held and well supported too, for clubgirls everywhere are keen to look neat and trim on their machines.

We are out to show you who have not yet taken easily to seeing women awheel, that it is good for them and a healthy complexion and neat appearance helps us to prove it.

Happy holidays to all readers!

YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION

Hendon Local Group

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance at the meeting on 20th June at the Centre to discuss the formation of a local group of the Youth Hostels Association. It was quickly agreed that a group should be formed, to be called the Hendon local group. Mr. E. M. Welsman, London Regional Secretary, who presided, welcomed the new group which can do much, he said, to promote the common-room spirit which is an important part of the Association.

The meeting then proceeded to elect a committee of twelve. The election of officers was left to the committee except for the important office of treasurer.

A number of ways in which the group can help members were suggested. One of these is in the organisation of holidays. It is possible, through the Y.H.A. to have a week's holiday walking in Devon for 25s. (excluding fares), which means that for a cyclist the inclusive cost would be little more than 25s. And that is only one example. There must be many people at Watling who could get a really fine holiday at small cost through the Y.H.A., and the local group will welcome any new members.

The group's programme opened on 8th July with a cycling week-end to Ivinghoe. Eleven cyclists left Edgware on Saturday afternoon and stayed the night at the Ivinghoe hostel. Ivinghoe is a quiet village north of Tring, at the foot of the Dunstable Downs. The hostel itself was at one time the home of the manager of a local brewery. It is a large, rambling house, and makes a fine hostel. The party cooked their own meals in the kitchen that is a converted wine cellar—so successfully converted that there is not so much as a cask to indicate its former use. The next day they returned by way of Rickmansworth.

The walking section on 9th July had a no less enjoyable, if less ambitious, programme, with a day ramble around Watford. A party of 17 followed a route through varied country—through Cassiobury Park, Church End, Chenies, the Chess Valley and Sarratt returning by way of Whippendell Woods.

The group, at its next meeting on 17th August, at the Centre, is to debate the controversial question for all hostellers "Do cyclists see the countryside?" Do they? If you think they do, or are sure that they don't come and say so on the 17th. L.J.C.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Burnt Oak Branch

Registered unemployed has now fallen to 1,380,000. This is not due to any special effort on the part of the government to remedy our plight, but to two main factors—the opening up of seasonal occupations, and the extension of the armaments programme.

With the fall in figures, we must remember the huge army of persons still out of work, and the fact that when the figures start to rise again, as they surely will, then, as I stated a short while ago, we shall probably witness a larger number of unemployed than ever before in the history of this country. Just now we find increasing pressure being put on by the government in order to drive the unemployed, on a compulsory basis, into the slave centres. You are already aware that the Unemployment Assistance Board has opened one of these centres in the Chalk Farm district where the unemployed are hounded into to work without wages. Our movement do not intend to allow this to happen therefore we are preparing in the future to organise something bigger than the Lay Down Strikes etc.; for the purpose of getting this slave centre closed down. Our forecast has come right in relation to these camps and the intimidation that would be used to force the men into camps. Have you read the daily press in line with the government, calling for the training of the unemployed, stop their benefit if they refuse to enter the camps, make soldiers of them, etc., etc. These are but some of the dangers that face the unemployed in the future and it is for all concerned that we demand now, "THE RIGHT TO WORK IN PEACE TIME" and not in war time only, we do not like existing on the charity that comes our way. Put us to work and make us self supporting in society thus avoiding all worry in which all will be better in health and help to make that part of an A.I. nation that is so much necessary to-day.

Hon. Secretary,
W. LEWINGTON.

THE GUILD OF PLAYERS

Another play is in the course of production and in our next performance we hope to try out the novel experiment of a curtain raiser with a cast of young people who will perform a one act play. The Guild meets every Tuesday evening at the Centre at 8 o'clock and there is still room for new members either sex. For the younger section from ages 14 to 18 and for the older section from 18 onwards.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL AT MARGATE

On Monday, July 10th a party of 35 from the Women's Adult School left the Centre for Margate. The journey down was very enjoyable, as we passed through some of the most picturesque English countryside. Arriving at Margate at 12 o'clock the party divided into groups. Some went swimming, some for walks the rest played games on the beach. Then physical drill on the sands with the Lambeth Walk, Marina Glide and so on. A treat for the onlookers. Having worked up an appetite a fish dinner received a unanimous vote. Having refuelled, one or two tried to swim the Channel, whilst the remainder organised a donkey Derby. One donkey jibbed at carrying top weight and let down its 14 stone jockey. Tea time came round all too quickly after which the W.A. School made for "Dreamland" where the Ghost train, switchback and scenic railway did their best to mix up the fish dinner with the shrimp tea.

Then a tour round to buy presents to take home. They bought up all the rock in Margate for the kiddies and for husbands with no teeth they bought jellied eels. On the way home there was some choir practice and when they couldn't sing any more they stopped for refreshments, arriving home almost too hoarse to speak. However, a good time was had by all. The weather behaved nicely, and the school are looking forward to the next outing.

BOWLS CLUB

The club is now in a very healthy condition. New members are still coming along, and so well have we progressed and so skilful have some of the members become, that we are holding a club competition during August and September. This is the cheapest Bowls club in the district and members of both sexes are welcomed. Ladies are especially invited to join. We already have three lady members. All enquiries at the Centre. Fees 10/- per season for men, 5/- for ladies. Join now for the half season. Men 5/-, Ladies 2/6.

Roll up and bowl up.

FOOTBALL

We will soon be looking forward to starting a new season at football. I am pleased to say that we gained promotion last season by winning 2 B division of the Hendon and District League so now we will be playing in 2 A. If there are any members who would like to join our club we should be very pleased to welcome them, and also we should like to see some of the older members become Honorary members. So come along some of you older people who have finished playing games and support the coming generation.

We have entered into two Cup competitions this coming season, The Royal Northern Hospital Charity Cup, and the Hendon and District League Cup, so we can assure you of some good games. I will publish the fixtures in next month's issue. DICK LODGE.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Fellowship

Those interested in Fellowship are asked to note the difference between the Fellowship Meetings on the first Sunday in the month and the lectures arranged in conjunction with the Edgware Fellowship on the third Sunday in the month. The former group is a religious one and there is not usually a discussion of the address; the Edgware Fellowship on the other hand is a rationalist organisation, its lectures are often of a controversial nature and are followed by questions and discussion.

The Library

There are quite a number of good books at the Centre which seldom see the light of day outside their bookshelves. They need the care of a librarian. If anyone would be interested in this work the Association's Education Committee would be pleased to hear from him or her.

Old People's Outing

On Wednesday, September 13th, the Veterans' Club will fill up two coaches and go off to Clacton for their annual outing.

Messrs. Cronshaws kindly supply the coaches at a small cost, and when the old folks get to the sea they will certainly make the most of their day out.

Outing to Kew Gardens

There is still time to join the party from the Men's Adult School which is taking a trip to Kew Gardens on Sunday, September 10th. Meet at Burnt Oak Tube Station at 10 o'clock. If you are interested, please leave your name in the office. The only expense is your fare. Tea arrangements left to individuals.

Front Gardens

Commencing from the Spring of next year there will be two front garden competitions on the Watling Estate. This it is felt will encourage tenants to keep their gardens in a cultivated and tidy condition all the year round. A number of "newcomers" prizes will be awarded to tenants who have not previously secured a prize in competitions, but whose gardens have been commended. There is a wide range of prizes and tenants may commence operations this autumn for next spring's competition, and we wish them luck.

A Bicycle made for Three was seen by one of our readers on holiday at Canvey Island. Mother, father and son were doing the pedalling, and they carried as passenger a smaller son.

Double Top All the baggage another visitor brought was a dart board.

My Hat! As more and more men are going hatless, women's hats are taking more and more fantastic shapes.

The imagination and ingenuity in producing these "creations" is simply wonderful. If mere man was to saunter out in these hats (?) which sometimes resemble an apple pie in a fit, or a chimney pot with delirium tremens, he would be pelted at by small boys, or else locked up. Strangely enough, the ladies seem to make these hats look attractive.

Something Different are the Family Socials, held once a month at the Centre. On behalf of the Social Committee, we should like to see a few more members at these happy functions. After all, what more could you get? A first-class dance band, refreshments, and amusement in abundance, all for 6d., children 3d. Ask yourself, how does this Social pay? It doesn't; we give it to you; all we ask in return is your support. The next one is Friday, September 15th.

Southend Outing

Closing September 3rd. All cards must be cleared up by this date. There are still a few more vacant seats.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

- Sep. 4.—Mrs. Durant, "Nutrition."
 Sep. 11.—Mr. Armstrong, "Anti-Vivisection."
 Sep. 18.—Mrs. Lord, "Fircroft Summer School."
 Sep. 25.—Miss Henriques, "Justice or Privilege."
 Oct. 2.—Miss Adam, "Trade Unionism for Women."
 Oct. 9.—Mr. Low, "Television Demonstration."
 Oct. 16.—Miss Gwen. Paine, "Peace Army in Palestine."
 Oct. 23.—Capt. Knowles' Second Talk on Breathing.

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Mr. TOM PUGH

We understand that Coun. Tom Pugh will shortly be leaving the Estate, and as a consequence will not offer himself for re-election at the forthcoming Borough Council Elections.

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WRESTLING

As an exercise for the promotion of physical betterment, the development of greater activity and control of balance, no form of physical recreation is superior to wrestling.

Those who witnessed the display of the art, in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style, given on June 22nd at the Cressingham Rd. Playing Fields will easily have realised that practically every muscle of the body and limbs comes into active use during a wrestling bout; that even the persistent performer is safeguarded against the possibility of partial or one-sided muscular development, such as is admittedly the outcome of enthusiastic participation in some sports and games.

Equally will it have been appreciated how necessary are co-ordination of mind and muscle, quick thinking and immediate action, towards the execution, or avoidance, of many of the "chips" shown, and the extent to which skill, the application of balance and leverage, counteracts material advantages in mere weight and muscular force. And I feel quite certain that no one went away without the realisation that wrestling can be a most effective form of self defence.

At the same time, it is also possible that to some the exercise appears ultra-vigorous, that falls can be heavy, that a lengthy apprenticeship is necessary to develop the toughness to render one immune against bruises and contusions.

To an extent, such criticism may not be unfounded; though in the traditional home of the style hard knocks are accepted as part of the game, the use of a wrestling mat of any kind is unknown (except for indoor practice), and the exercise is usually learned from boyhood, when tumbles to the turf are likely to mean nothing more than a bruise here and there.

The application of the system of "breakfalls," an essential feature of and introduction to the practice of Judo, the Japanese system of Self Defence, is hardly possible with English styles of wrestling, but there is no reason whatever why anyone's introductory practising of such styles should not take place on a mat. Indeed, such may be recommended.

Among the Finns, who produce some of the finest exponents of the Catch-Can style of wrestling (any legitimate hold permitted, tripping included, and both shoulders on the mat together constituting a fall), it is the rule that during the novice's first year he shall take part in no upstanding wrestling whatever, but confine himself to matwork—i.e., the system of ground wrestling by which a contestant endeavours to obtain such a hold (both wrestlers being on hands and knees) that by leverage, rolling, and the quick application of weight and muscle, it is possible to turn an opponent over so that both shoulders are brought into contact with the mat.

The Finnish teachers argue that such preliminary work does toughen the frame and the muscles to such an extent as to render direct falls to the mat from the upstanding position harmless. And I am not prepared to dispute the accuracy of the argument. I would urge, however, that a knowledge of C. and W. style is of undoubted value to the Catch-Can wrestler in bringing an opponent to the mat for the application of some of the all-but numberless "turning over"

devices and dexterous combination of grips that come into play.

At some future time, I hope that members of my Association may have the opportunity of putting before readers a demonstration of the Catch-Can style. In this, a contest is usually a far more prolonged business than C. and W. offers; and it may happen that no fall is actually gained, the decision, after a time limit of 15 minutes, going to that wrestler who has made the greatest and most skilful efforts towards securing an actual fall.

PERRY LONGHURST.

WATLING ASSOCIATION
BOWLING CLUB

The above Club, formed this year, has a membership of 50, the majority of whom had not been on a bowling green before, played their first match (a two rink friendly) on Wednesday, August 16th against Hendon Bus Garage B.C., the Watling Club winning by 45—24. It was not a one-sided match, as the score suggests, as the shot was exchanged very often, during the ends, but Watling often secured the winning shot at the finish of the end, owing to the play of the skips. The Hendon B.C. congratulated Watling on winning their first match, but hope to have their revenge in the return match.

The Club has also a ladies' section, who do not intend to sit on the bank and watch, but to go on the green and play themselves, and the way they are progressing, it will not be long before they will be able to challenge the men to a match.

It is surprising to see how good and keen these new bowlers have adapted themselves to the game. Several stated that they did not think Bowls was such an interesting game.

Now, you sportsmen, who think it is an old man's game, come along and see what you can do.

The team: Watling B.C.

Jack, Wilson, Jones, Clarke ...	22
N. L. Dodd, Parker, Mace, Stock ...	23
	45

Hendon Bus B.C.

Snow, Davey, Allett, Spurway ...	16
Haggerston, Boon, Barrett, Rogers ...	8
	24

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The Value of Good Speech

"Speech is Silver—Silence is Golden." This quotation is often found to be only too true; in fact, "Too true to be good!"

A speaker with nothing to say, who cannot stop talking, is a calamity too well known to need further comment.

On the other hand, "The man who married a dumb wife" found his life very dull without articulate response to his conversation.

We are told that "the first duty of man is to speak; that is his chief business in life"; but we are not told that what he says and how he says it is of paramount importance.

A child learns to speak without conscious effort, and because speech is a matter of daily use, its value is not appreciated.

A singer must practice daily, and with great care, to develop even an average voice. But we all talk without effort, and therefore do not realise how badly we often speak. Good speech is an accomplishment and an art—it is "The Art of Communicated Experience."

This being so it is surely worth the consideration given to other arts such as painting and music.

The French people love their language and wish to speak it well. They have formed an Academy which consists of forty carefully chosen and elected members. It is the duty of these chosen ones to preserve the purity of the French language.

No such academy exists in England. It is therefore the duty and privilege of us all to determine that the speaking of English shall not fall below the standard it deserves.

There are two main causes for the poor speech so common in this country:

1. Inability to think, and to express thought in words.
2. An unpleasant voice and an inaudible delivery.

Strange as it may seem these two faults are, to a certain extent, interdependent.

A clear thinker will tend to use clear terms of expression.

A good voice is clear, not loud, and its clarity tends to dispel confusion of thought. The ability to speak well is a delightful experience whether in public or in private life. It is more lasting than the thrill felt by a film star when surrounded by bouquets from an admiring audience.

Beauty of thought, expressed in beautiful words by a beautiful voice, is a contribution to the world of inestimable value.

Slovenly speech will soon lead to slovenly habits, but voices well used will do much to raise the standard of life, both industrial and social.

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If you are interested join the group at the Centre which is studying voice production (see middle pages).

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Life is not all cinemas, whist drives or dances. There are other things more satisfying and lasting.

Many worthwhile activities which take place at the Centre could be better supported, and many of us would get added enjoyment by taking part in them. A perusal of the splendid winter programme set out on the centre pages of this journal will surely be of interest to all of us. This programme has been thought out and planned to suit all tastes, and we feel confident that those who take part in them will be greatly enriched, both in body and in mind.

Plan your winter now. Take up something new and get out of the rut. By supporting the cultural activities, as well as the social activities which take place at the Centre, you can help yourselves and others.

A Hardy Race

A lot has been said recently on the question of holidays. About holidays with pay. The expense of holidays and of the various kinds of holiday, but there is no doubt that from a healthful and economic point of view there is much to be said for camping, whether it be a holiday camp, a family camp, or even a lone camp. The old boarding-house holiday with its routine of a walk along the sea-front, a swim, a sun bath on the beach and then back to lunch, is losing favour. More people than ever are taking camping holidays—in spite of our fickle climate. Tents of every description stand up bravely to the weather in all sorts of odd corners along the coast and over the countryside, so that far from being a "C.3" nation, our outlook is as healthy and as vigorous as that of our adventurous forefathers.

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The M.C.C. and You

By County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

Perhaps this brief article should better be headed the "Borough Council and You," seeing that in regard to a matter that affects readers of the *RESIDENT* very closely; it is the action that the Borough Council will take that will decide what decision the County Council will arrive at in regard to the proposed extensions to the Watling Community Centre.

At the last meeting of the Middlesex Education Committee, held in July, the following recommendation was adopted:—"That the County approves in principle a proposal to provide extended building for the Community Centre on the Watling Estate . . . subject to the following conditions . . ."

The most important of these conditions to readers of the *RESIDENT* is this one:—"subject to the Hendon Borough Council undertaking to make an adequate contribution towards the cost of the proposed extensions."

For the Education Committee to pass a resolution does not settle the matter. Every recommendation of every committee must be endorsed by the County Council at its subsequent meeting.

In the report of the Education Committee submitted to the County Council on July 27th appeared no mention of the Watling extensions. I, therefore, asked the acting Chairman what had become of the Committee's recommendation, and was told, as I had expected would be the case, that the Finance Committee had refused to submit an estimate until they had heard what the Hendon Borough Council proposed to do.

So there the matter rests for the present so far as the County Council is concerned. It remains to be seen what the Hendon Authority will decide.

Watling Association Council

At a meeting of the above held at the end of July the Hendon Group of the Youth Hostels Association was accepted as a Constituent Body.

Reports were received that the Borough Council declined to erect a convenience at the Bowling Green, that the Education Committee would not proceed with the working of the Milk Marketing Board's cheap milk scheme during the school holidays. The Annual Report of the National Council for Civil Liberties was received.

It was agreed to send four representatives to the greater London Regional Conference of the Community Centres and Associations' Committee, to ask the conference to agree to ask the Standing Committee to consider whether the time has now come for the formation of a National Federation of Community Associations and to nominate Mr. Harris for the Standing Committee for 1940-41.

Mr. Williams reported having met Mr. Wallbridge in Cornwall and brought cordial greetings from Mr. Wallbridge.

It was agreed to write to the Borough Council re cutting the hedge at the corner of Deans Lane Bridge and Driffild Road, and to the Director of Education to seek his help in dissuading school children from throwing stones, a bad habit which seems to have been increasing lately.

Social Activities at the Centre

With the summer drawing to a close, members are no doubt curious to know what has been arranged for the Winter. The Social Committee have not been idle despite the outdoor attractions, and an interesting and full programme has been arranged. The Committee appreciate the enthusiastic support and assistance of members of the Association, and hope that the support will continue throughout the coming months. Dances and social activities are a means of creating friendship and spending pleasant hours, and, what is important, are a source of revenue to the Association. Please do your bit to make the programme a success by attending the events, and do not forget to bring along your friends. A special feature will be the introduction of an excellent new Band for the Sunday Dances, "The Five Aces," under the leadership of Jim Yarde, commencing with a dance on September 3rd.

Tuesday night dances having been carried on through the summer months, are still well attended, and, as most of you already know, "The Harmelodians," the band that is different, is in attendance. The Wednesday evening Whist Drive has caused some concern to the Committee. Numbers have decreased, and an appeal is made to members to support this drive, which it is intended should be a social evening and which has proved so profitable and enjoyable to members winning cash prizes in the past. The Saturday Night Olde Time Socials, under the supervision of the able M.C., Mrs. Nyberg, are specially suited for the elder members of the Association, and we hope that

many of our friends will come along and enjoy the old-time dances, whist and social programme. Come and dance to Fred Cole and his Band. Although the Monday evening and Thursday afternoon Whist Drives are maintaining their numbers, we feel sure that there are plenty of members who might support them. Let me assure you that when you do come with your friends you will enjoy the friendliness and sociability which these Drives provide.

Family Socials.—These functions, of which we have already held two, are something different. Once a month it is hoped to have these, so those members who have not yet been to them are invited to attend. The Harmelodians are in attendance at these family socials. For guidance of members we append below a Calendar of Dances.

Sunday Free and Easy		Sunday Dance at 6d.		Saturday Evening Carnival Socials
October 8	22	Sep. *10	24	Sep. 2
Nov. 12	26	October	15	October 14
Dec. 10		Nov. *5	19	Nov. 18
Jan. 14	28	Dec. *3	17 24	Dec. 16
Feb. 11	25	Jan. *7	21	New Year's Eve
		Feb. *4	18	Carn. Soc.
		Family Socials		Jan. 20
		Septemehr	15	Feb. 17
		November	17	
		December	8	

Dates marked * denote Carnival Dances

Admission 9d.

C. R. DEACON, *Social Secretary.*

BALD FAGED STAGE?

Provisional Programme of Regular Events

at Watling Centre or in connection with Watling Association
for those over 14 :: WINTER, 1939-40

For Children's Activities see Children's Page (page 10). For details of Groups marked * see centre pages.

SUNDAYS

- 11.0 a.m.—Society of Friends Meeting for Worship and Children's Classes.
London Society of Compositors. Weight Lifters.
6.30 p.m.—*Men's Adult School.
8.0 p.m.—*Free and Easys, Dances, *Lectures, *Fellowship Meetings.

MONDAYS

- 2.30 p.m.—*Women's Adult School.
3.0 p.m.—Birth Control Clinic.
8.0 p.m.—Whist Drive. N.A.S.O.H. & S. Painters and Decorators. Oddfellows. Watling Athletic Association. Boxing, see also page 10. *Folk Dancing.
8.30 p.m.—Poor Man's Lawyer. *Discussion Group.

TUESDAYS

- 2.30 p.m.—*Dressmaking Class.
5.30 p.m.—A.E.U.
6.30 p.m.—*Women's Physical Training Class.
7.30 p.m.—*P.T. for Girls, 12—16. Boys' Club.
8.0 p.m.—*Choral Society. Dance. Weight Lifting Club. *Poultry Club. *German.
8.30 p.m.—*P.T. for Girls over 16.

WEDNESDAYS

- 2.30 p.m.—*Women's Neighbourhood Guild.
4.30 p.m.—Veterans' Club.
8.0 p.m.—*Parent-Teacher Group. *Watling and District Rose Society. Indoor Games Club. *Class on Psychology. *Voice Production and Speech Training Class. *Watling Guild of Players.
8.15 p.m.—*Young People's Adult School. Whist Drive.
9.30 p.m.—*Men's P.T. Class.

THURSDAY

- 2.30 p.m.—Whist Drive, Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild. Veterans' Club.
8.0 p.m.—Boxing Club. Weight Lifting Club. Indoor Games Club.
8.30 p.m.—Adult School Socials. Y.H.A. Group. Amateur Variety Company.

FRIDAYS

- 7.0 p.m.—Transport and General Workers' Union.
8.0 p.m.—*Orchestra. *Burnt Oak Political and Economic Discussion Group. Table Tennis Club. Helpers' Socials. N.U.W.M. Football Club Dances.

SATURDAY

- 2.30 p.m.—Blind Club.
3.0 p.m.—Net Ball, see also p. 10
7.0 p.m.—N.A.C.O. Plasterers.
7.30 p.m.—Boys' Club.
8.0 p.m.—Members' Socials

WEIGHT LIFTERS CLUB

Meet on Sundays at 11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.0 p.m., for physical training and to practise the art of weight lifting. Subscription 3d. per week. Secretary: Mr. Booth.

POOR MAN'S LAWYER

Sits at the Centre every Monday, except Bank Holidays, at 8.30 p.m., to advise those who are in legal difficulties and cannot afford a lawyer. Those with accident claims and insurance difficulties, lapsed policies, etc., are specially recommended to make sure of their position.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Meets Fridays at 8.0 p.m. Subscription 3d. per week.

THE VETERANS' CLUB

Open to all Watling Residents over 65 years of age, meets on Wednesdays at 4.30 p.m. for a talk, tea, games and entertainments, and on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. for games and conversation. There is no subscription to the club.

BOXING CLUB

Meets on Mondays and Thursdays. From 6.0 to 8.0 p.m. instruction is given to junior members under 14, from 8.0 to 10 p.m., to senior members. Secretary: Mr. Horne.

NET BALL CLUB

For girls over 16, meets at Woodcroft School on Saturdays at 3.0 p.m. Secretary: Miss R. Hall. Subscription, 3d. per week.

INDOOR GAMES CLUB

Meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays for Table Tennis, Darts, Bagatelle, Chess, Draughts, Shove Halpenny, etc. On Wednesdays has the exclusive use of the Common Room.

BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC

Is held from 3.0 to 4.30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month under the auspices of the North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre.

AMATEUR VARIETY COMPANY

Meets on Thursdays at 8.30 p.m. to rehearse for the purpose of putting on variety concerts at the Centre and elsewhere. Subscription 2d. a week. Director: Mr. R. Howard.

BOYS' CLUB

Enrolment evening will be the last Tuesday in September, when intending members will have an opportunity of meeting the club leaders.

The club caters for boys of 14 years old and upwards, and aims to provide opportunities for healthy activities and the useful occupation of leisure time. Main activities: table tennis, billiards, general table games, recreative gymnastics, outings to places of interest. Subscription, 1d. per evening. Club open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

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INTERESTING WINTER AFTERNOON

Arranged by the Watling Association and other bodies.

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All held at Watling Centre unless otherwise notified.
cannot attend the opening day, please notify the

SUNDAY EVENINGS

First in the month **Fellowship Meetings**, 8 p.m., arranged by Adult Schools, and Society of Friends.

Second and Fourth in the month, **Free and Easy**, 8 p.m., for members of the Watling Association who are over 25. From 9.0—10.0 there will usually be a talk and discussion; before and after this there will be music and a social time with Mr. J. Radley as M.C.

Oct. 8 The Watling Orchestra.

22 Breath and Health.

Capt. W. P. Knowles, D.Sc., M.C.

Nov. 12 The English Lake District.

Mr. R. Pearson.

26 Education for Citizenship.

Mrs. Layton.

Third in the month, **Lectures**, etc., arranged in co-operation with the Edgware Fellowship at 8.0 p.m.

Sept. 17 The Problem of Poland.

Oct. 15 Health.

Nov. 19 My two years under the Japanese Occupation (provisional).

[Note.—The Fellowship Meetings on the first Sunday and the Edgware Fellowship on the third are completely independent bodies. The former is a religious meeting and usually includes an address, hymns, reading and prayer. The latter is a rationalist organisation and provides a lecture followed by discussion.]

DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets Mondays at 8.30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg. The chief object of the group is to provide younger members of the Watling Association with opportunities for discussing matters of interest and for self-expression. Admission free to members of the Association. First meeting of the season, September 18th. Secretary: Mr. R. Mole.

On Oct. 9th, Nov. 6th and Dec. 4th and 18th the group will listen to the Under Twenty Club broadcast, when the respective subjects will be "Spare-time Education," "Leisure," "The Other Sex," and "Youth versus Experience." Other expected speakers and subjects are Mr. Pat Hendren, Mr. Chinnery (football referee), Dr. Rosefield, Mr. A. J. Martin, Mr. Oliver (Blood Transfusion Service), Hat Debates, Local Affairs, What is the function of Trade Unions?

WOMEN'S HANDICRAFT CLASSES

(arranged in conjunction with the Middlesex Education Committee which provides the teachers).

Provide expert instruction in the principles of the crafts with practical applications. Fee for each class, 2/6 for twelve lessons.

Dressmaking.—Meets Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m.

Teacher: Mrs. A. Rainbow. First meeting, Sept. 26.

Classes in **Millinery**, **Cookery** and **Upholstery** will be arranged if sufficient numbers enrol. If you want to join send in your name to Centre at once.

PHYSICAL TRAINING CLASSES

For **Women**. Tuesdays, 6.30 p.m. The chief purpose of the class is to provide "Keep Fit" exercises for married women. Fee 3d. a week. Teacher provided by Middlesex Education Committee.

For **Girls under 16**. Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School, starting Sept. 19th.

For **Girls over 16**. Tuesdays, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School. Instructors: Miss Wood. Fee 3d. a week, which includes membership of the Association.

For **Men**. Wednesdays, 9.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Meets every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. except during the school holidays. Each meeting usually includes a short social time, a talk on some subject of interest, and a time for questions and discussion.

Aug. 30 Social.

Sept. 6 Outing.

13 The L.C.C. Jubilee. Mr. R. Stamp, L.C.C.

20 Voice Production. Miss Nora Gimson.

27 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

Oct. 4 Russia's History

11 Russia before 1917 } Mrs. G. Pocock.

18 Russia after 1917

25 Joint Meeting with Veterans' Club. An afternoon's music, programme arranged by Mrs. Pennell.

Nov. 1 Domestic Colour Schemes

8 The Art of Furnishing } Miss Joyce Enfield.

15 Outing.

22 Children's Diet

29 Man's Place in the } Capt. P. Harper-Shore,

Universe } D.Sc., F.R.B.A.

Dec. 6 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

13 Growing Young. Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

20 Social.

27 & Jan. 3 No meetings.

Jan. 10 Social.

17 South Africa. Miss F. M. Fairbairn.

24 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

Feb. 31 First-Aid Demonstrations.

14 } Commandant Mrs. Maud Amps.

21 } Astronomy.

28 }

March 7 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

14 To be arranged.

21 & 28 No meetings.

VOICE PRODUCTION AND SPEECH TRAINING

Wednesdays, 8 p.m. starting Sept. 27th. Teacher: Miss Nora Gimson. A practical course for the development and use of the voice in private or public life. The value of the "Spoken Word" will be considered, and the advantage of a well trained instrument as a means of communication between individuals and all classes of Society. In the world of industry a pleasant voice and good speech will help towards the attainment of a good position and raise the standard of the work undertaken. A fuller article on this subject can be found on another page. Fee, 2d. a meeting.

THE WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

is open to all members and associate members of the Watling Association. It meets at 8.30 on Wednesdays and at other times for additional rehearsals. New members are invited to join both for acting and scenery, property and costume making. Subscription, 2d. a week. Hon. Secretary: Miss L. Moore, 164 Montrose Avenue.

FOLK DANCING

is carried on at Barnfield School on Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. starting September 18th. New dances will be learnt as well as old ones being enjoyed so that both beginners and those more advanced can be sure of an enjoyable evening. Admission, 3d. to members of the Watling Association, 4d. to others. Leader: Miss Joyce Pryor.

A DISPLAY

will be given by an I.T.T. team at the Centre on Friday, December 15th. This display will be followed by general folk dancing. Admission, 3d.

WATLING ORCHESTRA

Fridays, 8 p.m. Practises weekly for its own enjoyment and performs two or three times a year for the pleasure of members of the Watling Association and their friends. New members will be welcomed. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Graham, 134 Princes Avenue, Kingsbury.

For further particulars, alterations and new arrangements

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADULTSAFTERNOON AND EVENING EVENTS

at Watling Centre, unless otherwise stated. If you want to take part in any of these activities, but notify the Secretary, Watling Centre.

PSYCHOLOGY

The class will meet on Wednesdays at 8.0 p.m. to study the way people's minds work, the influences of heredity and environment on behaviour and the important part which other people play in one's environment. If the class wishes, special attention will be paid to the way children's minds develop, the formation and correction of habits, the place of emotion in life, and the control of instinctive reactions. Fee, 4/- for the winter. First meeting September 13th.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

A German conversation class is held in co-operation with the Youth Hostels Association, Hendon group, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month, at 8.0 p.m. It aims to help people with the speaking of the language by translation and dictation. Anyone with a slight knowledge of German will be welcome.

A French class will be started if a sufficient number enrol.

WATLING POULTRY CLUB

This enthusiastic club of poultry keepers meets the second and last Tuesday in every month at 8 p.m. Both novices and old-timers will find a pleasant and profitable hobby in keeping fowls under the ideal conditions. Mr. P. H. Bayliss, one of the champions of the "back-yarder," has promised us his support. The subscription is only 2d. per week for members of the Watling Association, and 3d. for non-members. Several of our members will be very willing to help you solve any queries you may have with your poultry. The Secretary, Mr. E. W. Barkshire, 50 Trevor Road, Burnt Oak, is always pleased to receive suggestions and enquiries or to meet would-be members.

CHORAL SOCIETY

will meet on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. First meeting Sept. 19th. Those wishing to join are asked to send their names to Mr. Harris at the Centre before that date, with a note as to what part they take.

AN HOUR OF SONG

Special Song Recital by Miss Christine McClure, Sunday, October 20th, at 8 p.m.

BURNT OAK POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DISCUSSION GROUP

The above Group, formerly the Burnt Oak Left Book Club Group, will resume its series of meetings on September 15th. The purpose of the Group is to help all who wish to attend meetings to a better understanding of the problems, social and economic, which confront the thinking man and woman to-day, and to work for a better and more equitably ordered Society through such understanding.

To begin the winter's programme there will be a series of talks to be given by members of the various political parties on their programmes and policies. The dates of these talks will be announced in due course. There will also be debates and discussions on topics of current importance and interest, such as Old Age Pensions.

All are welcome to attend these meetings, which are held at the Watling Centre on the first and third Fridays in the month. First meeting September 15th.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Organised by the Burnt Oak Adult Schools and the Watling Association, to be held the first Saturday in May, the 5th. Members are encouraged to get on with all sorts of handicrafts during the winter in preparation for it and anyone who would like a class or individual help in any craft or art should enquire at the Centre. Further particulars of the Exhibition will be published in future issues of the "Resident."

ADULT SCHOOLS

Three Adult Schools, affiliated to the National Adult School Union, meet at the Centre for study and fellowship, and will welcome new members.

The Men's School meets on Sundays at 6.30 p.m. Autumn programme.

- Sept. 10 Visit to Kew Gardens, meet Burnt Oak Station at 10.30 a.m.
- 17 Speed. Mr. F. H. Lake.
- 24 Members' Meeting.
- Oct. 1 Prayer and Its Possibilities. Mr. Ernest Leigh.
- 8 Which Way to Peace. Mr. G. Schwarzenberger.
- 15 Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Dr. F. Heaf.
- 22 Demonstration. Capt. W. P. Knowles, D.Sc., M.C.
- 29 C. P. Scott. Mr. Simkins.
- Nov. 5 Business Meeting.
- 12 The Wheel of Life. Mr. J. Austin Bayes.
- 19 Destruction and Protection. Speaker from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.
- 26 Self-Government. Mrs. Layton.
- Dec. 3 The Turkish Empire.
- 10 Iraq and Palestine.
- 17 In Garden, Field and Woodland. Mr. Gardner.

The Women's School meets on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

The Young People's School (B.O.Y.P.A.S.) meets on Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m.

PARENT TEACHER GROUP

is held in the Infants' Hall at Goldbeaters School on the 2nd Wednesday in each month. The group is primarily for the parents and teachers of Goldbeaters School, but others who wish to attend will be welcomed. Each meeting starts with refreshments and a social time from 8.0 to 8.30 p.m. This is followed by the speaker of the evening and discussion.

- Oct. 11 The Child's Need for Harmony between Home and School. Miss Mary Macaulay.
- Nov. 8 Diet. Capt. F. Harper-Shove, D.Sc., F.B.B.A.

WATLING AND DISTRICT ROSE SOCIETY

This bright and brotherly society of amateur rose growers meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. Both the beginner and the expert rosarian will find it well worth their while to join, and the subscription is only a shilling a year. The society created, and still maintains, the rose garden in front of Watling Centre. The Secretary, Mr. B. G. Gavin, of 22, Trevor Road, Burnt Oak, is always pleased to answer inquiries or to meet would-be members.

IN AND OUT OF WORK

A study of Industrial Britain with special reference to problems of employment and unemployment. The effect of rearmament, the spread of new light industries in the south, the unsolved problems of the special areas, trade unionism, wage rates, will be among the topics discussed on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m., starting October 3rd. Those interested in meeting to discuss this series of wireless talks are asked to send their names to the Centre.

COLONIAL PROBLEMS

An examination of the Settlements and Dependencies of European Nations overseas as they are to-day, the objects and methods of British Colonial administration compared with those of other European Empires, contemporary problems such as Race Relations, Immigrant Communities, Native Labour, will be among the questions discussed on Thursdays at 8.30 p.m., starting October 5th. Those interested in meeting to discuss this series of wireless talks are asked to send their names to the Centre.

and new arrangements see the "Watling Resident" each month.



PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

for boys and girls up to 14, arranged by the Watling Association and held at Watling Centre unless otherwise stated.

WEEKLY EVENTS

starting September 11th.

MONDAY.

5.30 p.m. **Social and Dramatics.**

TUESDAY.

5.30 p.m. **Painting.**

7.30 p.m. **P.T. for girls 12-16** at Woodcroft School.

WEDNESDAY.

5.30 p.m. **Handicrafts, Rugmaking, Raffia work, Knitting, Needlework, etc.**

FRIDAY.

5.30 p.m. **P.T. for girls under 12.**

It is hoped to arrange a group in knotting and signalling for boys and other groups if required.

Fees 1d. per week per group or 2d. per week for two or more groups.

SATURDAY.

2.0 p.m. **Net Ball for girls 12-16** at Woodcroft School. Subscription 1d. per week.

Penny Pictures, an hour's miniature films for 1d., are shown Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The date of starting will be notified by poster.

The Young Watlers Concert Party meets to practice at the Centre on Mondays and Thursdays at 6.0 p.m.

Boys over 12 will be welcomed in the **Boxing Club** at 6.0 p.m. Mondays, and 6.30 p.m. Thursdays. Secretary: Mr. Horne.

The L.C.S. Education Committee holds two circles:

Junior Circle	Wednesdays	6.0 p.m.
Senior Circle	Thursdays	7.0 p.m.

PUBLIC SPIRITUALIST MEETINGS

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Sapphires and Diamonds

By F. H. LAKE

CHAPTER VI A VITAL DECISION

Outside the house the chauffeur was patiently waiting.

"Would you like a cup of tea?" asked Mr. Lister. "Go in. I'll keep an eye on the car."

"I don't mind if I do. I shan't be long."

Mr. Lister stood and looked at the car, apparently taking in every detail. Actually, his thoughts were far away. After a while the chauffeur returned, followed by Lady Marguerite and Sir John, who took Mr. Lister aside. "That daughter of yours. I've had a look over her, and, in my opinion, it is just possible that we might be able to do something for her: but it will be a tricky operation. If you like to take the risk bring her to the Whitfield Hospital. We'll see what can be done. I am not promising anything, and I repeat, it will be kill or cure. Think it over and let me know. Good day to you."

For some moments Mr. Lister stood wistfully gazing after the speeding car, then, thoughtfully closing the front gate, he went into the house.

His wife was helping Chloe back into her chair. "Did he tell you?" she asked, looking questioningly at her husband.

"Yes, dear. What do you think?"

"What does Chloe think?"

"I am quite willing," said Chloe, with quiet confidence. "Just think, I should be able to walk."

Mr. Lister was still somewhat doubtful. "The doctor said it it would be risky."

His wife seemed more confident. "Yes, I know. He is a very clever surgeon. I've read about him in the newspapers. I somehow feel Chloe would be safe in his hands."

"All right. Chloe is agreeable. I'll see if I can fix an appointment."

The Whitfield Hospital was situated in one of the poorer parts of London. It was surrounded by mean streets and piled-up tenements.

Here and there an odd tree had managed to survive, but for the most part there was very little open space. Goal-posts had been chalked out on blank walls, and lamp-posts served as wickets for the local juvenile Test teams. Yet, Whitfield Hospital had been doing its good work for a century, and some of the finest doctors and specialists served it. It was here that Chloe had been brought one sunny afternoon, and for a week she lay waiting for the operation. Several doctors had examined her, and once a lecture to some dozen students had been held round her bed. This had little effect on Chloe. All she could think of was the fact that she might be able to walk again. Then one morning they came for her. A trolley was pushed into the ward. She was gently lifted on to it, and away she went. In a little over an hour she was back again. She was still unconscious and a nurse kept a watchful eye on her, waiting for her to come round.

The telephone on the landing outside rang, and the nurse went to answer it. The enquiry was for Chloe. "Was she alright?" "Yes. The operation was successful and she was comfortable."

THE MIRACLE

For two days Chloe was kept very quiet. Then she showed signs of a relapse. The surgeon was called, and a telegram sent to Mrs. Lister.

Sir John stood by the bedside gazing at Chloe's pale face. His expression was grim. All he could do, he had done. Mr. and Mrs. Lister arrived and tiptoed into the ward to Chloe's bedside. They spoke in whispers. After a few moments Sir John beckoned them outside. His voice was calm but he could hardly conceal his anxiety. "It's touch and go. We can do nothing. You'd better leave now. If anything happens, we'll wire you."

"I am sure you've done all you can and we thank you," said Mrs. Lister.

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Reecliff could hardly be called a popular seaside resort. It was tucked away and quiet. Some people said it was too quiet, but it lacked none of the amenities of the more fashionable resorts. A stretch of sandy beach, bounded on one side by cliffs with caves—"Pirates' caves"—so said children, and on the other side, by wooded downland. For a couple of pence you could get a donkey ride, and three times daily there was a wonderful performance of Punch and Judy. For children the bathing was quite safe; in fact, at one spot the water was shallow for a long way out. If you tired of these things, you could walk along nearer to the cliffs and wait for the fishing boats to come in, or you could go over the downs and picnic in the woods.

On a certain day a man and a woman were walking along the sand, allowing the receding tide to wash around their bare feet. Now and again they would burst out laughing as they watched the antics of a terrier pup as it chased after tiny, scuttling crabs. "Fetch 'em, Cannonball," the man urged.

"Look daddy, I can swim!"

They turned to see two little girls splashing about in the sea.

The man gripped the woman's arm, "Look, mother! Chloe is swimming!"

THE END

YOUTH HOSTELS LOCAL GROUP

The following is the Group's programme for September, and the Secretary will be pleased to let anyone interested have further information concerning the Y.H.A. or the local group.

Sat. Sun. 2nd-3rd Sep.—Cycling week-end to Boulders Lock. Swimming. Meet Edgware Station 3 p.m. Saturday.

Sat. Sun. 9th-10th Sep.—Walking week-end to Ivinghoe. Fare 2s. return. Meet Edgware Station 3 p.m. Saturday.

Thurs. 21st Sep.—GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL at the CENTRE at 8 p.m.

Sat. Sun. 23rd-24th Sep.—Joint cycling-walking week-end to Jordans. Both parties meet at Edgware Station at 3 p.m.

Sat. 30th Sep.—Cyclists' night run. Details on request.

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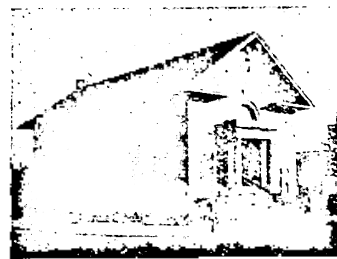
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" 10—Mr. A. H. BOULTON.

" 17—Dr. ERNEST WHITE.

" 24—Mr. J. W. LAING.



Weeds

The gardener has many enemies to contend with such as insect pests, slugs and snails and weeds. If we add to these the vagaries of the English climate we might come to the conclusion that the gardener's lot is not a happy one. But there is much happiness in overcoming these difficulties and the virtues of patience and perseverance are thereby cultivated as the cultivation of the plants proceeds.

The dictionary definition of a weed is "the general name of any plant that is useless or troublesome; a plant such as grows where it is not wanted and is either of no use to man or injurious to crops." The last part of this definition applies more especially to field crops and the first part to gardens, but it is not a very satisfying definition.

Quite apart from their unsightliness weeds do much damage in a garden by excluding the sun and air from the soil and by preventing the plants you want to grow from having their full share of nourishment and moisture. Weeds also harbour and encourage insect pests and diseases of the fungoid type.

It is well therefore to wage war on weeds all the time, and never let them get the upper hand either in the flower or the vegetable part of the garden.

Speaking generally gardeners do not begin weeding early enough in the season and consequently the weeds get a good start in the race for supremacy, and it becomes difficult to overtake them. Regular weeding should be begun early in the spring, say about the first week in April, and continued throughout the summer right up to the end of October. If they get the chance they will grow apace in warm weather and after rain.

The best tool with which to control the growth of weeds in the flower beds is undoubtedly a hoe. If this is used early in the season and frequently thereafter the weeds will get little chance to multiply.

Weeds, like garden plants and flowers, may be divided into three classes, annual, biennial and perennial. The annuals can easily be destroyed by the hoe, and the biennials and perennials, even if not completely uprooted, will be so weakened by the frequent cutting down that in the course of two or three years they will die.

Weeds that cannot be exterminated by the hoe must be removed by hand. This applies particularly to bindweed, "which is a most mischievous weed in gardens, not only exhausting the soil with its roots but strangling with its twining stems the plants which grow near."

The common sorrel or dock is another pernicious weed and is difficult to eradicate because of its long tapering root, which goes deep into the ground. If the docks have been allowed to grow large they can best be lifted with the aid of a fork.

All weeds that have flowered or seeded must be burned and on no account be used unburned as vegetable manure: but the ashes may be safely so used a few weeks after the burning. In hot, dry weather, if the weeding is done early in the day, the weeds may be left lying on the ground to wither and die, but in damp weather when the soil is wet they must be removed to the rubbish heap: otherwise there is a risk of their taking root again.

For further particulars about weeds and weeding, see Chapter XII of "All About Gardening," by J. Coult, which has been made some use of in writing this article.

WHAT TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

FLOWER GARDEN.—Aim to clear away the summer bedding by the end of the month. Then the spring flowers will have a chance to establish themselves before the cold weather comes.

Edging pinks are easily divided now. Lift the plants and discard the old and weaker portions. Dig up the soil, add a little manure and replant the best in small clumps six inches apart.

Bulbs for next winter may be ordered now. Any required for forcing should be potted up this month.

Daffodils planted in September usually prove more vigorous and produce finer flowers than bulbs planted in February.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Early pears and apples should be gathered before they are so advanced as to fall off the trees or be blown down. Earlies obtain a better flavour if laid on a cool shelf for two or three days.

Grease-bands may be fixed round the trunks this month. They will trap vast numbers of crawling pests.

A good autumn dressing for fruit trees is basic slag, which should be applied at the rate of 2 to 3 ounces per square yard. Fork the slag lightly into the top soil.

Prune black currants, cutting out old growths where they interfere with the young shoots.

The plants in the strawberry bed may be fruited for three years in succession, provided the surface is well manured annually. All litter, runners and dead leaves should be removed from the bed as soon as the fruit is gathered, and the surface of the ground around the plants should be hoed.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Spinach sown in July or early August should be ready to thin out now. Let the plants be six or eight inches apart. An additional sowing may still be made.

Plant out broccoli seedlings to their permanent place in rows about two feet apart.

A few of the earliest savoy and cabbages may also be planted out.

To speed up the development of the last vegetable marrows, shorten all the shoots which bear no little marrows and remove some of the leaves which may be shading the marrows.

Finish earthing up celery in fine weather.

Onions should be ready for lifting. In doing so, be very careful not to bruise or injure the bulbs.

As soon as the potato haulms die the potatoes should be lifted and stored where they can be protected from frost and damp.

Mustard, cress and radishes for salads should be sown in shady borders at regular intervals.

WATLING POULTRY CLUB

The Watling Poultry Club was very fortunate to get Mr. P. H. Bayliss to give an address at their last meeting on July 18th. An enjoyable and instructive evening was spent by all. Many queries from enthusiastic members have opened up the need for further lectures and debates. Now the Executive have given us permission to meet every fortnight. We hope to hold at least two evening shows before Christmas. Mr. Bayliss very kindly offered to send along a written lecture to be read at a future date, also if any member needs advice he will be only too willing to give them the benefit of his forty odd years in the feeding, cleaning and showing of poultry. The subscription to our Poultry Club is twopence per week for members of the Watling Association and threepence per week for non-members. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, the 29th of August, and then the second and last Tuesday in every month.

It is hoped to arrange a visit to the Poultry Show at the end of September. Any member or poultry keeper interested please let me know at the next meeting.

THE SECRETARY.

Watling Association

The next

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

will be held at

WATLING CENTRE

on

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, at 8 p.m.

AGENDA :

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Report of Council.
4. Report of Representative to National Peace Congress, with recommendations of the Congress.
5. Any other business.

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NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

We have quite a number of new faces in the Club, and most of them have been turning out in spite of the deterrent weather.

On Sunday, August 13th, a new form of club-run was tried, known as follow-my-leader. In this every member of the club took half-hour turns at the front, taking us wherever he (or she) wished. Quite an enjoyable day was had, visiting parts that some of us had never seen before.

The Map-reading Contest, which was to be held on July 30th, had to be postponed. It will now be held on September 17th.

On September 3rd the club will attend the annual London Union Sports Day at Brands Hatch, near Farningham, Kent. Events will include a tug-o'-war, running and cycle races.

The club-runs for September are:—

Sep. 3—London Union Sports Day, Brands Hatch.

Sep. 10—Woburn Sands. Tea, Eggington.

Sep. 17—Map-reading Contest. Tea, Waterford.

Sep. 24—Marlow. Tea, High Wycombe.

Oct. 1—Hatfield. Tea, Hertingfordbury.

We meet at the Police Box, corner of Montrose and Watling Avenues, at 9 a.m. every Sunday. All unattached cyclists are welcome.

Four of our London Clarion C. & A.C. members have been riding in Time Trials lately. Two of them, girls, riding in a 10-mile event, returned the following times:—Miss R. Rainbow, 31 mins. 1 sec.; Miss P. Smith, 34 mins. 2.5 secs. The other two, who are boys, rode in a 30-mile event. One of them, A. White, unfortunately punctured and retired, and the other, S. Bennett, returned 1 hr. 24 mins. 18 secs. for the distance.

A word about the London Clarion C. & A.C. The Clarion members in London (as in other parts of the country) are divided into sections. As members of these sections are not allowed to race in their section's name, they have to join the London Clarion C. & A.C., which is purely a racing body. There are other C. & A.C.s in other parts of the country, the best known being the West of Scotland Clarion C. & A.C.

Our Social Secretary has had to resign, and his duties have been taken over by Miss D. Smith, 72, Abbots Road, Burnt Oak.

Our popular Secretary, Mr. W. G. Glendenning, was the innocent victim of an accident whilst cycling home from a week-end vacation last month. I am glad to say he was not seriously hurt, but his cycle was badly smashed up, so we shall not be seeing him out on club-runs for some time to come.

Finally, if you are thinking of joining a Cycle Club, join the National Clarion. For 5/6 a year you get: up to £1,000 Third Party Insurance, 10/- a week if unable to work after an accident, 10/- towards immediate medical attention, and full legal aid. You also get free membership of your local section. These are only a few of the advantages. Further particulars from Mr. W. G. Glendenning, 23, Brinkburne Gardens, Edgware, or at our club-room, the Catholic Church Hall, Thirleby Road, Burnt Oak, any Wednesday (except the second in the month) between 8 and 10.30 p.m.

"STOOP."

CYCLISTS' CORNER

Holiday Postcards and Cycle Touring At Home and Abroad

By Mrs BILLIE DOVEY, the Rudge tourist,
who has just returned from Norway. Our next
issue will contain some of her experiences.

FROM FRANCE

A good many people still do not fully appreciate that when the holiday season comes round, lots of other people are going away into the countryside or down to the sea on their bicycles. But such holiday-making wheelfolk seldom stay in one place for long—instead they wander about freely and undisturbed and tour the surrounding districts. And this enjoyable inexpensive cycle-touring gets one so much that every time there is a holiday you want to do it!

Before I left for quiet Norway, a welcome post-card reached me from Mont Saint-Michel, France. It was from popular "Frank and Peggy" of the North Western Road Club enjoying an early holiday awheel the other side of the English Channel, where champagne is definitely cheap! Being early holidaying awheel they found grand weather among country undulating yet pleasant and most interesting. More formally known as Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Morgan, these two touring enthusiasts are also joint editors and producers of the quarterly N.W.R.C. magazine—"The Potterer."

FROM SOMERSET

Whenever the Northern Cycling Club is mentioned, one cannot but couple the name of Mr. C. J. Humphreys, who although the worthy President of that Club, answers almost always to the name of "The Guv'nor"—a title the "boys" very respectfully endowed him with when the club (the oldest on the Estate) was first formed nearly eight years ago.

A pleasant view from Minehead, Somerset, also informed me that he was as usual on holiday awheel, and riding via Bath, Cheddar Gorge, Weston-super-Mare and Bridgewater was enjoying a lovely tour round. "It's never too old to go cycling!" proves the finest example of continued cycling over many years to be found on Watling Estate.

FROM W. C. B. AND DEVON!

Many readers will remember W. C. B.—a past Editor of the RESIDENT. It was just a postcard signed "Bill" from Seaton in the creamy county of Devon. "Cyclux" believed he recognised the writing, and after searching out some of William C. Boud's correspondence I agreed he was correct! It was very pleasing to hear from a friend who, although now like us, removed from the Estate, yet with whom we enjoyed working when he undertook editorship of this journal some years back.

A glorious view of Loch Katrine in Bonnie Scotland sent by Denis Hickman of the Edgware C.T.C. and

Southgate C.C. brings back memories of our own tour last year by mountain, lake and heath. Denis apparently remains in the homeland this year, instead of riding up and down the Alps or visiting Germany!

Another card from incomparable Clovelly, near Bideford, Devon, comes from a couple who just sign themselves "Stony Stratford"—yes, I remembered them! During my Rudge ride last year, they came to see me when I was visiting Bletchley (Bucks), and I stayed the night with them before continuing with my ride the following day. Such is the friendship and understanding that seems to be found among cycling folk all through the land.

Next month you shall hear of the pleasing friendliness that is also found in Norway.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Burnt Oak Branch

This month, we are able to record that our movement has achieved a legal victory on behalf of one of its members.

For many years one of our members has been the victim of an injustice in regard to his War Pension for total disability. Although this case had been handed to numerous individuals and various organisations, they were not able to succeed on his behalf. Eventually we were requested by him to take the matter up. We obtained the services of one of the most competent K.C.s in the country and had the case successfully fought, with the result that the Ministry of Pensions has now paid to this member £345 18s. 6d., and a pension of £2 4s. 4d. a week from now onwards. Another similar case has just been handed to this branch details of which are here given. A lad of 20 left his parents to join the Army and was sent out to Palestine to drive one of the Army lorries. Unfortunately, the steering column broke in half, overturned, and caused fatal injuries. The War Office communicated their sympathy to the parents whilst at the same time refusing to grant the parents any compensation. However, we are now proceeding with the matter and hope to be able to achieve that "justice" which we so often hear about in the country of Magna Carta fame. Before we conclude, we wish also to mention that the long fight put up by us for notices to be exhibited in the Labour Exchanges drawing attention of the unemployed to their rights to Supplementary Benefit has at last resulted in victory. Several times this matter has been raised in the House of Commons and even appeared in a daily paper. We are now in a position to state that the Ministry of Labour "have reconsidered the terms of the poster relating to unemployment assistance and a revised poster making specific reference to the position of persons in receipt of unemployment insurance benefit is now being printed and will be issued in a few days to all local offices of the Ministry." These cases alone prove conclusively the importance to maintain and strengthen the National Unemployed Workers' Movement. Our branch meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at the Watling Centre, where a cordial invitation awaits those who care to come along. The membership fee is a penny per week.

W. LEWINGTON, Hon. Secretary.

EDGWARE SECTION (W.M.D.A.) C.T.C.

Readers of the WATLING RESIDENT are probably well aware of the existence of this local branch of the Cyclists' Touring Club, and news of its activities from time to time would, we think, be of interest.

At the time of going to Press for this issue, many of the members are looking forward to the "Hard-riders' Week-end" to Bibury in Gloucester, for which they will set out on the 26th of August. These "longer and faster runs" are a new feature in Edgware Section's programme, and are usually held once a month in addition to the normal fixtures. The series started off in May with a ride to Bognor by way of Haslemere and Chichester, returning through leafy lanes well away from the beaten motor tracks. Tea was at Ifield, near Ruspur. The June fixture was to Hungerford over the Berkshire Downs, and in July, Brightlingsea was visited, the return journey being by way of Dunmow and Stocking Pelham (tea).

Although the Section has its vigorous element, the regular weekly rides are arranged so as to cater for those to whom enough is as good as a feast. As an illustration of the gentler side of club cycling, something ought to be said about Ladies' Day at Burnham Beeches, when an Edgware member took the prize for the best-dressed lady cyclist. Mrs. Billie Dovey, who has acted as judge in many similar competitions, found the final selection a knotty problem. This Rally was organised by the West Metropolitan District Association—and very well organised at that. Other well-known women cyclists present were Miss Marguerite Wilson (who awarded the prizes) and Mrs. Lilian Dredge, another well-known record holder. Although there was some rain during the morning, it was sunny for the rest of the day—an excellent arrangement for the 250 cyclists who took part in the Rally.

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

The Hendon Young Communist League has been accepted as an affiliated body by the Watling Association; these notes serve to introduce the League to members of the Association, and a few words about ourselves and our activities seem appropriate.

Membership of the Y.C.L. is open to youth between 14—30 years of age, no special political outlook is necessary. As the overwhelming majority of British youth are most definitely anti-Fascist and democratic, it follows that many young people would find a place for themselves in our ranks if they knew our policy.

We strive for Peace, Social Justice and a better life for the British people. We support the Youth Charter of the British Youth Peace Assembly with its twelve points for the betterment of the whole living and working conditions of our juvenile population. (All youth, and indeed parents, owe it to themselves to become acquainted with these twelve points of liberation.)

Our National Council has just issued a manifesto to the youth of Britain; this is a significant document for it explains the present serious position of our whole people and shows the solution to the crisis of our democracy. If the masses of young people grasp the staunch lead contained in our manifesto and take their place in the fight against the enemies of the people a world calamity may yet be averted.

Here are some points from the manifesto:

"We want to save peace and check aggression.
"We want deep bomb-proof shelters and real civil defence for the people.

"We want a democratic Army, Navy and Air Force.

"We claim for youth—a Forty Hour Week, Trade Training in employers' time, Higher Wages all round, a Square Deal for the unemployed, the provision of sufficient Sports and Recreation."

We are confident that all readers will agree with these just demands of the British youth, we are true patriots, we love our country and our people, and we will battle bravely to obtain the decent life which is our inheritance.

During the last few weeks we have had some interesting meetings, including a talk by Paddy Duff, one of the heroes of the International Brigade who became front-page news a week later in connection with Professor Haldane's Thetis experiments. We have held several gramophone recitals, and some of our musician members did their stuff. A score of our more venturesome members hazarded a midnight hike—but the less said of that the better!

In recording the action of a dozen or so members who have visited Redhill Hospital to volunteer for the Blood Donors' Scheme we throw down a challenge to other youth bodies in the area.

Our Social Committee is busily planning out an exciting Winter Programme including dances, visits to the theatre, rambles, social evenings, etc. The arrangements for lectures and classes are also being made. Secretaries of other organisations will doubtless be pleased to learn that we are able to provide lectures on a variety of vital subjects.

Finally, we hope, possibly in September, to hold a local rally to afford all those who are concerned with the injustices of our present social system a chance to hear our solution. We will be delighted to meet anybody interested in our work and welcome an opportunity to discuss problems arising. Please make a note—Hendon Y.C.L. every Thursday at the Watling Centre (8.30 p.m.).

FOOTBALL CLUB

A Cup presented by Mr. Rawkins of the Savoy Cinema is expected to cause keen competition between Saturday Football Clubs on the Watling Estate. Any football club on the Estate is eligible to enter for the Cup, and secretaries are invited to call at the Watling Centre for further particulars.

The Association is very grateful to Mr. Rawkins for his generous gift, and hope that the competition will create a good sporting spirit between the clubs that enter.

Our team starts the season on September 9th by playing a trial game with Edgware Ex-Service Men's Club on our ground at Montrose Avenue Playing Fields, kick-off 3.30.

FURTHER FIXTURES

Sep. 16.—Hendon Men's Evening Club (away).
Sep. 23.—Vacant (home).
Sep. 30.—G. Kemp's Sports Club (away).

A. R. L.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Fine and Warm

Did you notice that as soon as the B.B.C. ceased giving the weather forecast, we had a spell of fine weather?

It seems that if we keep quiet and say nothing about it, we have a fine day.

Fellowship Meetings

Are held every Sunday afternoon at the Centre at 3 o'clock. Come along, and bring your children to a cheery afternoon, an interesting talk, and a good sing will cheer you up for the rest of the week.

Sunday Fares

Now that numbers of people have to travel to work on Sundays, including A.R.P. workers, some consideration might be given to issuing cheap fares. If one has a pass or a badge, this should qualify one for a cheaper ticket.

All Clear

You cover your window, taking great pains to pin all round the sides so as to make sure that no light escapes. You step outside in the dark and see the effect of your handiwork. It's a perfect black-out. Not a chink of light to be seen. You go back to the room—and find that you'd forgotten to switch the light on.

Sing Song

The Watling Association Choir has made a start. The first practice took place on Tuesday, September 12th, at the Centre, when several items were tried out. As a preliminary, a short meeting was held with Mr. Nyberg in the chair, and it was decided to have a small subscription of 2d. per week to cover the cost of rent and music. Mr. F. H. Lake was appointed Secretary and Treasurer, and is now ready to welcome new members. Come and sing your troubles away.

Home Comfort

One man we heard of (not on Watling) has built his shelter in his dining room. He has sandbagged

it just as if it was out of doors. When the alarm goes he simply rolls out of bed into his dug-out, and everything is warm and cosy. He can make a cup of tea and have a game of cards, and there you are. Why go out into the cold, says he.

New Fashions

Ideas for carriers for gas masks have not been long in formulating. Cylindrical tins, fibre, leather, canvas and other material is used to make neat cases. The ladies will no doubt soon find material to match their eyes or their dress so as to make the gas mask, if not inconspicuous, at least attractive.

Shelters

Although there are air-raid shelters in the parks, it is thought by some people that we might make use of the green spaces at the corner of roads on the Estate to construct shelters. The work could be done by volunteers and would be convenient for those near them at the time of a raid.

Horses

It is an extraordinary thing that just before war broke out Germany was buying horses from Britain. Now, owing to the rationing of petrol, horses will be in demand again. However highly mechanised we become, we cannot quite do without the horse, and a visit to the Horse Show at Regents Park at Easter and Whitsun Bank Holiday will show us what splendid horses there still are in this country.

At the Outbreak of War

One of the chief things noticed by us as a community association was the sudden cessation of most of our activities. It is true that owing to the black-out many people prefer to remain indoors; there are, on the other hand, many members who, with all due precautions, prefer to carry on.

To some the centre means everything; they depend on it as a place to meet friends to find social enjoyment and distraction, and suddenly to be cooped up in their own homes with no one to talk to and nothing to do is detrimental to health and spirit.

We would suggest that all members who are so placed should, if they are unable to get to the Centre, get out and visit the nearest friend.

Medical Moments

By LEO

TO CURE HICCUPS

Take $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of soft sugar in a teaspoonful of vinegar. This gives speedy relief.

or

A cup of tea liberally flavoured with cayenne pepper. An infallible remedy.

SNEEZING

If you feel a violent desire to sneeze, just press your finger-tips hard on the upper lip, under your nose, and the sneeze will never come.

BILIOUSNESS

If you feel a bilious attack coming on, try this remedy. Put the juice of a lemon in a cup and mix it with a teaspoonful of castor-oil. Take this on retiring, and in the morning the biliousness will be gone.

Have no supper, but just before going to bed, drink the following: To the juice of one lemon add $\frac{1}{2}$ tumblerful of hot water and a pinch of bi-carbonate of soda.

CRAMP

If you are liable to cramp, carry a little magnet—such as one buys in a toyshop—in one's pocket or fastened inside one's stocking.

This odd remedy really is infallible in staving off cramp.

NOSE-BLEEDING

Immersing the feet in very hot water will check this almost immediately, when acute.

Ain't Life Grand?

Man comes into this world without his consent and leaves it against his will. On earth he is misjudged and misunderstood.

In infancy he is an angel, and in boyhood he is a devil.

In manhood he is a fool.

If he has a wife and family he is a chump, if he is a bachelor he is inhuman.

If he enters a public house he is a confirmed drunkard, if he stops away he is a miser.

If he is a poor man he has no brains, if he has brains he is considered smart but dishonest.

If he goes to church he is a hypocrite, if he stays away he is a sinful man.

If he gives to charity, it's for advertisement, if he does not he is stingy and mean.

When he comes into the world everyone wants to kiss him, and when he goes out everyone wants to kick him.

If he dies young there is bound to be a great future before him, if he lives to a ripe old age everyone hopes he has made a will.

Household Hints for the Handyman

I.—PAPERING THE CEILING

By S. W. STOOGE

It is hoped that this new series of tips for the man of the house will be the means of doing the necessary jobs that present themselves from time to time in every home. Though the methods explained may appear rather unorthodox, remember that the trouble you take will most certainly cause the lady of the house to comment to the neighbours, thus placing you on a pedestal among your friends.

You all know the manner in which our first job is more usually done, but do not be scared because of past experiences, for the following plan, if carried out exactly as presented, will give very similar results to your earlier efforts.

First obtain fairly thick lengths of boarding and cut these to fit exactly across the room from picture rail to picture rail; they can be sawn to length on the piano, or on the arms of the settee. When there is one more board to be placed on the rails it is time to collect together the paper and paste, a broom and a pad-saw; this latter is necessary so that you can cut the plaster round the electric light fitting to push it up into the space under the bedroom floor.

The second part of the work now commences, providing, of course, that the good lady has not yet come home from the pictures; if however, you are interrupted at this stage by her appearance, it is best to explain that the A.R.P. Warden has been along and fitted you up with a black-out screen so that you can have the light on without shuttering the windows.

Place the paper and tools in neat order on the floor, and after scrambling on to the boards haul these up by fishing with a meat hook on string. Now cut the paper to fit the boarding exactly; note that this is much easier than the old method of working from the floor, in the dark, so to speak, and then finding on presenting the paper to the ceiling that it doesn't fit. After the paper is laid carefully all over the boards, pour the paste and spread it evenly with the broom, but work from the far end towards the opening; if the youngsters are helping see that they also fall back as you do.

It is obvious that there will be no mess upon the floor, though the next operation may spoil this record if you are not very careful. Now you will have to borrow a hammer from next door and with varying degrees of banging make your way round the boards, knocking upwards at every few inches until it is assumed that the paper has duly arrived on the ceiling.

If, as is sometimes the case, pieces of plaster have been dislodged from the walls, do not clear them up yet, for the boards have to be removed. The best way to do this is to start with the one nearest the hole, ease this along just far enough to get a hand on each edge, then swing up and down with a youngster hanging on each foot until the plank is freed. Watch

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NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

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REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 1. Prayer and its Possibilities, Mr. Ernest Leigh.
 8. Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Dr. F. Heaf.
 15. Peace and Democracy. Mrs. Layton.
 22. Dr. Knowles.
 29. C. P. Scott, Mr. Simpkins.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11.0 a.m.
 Fellowship Meeting, 3.0 p.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 7.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 8.0 p.m.
 Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Club for Boys over 14, 8.0 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Choral Society, 8.0 p.m.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 4. Russia's History.
 11. Russia before 1917.
 18. Russia after 1917.
 Mrs. G. Pocock
 25. Joint Meeting with Veterans.
 Music arranged by Mrs. Pennell.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Boxing Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Tuesday 3 Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
 Thursday 5 Adult School Social, 8.0 p.m.
 Friday 6 Football Club Dance, 8.0 p.m.

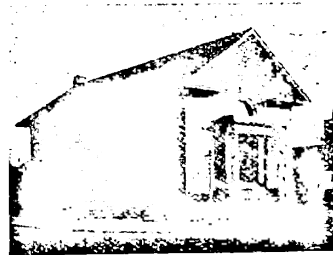
- Sunday 8 Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.
 Saturday 14 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Sunday 15 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Tuesday 17 Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
 Sunday 22 Free and Easy, 8 p.m.
 Thursday 26 W.A. Council, 8.0 p.m.
 Friday 27 Helpers' Social, 8.0 p.m.

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out that the wallpaper is not damaged during this operation, and if any board should stick halfway down the best thing here is to dry out the damp by lighting a fire underneath it, so shrinking it to a more convenient length. This process also serves to dry the ceiling, and should be carried out even if the boards do not require shortening.

Should bulges appear afterwards, the objects left between paper and ceiling are best removed by taking up a few bedroom boards and recovering that way—to avoid spoiling the work just done. Finally, push the electric light back through the paper but do not attempt to fix the rose, as his unsightly piece can easily be fastened to a joist, thus leaving only the flex and the remains of the globe appearing. A better way still is to leave the ceiling rose above the bedroom floorboards after nailing them down, thus saving the job of fixing it.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
 Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30 :—

- October 1—Mr. A. G. VENN.
 „ 8—COVENANTER SUNDAY
 „ 15—Mr. E. T. TARRANT.
 „ 22—Mr. W. E. VINE.
 „ 29—Mr. J. McALPINE.

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Burnt Oak Broadway

W. A. & S. Thomson, Newsagent and Stationer,
7a Silkstream Parade, Burnt Oak



A Better World

"Man is the only animal that blushes, or needs to."

Even if you are unable to get to the Centre you can still maintain the community spirit.

Don't mope indoors. Visit each other and keep up a friendly spirit. You can break the monotony of long dark evenings by an hour or two spent in a neighbour's house, a game of cards, a friendly chat, and a cup of tea will help tremendously in keeping your thoughts on more pleasant things.

After all, if we want peace in the world, we have all got to work for it. It is no use leaving it to someone else, or expecting the statesmen to bring peace into this troubled world. Each one of us counts, and each one of us can be a peace-maker. Let us make sure that our attitude towards each other is friendly, sincere and helpful, and until we can do that, we do not deserve peace.

Wars do not happen in a night. They are the result of years of misunderstanding, discontent and hatred. Let us see that we of this community in all our dealings maintain a generous desire to help, to serve, and to be usefully occupied, eliminating evil thinking, petty jealousies and such like, so that we can claim some part in moulding a happier world community.

F. H. L.

Prepare for Peace

During so-called peace we have been preparing for war; now that war has come to this country let us prepare for peace. In 1918 we were led into conditions of peace which made another war almost inevitable unless we repented in time. Let us make up our minds that this shall not happen again. However much we may suffer from this war, whatever stories we are told about what other people do, let us be clear now, and let us stick to our present cool-minded decision, that we will not be misled by another "hang the Kaiser" election, that Germany shall not be "squeezed till the pipes squeak."

Let us make up our minds, too, that we will be no parties to the bombing of women and children in German towns. Both the war in Spain and the war in China suggest that such bombing does not break the morale of a country. Instead of that it produces indignation and a determination to resist. It is far better to continue with the steady distribution of leaflets to the German people. And why only leaflets? If, as we read, the Germans are forbidden to pick them up, can't we have streamers which they can read in the sky, loudspeakers which will overcome the noise of the aeroplanes? We want a real peace. Let us prepare the conditions for it, as far as we can in the minds

of the Germans, and, above all, where we have control, in our own minds.

(One condition of peace is that we do not hate. Hate blinds the eyes, fogs the mind and atrophies the conscience.

We must try to be fair. After the war we must be willing to put right the wrongs which should have been put right before the war. We want decent conditions of living for all people, Germans, English, French, Poles, Italians, and everyone else. Now is the time to be thinking how we shall reach our goal. The Watling Association wants to help in the search. What can it do for you?

A Word from the Organising Secretary

Dear Reader,

I hope that the outbreak of war has not made things too difficult for you and that you will remember that if there is anything which the Association can do to help you we shall try to do our best. For many there must inevitably have been considerable disturbance in our lives, but I think it is important that as far as possible we should continue the useful and interesting activities which we were carrying on or planning.

We have, at present, an A.R.P. post at the Centre, and a few of our activities will have to be given up, but we hope that most will be able to go on. Those groups which were planned for school premises will have to be transferred to the Centre, if possible, as the schools are not available in the evenings.

As regards such groups as those for Physical Training, Folk Dancing, Psychology, Voice Production, Dressmaking, Choral Work, Boxing, Weight Lifting and Table Tennis, it would be a great help if members would let us know whether they will come to them, so that we can make arrangements to start.

The social activities will carry on as usual except that for the present they will have to stop at 10.0 p.m., but there will probably be many who will feel they do not want to come so far from home in the evening. To get over this, perhaps we should try to arrange our social life more on a street basis. It has been suggested that some members might like to visit those close at hand, or receive visits from others in their own homes, for a cup of tea, or a game of whist, or just a chat. If you would like either to visit in this way or be visited, but do not know anyone close at hand with whom you can arrange such visits, please let me know and I will try to put you in touch with others like minded. If you have to spend more time than usual at home you might like more books to read. We have recently had some given us which members are welcome to borrow if they wish.

I do not know how long the schools are going to remain closed, but as long as they are the children need some day time activities organised for them in their own localities. If you could help in any way, either by gathering a few together at home, or looking

after a group in a neighbouring open space, and would like suggestions for things to do, we should be glad to help, or if you can get away from your own neighbourhood, we should be glad of your help at the Centre or elsewhere.

A Citizens' Information and Service Bureau has been set up for the Borough of Hendon and we have a branch at the Centre, so if you or your neighbours find there are difficulties arising out of the present situation in which you want help or advice, please come here.

Some of our "Resident" sellers find that their new circumstances make it impossible for them to carry on with the selling, so we very much need some help to keep it going. If you can offer us any, we shall be very grateful.

It may be possible to arrange a short series of lectures on A.R.P. If you would like to attend such a course, either in the afternoon or evening, please let me know.

I specially want to know about members wanting to join Physical Training Classes, the Folk Dancing Group and the Dressmaking Class, so if you are interested in one of these, please sit down now, before you forget, and write me a note.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

E. SEWELL HARRIS.

THE GUILD OF PLAYERS

The international situation has prevented some members from attending as often as they would wish, and it is felt that it would be unwise to learn parts for a three-act play when war conditions may prevent us from putting the play on. We are therefore meeting every Wednesday evening for play reading.

The young people meet from 8 to 9, and the elder members from 9 till 10. When the opportunity arises we hope to put on one-act plays. New members of either sex will be welcomed for the younger group, also the older group, every Wednesday at 8 o'clock at the Centre.

Modern Miss: Mother, did you ever flirt when you were young?"

Mother: "Yes, dear, I'm afraid I did."

Modern Miss: "And were you punished for it?"

Mother: "Yes, dear, I married your father."

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A miner returned home in the depths of despair. He had been at the "Dogs" and had lost all his money. Naturally his wife was angry.

"Hoo is it ye can never win at the duigs, but ye can aye win at cards?" she asked.

"Lassic, ye canna shuffle duigs."

Four Months of the Watling Association

The longest piece of business, if not the most important, at the Quarterly Meeting held on September 22nd was the report of the work of the Council since the last meeting.

It was good to learn that there had been only a very brief break in the activities at the Centre when war broke out, and that in spite of difficulties of black-out, etc., most things were carrying on. Folk Dancing, Young People's Discussion Group, Dressmaking, Women's P.T., Guild of Players, and others were mentioned as carrying on. The Choral Society had been started, though there were signs that the recently formed Poultry Club would not survive.

The Bowls Club was the outstanding feature of the Sports Committee report; Billiards and Social Committees were more or less normal except that dances, etc., have to stop at 10.0.

There were a number of business matters to refer to, such as additions to the list of constituent bodies, the holding of Watling Week, the long hoped-for extension of the building.

Representatives had been sent to a conference on young people's fares, organised by the British Youth Peace Assembly and to the National Peace Congress. Most of the summing-up resolution passed by the latter was read, and some people felt that although war had now come this resolution did put the kind of basis on which peace could be established.

The work of the Personal Service Committee had been expanded by the establishment of a branch of the Citizens' Enquiry and Service Bureau at the Centre.

It was reported that a good deal of effort had been given to trying to get the Milk Marketing Board's cheap milk scheme working during the school holidays, but that the Borough Education Committee had not been willing to do its part. Other matters taken up with the appropriate authorities had been the difficulties of children obliged to take three courses in order to attend evening school, the increase of stone-throwing by Watling children, and the provision of a convenience at the bowling green.

Arising out of the war, it was reported that a Fellowship Meeting was being held every Sunday afternoon, that room had been let for an A.R.P. post, that the Y.O.C. was seeking accommodation for organisations which could not use the schools, and that a voluntary school for local children was being held from 10.0-12.0 each morning.

Under other business, the meeting asked that provision should be made at the Centre for the leisure time of members of His Majesty's Forces, and a committee was set up to consider the details of a scheme and report to the Council.

PLEASE NOTE that all matters for publication must reach the Editor, at 4 Littlefield Road, by the 13th day of the month preceding publication.



Propagation

Last month reference was made to that most useful book, "All About Gardening," by the Curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, Mr. J. Coultts. Now here are some notes on Propagation taken mostly from the same source.

There are quite a number of different ways in which plants may be propagated. Raising them from seed is the most common. Other ways include the taking of cuttings, layering, and dividing the roots, especially in the case of herbaceous perennials. Fruit and rose trees are propagated by budding or grafting.

A few plants can be reproduced by means of "leaf-cuttings." This is one of the most interesting methods, though one that is not often resorted to. It can only be successfully adopted in the case of plants with succulent or thick spongy leaves with soft veins. This is how Mr. Coultts describes the process.

A perfectly healthy leaf must first of all be selected. Then plant it stalk downwards, with the leaf proper just clear of the soil, in a box or large pot containing equal parts of sandy loam and leaf-mould. Roots will soon form and a young plant will grow from them.

If the leaf is large and thick the veins on the back may be slit at their junctions; the stalk is then planted in sandy soil, and the whole leaf should be pinned firmly, backside down, so that it cannot move, on to the mould in the propagating box. The temperature should be kept at about 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Allow plenty of moisture and provide good drainage. See that the earth does not get stagnant, otherwise the leaves will rot. In a short time plants will grow wherever the veins have been slit. The little plants can be transplanted or potted up as soon as they have roots strong enough to support them.

"This method of propagation, which may be resorted to at any season when fully matured leaves are available, is particularly suitable in the case of such plants as the achimenes, begonia and the gloxinia."

WHAT TO DO IN OCTOBER

FLOWER GARDEN. If you have named dahlias, make sure that each variety is correctly labelled before the frost kills the blooms. As soon as the tops are frosted cut them off to within a foot of the ground, then lift the tubers and carefully tie the labels to the stems. Keep the tubers upside down for a week so that they may drain dry, and then store them in a cool dry place where they are safe from frost. A little leaf-soil or sand should be sprinkled between the tubers.

Cannas should also be lifted before the end of the month and stored in some frost-proof place. Do not dry them off too rapidly or the crown will be weakened.

Plant aconites two inches apart and two inches deep. Do not lift from the ground those planted in previous

years. Propagate by means of division during the month.

FRUIT GARDEN. Late pears and late apples should be left on the tree as long as possible, then gathered and stored carefully. Keep a watchful eye on them when gathered, and remove any that go bad.

Quinces should be ready for gathering by the end of the month.

Late plums may be kept for some time after being gathered if placed on a cool, dry shelf.

Remove the yellow leaves from peach and nectarine trees in order that the wood may ripen.

This is a good month for planting new fruit trees. Do this as soon as the leaves have fallen. Carefully prepare the site and see that it is well drained.

VEGETABLE GARDEN. All plants of the brassica tribe such as borecole, savoys, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower, require great attention this month. They may be infested with caterpillars. These should be destroyed with dressings of lime. Cauliflowers may be infested with slugs, if so give the soil round the plants a dressing of quicklime.

Bets and carrots should be at their best now. Take up and store them, using care to avoid all injury to the roots.

The asparagus bed should be cleaned up. Mix a quantity of manure with a little salt and spread the mixture over the bed.

Remove some of the strong crowns of sea-kale to the forcing bed.

Coleworts should be planted out.

Some Notes on a Visit to Germany—August, 1939

During the summer, my wife and I often asked ourselves, "Should we spend our holidays in Germany this year, in view of the political tension?" Finally, we decided that we should go. We left England on August 12th, travelling via the Harwich/Flushing route, and arrived in Cologne, where we received a very hearty welcome from two German friends.

When crossing the Dutch/German frontier, we were astonished to be asked by an official whether we had any English newspapers. These were confiscated. The official was very keen on getting copies of "Picture Post." This incident was an early indication that Germany was an "island," cut off from the outside world. This point was emphasised later on when the "Manchester Guardian Weekly," which I had arranged to be sent on to me, did not arrive. Also, a personal letter from England was opened in the post.

We spent about five days in and around Cologne, visiting the Ford Motor Works, sailing down the Rhine to Königswinter; walking through the Königsforst (King's Forest), near Cologne. Everywhere, we saw German families enjoying the beautiful holiday weather.

After this we went to a small country town in the beautiful Thuringian Forest, not far from the well-known cities of Erfurt and Weimar. Here we visited

a glass factory; walked in the Forest; visited Weimar, seeing the homes of Goethe and Schiller, two famous German writers; motored along many of the roads through the glorious wooded valleys. On Sunday, August 20th, there was a Nazi Parkeitag (Party Day), which began early in the morning by a fanfare of trumpets by the Hitler Youth. In the early afternoon, there was a march past of numerous organisations—Hitler Youth, Labour Corps, S.S. and S.A. men, fire brigade, etc, the local leader standing, Hitler fashion, in an open car in the main street. The march past was followed by a propaganda speech in front of the Town Hall. The crowd which listened to the speech was estimated to be about 8-10,000. On the same day, we saw a large number of motorised troops going eastward.

On the following Tuesday morning, I was astounded to read in the German newspapers that von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, was flying to Moscow to conclude a Russo-German Non-Aggression Pact. The German people themselves were, I think, equally astonished. Those with whom I spoke about it felt that it was a diplomatic victory for Germany over England and that it would remove the fear of encirclement. They were unable to give a good answer to my question, "What about the Anti-Comintern Pact?"

My wife and I were anxious to know what was the reaction in England to this Pact, and as we were unable to obtain an English newspaper we listened in to the broadcast news from London at 9 p.m. We then learned that a crisis had arisen. Parliament was being called for the following Thursday, and certain reservists had been called up. After recovering from the shock which the news gave us, we decided to return home immediately. A friend very kindly drove us to Erfurt, 25 miles away, to join the night train which took us straight through to Flushing. We arrived home about 22 hours after leaving Erfurt.

In talking with German people during my fifteen days in Germany one got the following general impressions: (a) Danzig and the Corridor would go back to Germany without war, after which there would be peace. The Nurnberg Rally, which was to have begun on September 2nd was called "The Party Day of Peace"; (b) Although some foodstuffs were rationed, people had enough to eat. Petrol for private use was almost non-existent. (c) There was no feeling of hatred against the English people, though Anthony Eden, Duff Cooper and Churchill were disliked.

JOHN E. HARGREAVES.

The Children

Special efforts are being made at Watling Centre to provide for the needs of some of the children who find themselves at a loose end on account of the schools being closed. As we go to press, the arrangements are that children wanting to learn English, arithmetic, and one or two other school subjects, can come to the Centre from 10.0-12.0 every day except Saturday and Sunday.

Moggie groups are being held every afternoon, again except Saturday and Sunday, from 2.0-4.0. The usual subscriptions are paid for these, that is, 1d. for one afternoon, or 2d. for two or more afternoons.

CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION

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The Grass Diet

By F. H. LAKE

You will probably remember the man who spoke on the wireless some little time ago about grass—how he had gradually acquired a taste for it and how he had made it his principal form of food. In these times of rationing, grass might seriously be considered as a useful and economical form of diet—if we could get to like it.

After all, animals thrive and get fat on it, so why not us? It must be loaded with vitamins.

Just think of the money and trouble it would save; also, it would eliminate one of the housewife's chief worries—what to get for hubby when he comes home from work. The whole process of feeding would be greatly simplified; no need to worry about eggs and bacon, sausage and mash, kippers and custard, and all the rest of it.

Let us outline the daily grub routine of the average family.

6 a.m.—Father gets up (?) and makes mother a nice cup of grass tea.

7.30 a.m.—The children rise, dress and wash—carefully skimming their ears and necks—and are sent into the back garden to graze.

The family is now ready to face the most strenuous day.

When father comes home from work, there is his evening meal, all nice and fresh—straight from the Watling bowling green—what's better than that? No cooking, no washing up. And the newly-married wife. You've all heard the jokes about her first efforts at cooking, that slab of crazy paving which the cookery book said would be a Dundee cake, and hubby's tragic cry, "If she could only cook!"

Well, that nightmare of honeymoon bliss has gone now. When hubby is hungry, she puts him out to grass.

How attractive and appetite-provoking a menu would look set out like this:—

BREAKFAST:

Grass Porridge
Rissoles aux Meadow
Grass Juice

LUNCH:

Thistle and Grass Sandwiches
Cafe au Grass

DINNER:

Clear Grass Soup
Lawn Cutlets a la Watling Centre
Petit de Foi Gras
Conserve au Sward

Why, it makes my mouth water to think of it. It's a wonder someone hasn't thought of this before. Now your front lawn wants cutting, what do you do? No need to buy a lawn mower and spend a perspiring afternoon lugging it up and down. No, you invite your relatives to tea on the lawn, and there they sit chewing

the cud. There are endless possibilities for utilising grass. You could make pillows and mattresses with it. Stuff it in your ears. Throw it over the landlord. Why waste money in buying sage and onions to stuff your Christmas turkey with? Stuff it with grass; and the way things are going it looks as if that's what you will have to do.

"Did Harold get anything out of his rich aunt after pretending to be so fond of her rotten little lapdogs all those years?"

"Yes, rather. She left him the lapdogs."

An enthusiastic golfer came home to dinner. During the meal his wife said, "Willie tells me he caddied for you this morning."

"Well, do you know," said Willie's father, "I thought I'd seen that boy before."

A commercial traveller, detained in a village overnight, was introduced at the local inn to a crazy little billiards table and a set of balls of a uniform dirty grey colour.

"But how do you tell the red?" he asked.

"Oh," replied the landlord, "you soon get to know them by their shape."

Aberdeen policeman, on track of criminal, 'phoning superior officer: "Our mon hae just boarded the London train. Wull we follow him noo, or wait for th' excursion to-morrow?"

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One of the most noticeable things since the beginning of the war is the increase of friendliness and helpfulness between people. There is more warmth in the greetings people give each other, and more desire to help one another. Let us give thanks for this spirit, and try to carry it forward into the coming winter months and into the peace which will come in the future.

This month I am going to write something about soups, for it may be that in order to save gas and get the most value out of our food it will often be the most economical way of serving it.

A marrow bone which the butcher has broken for you or small bits of meat may give the foundation for your soup or stew, but they can also be made tasty without them. Here is a recipe for a good vegetable stock: 2 large leeks, 1 small stalk of celery, 2 carrots, 1 small cabbage, 2 potatoes (in their skins), 1 tomato, from 3 to 6 pints of water, 1 oz. of margarine or other fat, 2 onions, salt. Clean the vegetables and cut in squares; chop the onions and fry until they are a golden brown; add the rest of the vegetables and fry for 5 minutes, add water and salt and boil gently until the vegetables are very soft. The vegetables can be strained off and the clear broth used or thickened; it will be a nutritious stew. You might like the addition of a little nutmeg or mixed herbs, but always use these sparingly.

Cabbage soup with potatoes: 1 lb. peeled potatoes, $\frac{1}{2}$ cabbage head, 1 oz. margarine, 1 chopped onion, 2 carrots (these may be omitted if preferred), 1 oz. flour. Cut potatoes, carrots and cabbage into fine strips, fry with onion in margarine 5 minutes, sprinkle flour over it and fry 5 minutes again. Add 2 to 4 pints of water and cook 20 to 30 minutes, add salt and pepper, and serve. (Celery can be used instead of cabbage).


Pea Soup or Bean Soup: 1 lb. of dried peas or haricot beans, 2 chopped onions, 1 leek (if convenient), 1 small carrot, 1 small cabbage (if desired), 4 pints water, chives, parsley or dried herbs if desired, salt and pepper.

Wash peas or beans, pour boiling water over them and soak overnight. Fry chopped onions and vegetables in 1 oz. margarine, add water and bring to boil, add soaked peas (or beans), and allow to simmer 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours. Add seasoning and serve.

If I can help any of you in any way, please let the Editor or me know.

A Dish of Fish

Creamed cod. Wash a middle cut of cod, about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., and place it in a deep dish. Just cover with equal quantities of milk and water, and sprinkle with salt and pepper and several nuts of butter. Cover,



and bake in slow oven for about one hour. Then thicken with one dessertspoonful of cornflour, mixed to a paste, and return to oven for a further fifteen minutes. Serve with mashed potatoes scattered over with chopped parsley if liked.

"Sufficient for four healthy appetites."

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1lb. skate. Steam for ten minutes, remove bones. Make a white sauce with half-pint milk, two dessertspoonfuls cornflour, salt and pepper to taste, 2ozs. butter, 2ozs. grated cheese—blend well and cook slightly. Mix with skate and place in fire-proof dish. Sprinkle top liberally with grated cheese and knobs of butter, and bake in a sharp oven till nicely browned. Serve with mashed potatoes, sprinkled with chopped parsley, baked tomatoes and thin slices of wholemeal bread and butter. This makes a picturesque and nourishing supper or luncheon dish."

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"When cooking steaks of fish, fry over jet or hot plate until the bottom side is cooked. Then put the frying pan under the hot grill to cook the top side. This saves turning and breaking the fish. Nothing is more unappetising than a dish of broken bits of fish instead of nice brown whole steaks."

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Kippers are grand—except the cooking smell. Try this—Put them in an ordinary jug, tails upwards. Pour boiling water over, and stand for fifteen minutes. Drain and serve at once.

FOR SUPPER

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Grease well an enamelled plate. Slice thinly or mince one large onion on to it. Lay two or three slices of bacon on top of the onion. Put another plate on top and cook gently in oven for half an hour or until tender. Now sprinkle liberally with grated cheese and put back in oven until this has melted. Serve on same plate immediately."

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"Remove, with an apple corer, the centre from several large potatoes. Stuff them with sausage, using the cores for corks to keep in the stuffing. Bake potatoes in the usual way."

SUSAN SAVOURY.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

It is a long time since an article under this heading has appeared in the "Resident," but it seems an appropriate time to resume these monthly notes on Life's Adventure.

There is a danger just now of getting into a rut, the tendency is to give up going to the usual groups, and in consequence to forget that other people's problems are every bit as difficult as yours.

My family has been added to recently by the arrival of a baby girl. What of her future?

The night she was born was very hot and the following days full of sunshine, and the flowers in the Watling gardens seemed to bloom in greater profusion than ever before. Yet only a few hundred miles away similar gardens were being torn to pieces by people very much like ourselves, but who seem to have lost the art of living together in peace and happiness.

I wonder if all the work of the past years in gradually building a new social order, with pleasant homes for workers, welfare clinics, playing fields and educational opportunities is going to crash at our feet in an orgy of destruction.

Is my little girl to grow up in a world full of misery, poverty and destruction; or can we use the present situation to fashion a new world order, where poverty and misery will be abolished?

Adults' Schools everywhere are seeking to lift ordinary men and women, and young people out of the rut of aimless living into a realm where life is one grand adventure.

Is not life worth living when you can attend a group like this? Your opportunity is close to your doorstep. Don't let it pass by through not responding to this invitation. Just as the sun has been breaking through the clouds to-day, so will the war clouds break and a new world arise. My little girl, now only two weeks old, will live to see a world which I can only see in a vision, but it will be a world which needs your effort and mine to create it.

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THE RUSSO-GERMAN PACT

The following letter, which appeared in the "New Statesman and Nation" and is printed by their kind permission, has been sent to us by a member. The republication of it here does not, of course, imply that the Watling Association is in any way committed to the views expressed.

SIR,—The outstanding fact in the recent revolutionary changes in the international situation is that it has taken the Left, and especially the Communist Party, completely by surprise. I have never witnessed greater amazement than I have found in these circles during the last few days.

The capitalist classes, too, are baffled by the new turn of events, for while many of them have known for some time what was happening to private financial and economic interests in Nazi Germany—which knowledge, by the way, enabled them to support the Government in turning from a pro to an anti-Nazi policy—they had not anticipated anything quite so revolutionary as a line-up between Germany and Russia.

The tragic mistake of the Left has been their complete inability to recognise what was actually taking place in Germany. In spite of easily ascertainable facts, a large part of the Left has persisted in saying that Nazism was merely monopoly capitalism. Up to two years ago I also accepted that view, but certain reports I began to receive caused me to doubt its accuracy and to pursue some inquiries. I soon discovered that the Nazi regime was undermining, and with considerable rapidity, the power of private finance and indeed the entire citadel of capitalism, in Germany.

In pursuing my inquiry, I made the further discovery that what was being done was in conformity with the Nazi statement of aims, while later still I came to the conclusion that the fulfilment of the Nazi purpose on the foreign front necessitated National Planning and complete national control of the nation's financial and economic resources, involving, eventually, the liquidation of capitalism.

Then came the great shock. If my conclusions were sound, it meant that Nazi Germany was in fact treading the Russian road. It also meant that the two countries would one day discover that fact, and when they did so, one of the most unexpected and startling event in the history of the world would take place; that Russia and Germany, realising their growing unity in ideology and policy, would join hands politically.

That was eighteen months ago, since when, on ventilating my views in the press and on platforms, I have witnessed turbulent scenes at meetings and received letters which were not conspicuous for the politeness of their phrasing.

The discovery which I made eighteen months ago has of course been made by a large number of people. Perhaps I may give two quotations. A "Manchester Guardian" reviewer of Herman Rauschnig's "Germany's Revolution of Destruction" wrote:

The similarity between Bolshevism and National Socialism is now so widely recognised that to assert it is to assert the commonplace. Herr Rauschnigg not only asserts it, he explains it out of his great theoretical knowledge and practical experience. He regards National Socialism and National Bolshevism as identical. He is very interesting on the prospects of a German-Russian alliance, a matter he often discussed with Hitler. Hitler himself has an aversion from the present rulers of Russia, because

he thinks they are Jews. Nevertheless, Herr Rauschnigg appears to think that the alliance is inevitable. He thinks that it "means simply the confluence of two streams which run into the same sea, the sea of world revolution. . . . It will be no ordinary coalition between two Powers for normal purposes. Germany and Russia, if they come together, will radically transform the world. That alliance is Hitler's coming great stroke."

The second quotation is from Douglas Reed's "Disgrace Abounding."

His (Hitler's) obvious move now, his master move that would give him game and make him world champion, would be to join hands with Russia . . . Together the world would be theirs. National Socialism and Bolshevism are not worlds apart, but close together.

The very least that can be said on this issue is that Russia has vastly more in common with Nazi Germany than with imperialist Britain.

Behind the veil of these facts, is the inescapable conclusion that on its breakdown, capitalism can find no way of escape, that dictatorship, of the Right as well as of the Left, leads of Socialism. That conclusion many capitalists are already beginning to draw. Their doing so will have an enormous influence on the course of events from now on.

But what of the future? What does the Russo-German Pact, with its latest consequence, the Russian invasion of Poland and the partition of the latter by Germany and Russia, signify, and in what ways will it affect the course of events in Europe? Let us make no mistake, this Pact is the most important international event since the Russian Revolution of 1917, the full significance of which will not be realised for some time to come.

Molotov's speech of August 31st before the Supreme Council did not overstate the position when he said:

Conditions being what they are it is difficult to overestimate the international importance of the Soviet-German Pact . . . August 23rd, 1939 (the day it was signed) is to be regarded as a date of great historical importance . . . it marks a turning point in the history of Europe, and not of Europe alone.

The Pact proves that no important questions of international relations, and still less questions in Eastern Europe, can be settled without the active participation of the Soviet Union; that any attempts to shut out the Soviet Union and decide such questions behind its back are doomed to failure.

These words should be carefully pondered. It is yet too early to assess the full significance of this Pact. We do not know the degree of agreement which lay behind it, nor can we visualise the degree of agreement and collusion which will follow from it. What cannot be disputed is that it opens up enormous possibilities, which it is our duty to consider and to be prepared to face. The following estimate of the effects of increasing collusion between Germany and Russia is not, I think, unreasonable.

In Germany it may drive policy more strongly Leftward, and lead to the incorporation of Left elements in the Nazi administration, and thus to growing revolt from, and the persecution of, the Right. It will remove all prospects of a Left or people's rising against Hitler should the war be continued. Such circumstances would convert the war into an ideological conflict between two forms of totalitarian National

Socialism on the one side, and democratic imperialism on the other.

In Russia it may revive the policy of world revolution.

In Britain (and France) these changes would give rise to a new alignment of political parties on the issue of the war. Even now it is clear that any attempt to restore the old regime in Poland would involve war with Russia. Hence the extreme Left may be expected to withdraw its support of the war at an early date. The Labour Party will be divided, the bellicose official section going all out for a fight to a finish, and a very big proportion of the rank and file following the lead of the Left. The Capitalist classes are also faced with a dilemma. Victory in a war against Germany and Russia is problematical, while dictatorship either of the Left or Right will be inevitable after a large-scale war; and the course of events in Germany has weakened the ardour for Fascism. The inference is obvious.

A totting up of these items reveals that prudence no less than wisdom demands an early ending of hostilities. Also it is clear that the original aims of the war cannot now be attained, and that its probable outcome would be European revolution.

As regards the longer view, perhaps two things can be said: First, that Germany and Russia are likely to pursue with almost evangelical zeal the idea of a new world economic organisation on the foundation of Socialist or National Socialist States, whence we may expect country after country to be remodelled after the pattern, say, of the States within the Union of Soviet Republics. This policy will carry with it an attack upon the Empires which, owing to the revolutionary ferment that is likely to be developed, may be carried out mainly by means of propaganda. In any case, capitalist Governments will be too afraid of revolution to venture on war in defence of imperial interests.

Second, that in the circumstances which will follow the present disturbances, the capitalist States will quickly arrive at an impasse, when they will be compelled to adopt Socialism either via democracy or, as Germany has proved, via Dictatorship, even of the Right. As many British capitalists realise what has happened in Germany, they may be sufficiently alive to the fact that they will come out better if they accept Socialism via constitutionalism than via dictatorship. It may well be, therefore, that in the difficult times ahead, an awakened capitalism may constitute the main bulwark of democracy, notwithstanding the big demands that will be made upon it.

If in this way democracy can be saved in Britain, it may turn out to be of inestimable value to the human race, for despite the achievements of Russia, the way of escape from totalitarianism has yet to be found. Thus a great responsibility rests upon the big democratic States, and in particular upon Britain, in this respect. Happily sufficient facts are now available to prove that dictatorship is unable to preserve the privileges of capitalism or to restore democratic freedom once it has been destroyed. Hence, in addition to the supreme necessity of saving democracy, there is reason to hope that prudence may save it. It still lies within the power of Britain to lead the way to a classless and stateless society via the path of freedom and democracy. No greater service to mankind is it possible to render.

These considerations help to reveal that we are now presented with a solution which calls for fundamental thinking and a recasting of our social schemes and political theories in order to seize what may be Europe's last opportunity of reaching the promised land, and possibly even of saving itself from destruction.

WILFRED WELLOCK.

BALD FACED STAGE?

Memories of Norway... and now Women Awheel in Emergency!

Touring holidays over, the country was plunged into a state of war hardly had we returned. A sad blow to pleasure cycling... but one can **always** use a bicycle, says Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY, the Rudge rider.

Just a week ago war was declared. I was, as usual, enjoying a cycling week-end in the South Midlands, and was up with the lark in the morning handing up drinks to 100-mile road riders soon after dawn. The event over, it was well past eleven o'clock on the morning of Sunday, September 3rd, that we called at a roadside cottage with a "Teas" board in the garden a few miles south of Warwick. The woman had been crying, and it was then that we heard the sad and bad news.

Last month I promised you something about Norway, and although as I write it is but four weeks since "Cyclux" and I returned from a democratic and peaceful country. The people of Norway are most friendly—they live well, and for approximately seven shillings you can obtain supper, bed and breakfast at quite large and comfortable hotels.

PEACEFUL NORWAY.

Always liking mountain scenery, the steady climbing to the summit, the pause to admire and appreciate the views back and ahead, the free-wheeling down the valley or to sea level—in England, Scotland and Wales have been fine. But Norway, I have to admit, surpasses anything we have in this country many times! The roads are loose and rough, but not over-used as yet, and the climbs are gradual generally, with a series of hairpin bends if climbing steeply across the mountain side.

At a pretty waterside village called Sylte we were waiting to take the steamer for a three hours' sail on the fiord to another equally delightful place at Geiranger. The boat steams between 5,000-ft mountains with their 1,000-ft. waterfalls tumbling eagerly into the fiord, which in places is but a quarter of a mile wide. Before we took our bicycles on the boat we met a British C.T.C. member who hadn't shaved for three days! He had lost his razor, he said, and thought two kroner (two shillings) too much for a new one.

In Oslo we learnt from the C.T.C. Consul that shop workers in the Norwegian capital cease work at five o'clock, whereas the offices close at four o'clock. He was mystified to understand how our shop assistants spend their Saturday afternoons, and it took us some little time to have him understand they just went on working!

KEEP CYCLING FOR COMPANIONSHIP

Space forbids more about Norway, but how glad I am that I went, and found the scenery and the people even better than I had imagined.

We must remember that a war has been arranged...

Women and young girls no doubt realise that their chief duty in this time of national emergency is to help maintain life at home as near normal as possible.

The nation needs thousands of women on bicycles, not necessarily clothed in any uniform, but ready to keep on cycling and seeing their friends and relatives as though life is amiss. The psychological effect of these "comforters," shall we call them, has far-reaching results. Alone at home, women are liable under the strain of the present situation to become "nervy" and irritable. When you feel this awful feeling is going to overpower you, get the handy bicycle out of the shed and ride round to see Mrs. — in Blundell Road, or Mrs. — in another road.

The ride being exercise in the open air will do you good, and an hour or two together will do you both no end of good.

Go shopping on your bicycle; you won't be so long away from the kiddies, will you, if you have left them at home?

Cycle to and from work, too; public transport vehicles cannot keep to their time-table regularity of a week or two ago. Petrol is rationed, and the supply will probably get less and less if hostilities increase. Look after that bicycle—it's going to double its value soon.

Don't leave your bicycle unattended without putting a padlock around the front wheel and the down tube of the frame itself. A bicycle will soon become more appreciated as the cheapest and most convenient (and possibly the quickest) way of getting about.

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Club and Society Notes

CRICKET

The cricket team have finished their successful season, having won 12 out of 14 matches, and I would like to thank the supporters and the team for the support they have given the Club all through the season.

Below are the batting and bowling averages.

A. F. Hoy.

NAMES	BOWLING				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV.
G. Allen	89	25	133	55	2.4
S. Cutts	2	—	5	2	2.5
F. Allen	81	17	166	44	3.7
F. Eva	22	5	57	13	4.4
W. Bethelmy	29	6	79	11	7.2
F. Dean	10	1	23	3	7.8

NAMES	NOT OUT			HIGHEST	
	INNS.	OUT	RUNS	INNS.	AV.
G. Allen	12	1	261	106	23.8
H. Luffman	3	1	39	15	19.5
F. Dean	8	—	113	43	14.1
A. Hoy	12	3	124	28	13.7
G. Anderson	7	1	61	24	10.2
J. Lloyd	3	1	17	8	8.5
G. Eva	6	2	31	13	7.7
E. Milne	11	—	79	38	7.2
S. Tozer	8	—	57	21	7.1
F. Eva	10	—	66	19	6.6
W. Bethelmy	10	—	53	24	5.3
S. Cutts	10	—	51	16	5.1
F. Allen	13	—	35	8	2.8
F. Cole	12	2	28	14	2.8
C. Rickard	5	—	11	5	2.2

MONTHLY CYCLING NOTES

Edgware Section (W.M.D.A.)

Cyclists' Touring Club

When the news that war had been declared came through on the radio, Edgware Section were at Chenies. The run was to have been to Weston Turville, near Wendover, and the question whether to proceed or turn back was being debated when the sirens gave that first air-raid warning.

That settled the argument. As soon as the "raiders passed" had sounded, the club broke up into twos and threes and proceeded homewards.

After a week of war, members had had time to re-adjust their ideas and met again on the following Saturday and Sunday as usual at Edgware Station. Many are engaged on some branch or other of A.R.P. or National Defence, but even those members found that country rides were still possible even if they had to be cut short at the call of duty.

A modified programme is being drafted to meet the new conditions, and it is hoped that it will not be necessary to abandon such a healthy recreation at a

time when it is needed more than ever. Increased civil duties will impose a strain on all, and fresh air is the best known antidote to overwork and anxiety.

Edgware's Club Room at Abercorn Hotel is no longer available as it is required for other more important things, but a meeting place has been found at Cricklewood which will serve to keep members in touch with each other when they cannot attend runs.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We resumed our meetings after the Summer holidays on September 4th. Until the very last moment, most of us had hoped that this tragedy of war would have been averted, and knowing that this was not to be, our hearts were very sad as we met together again.

Our speaker on this occasion was Mrs. Durant—one of our members—who delivered a most interesting talk on Nutrition. Mrs. Heaf, our President, has suggested that we share little economy recipes we may have to tide us over hardships and inconveniences which it is feared the future will bring.

The useless cruelty of Vivisection was ably explained to us on September 11th by Mr. Adams, from the Anti-Vivisection League, who convinced us of the unsoundness of this procedure on both moral and scientific grounds.

A letter to Mr. Arthur Greenwood, M.P., deploring his recent public speeches, was written and read to us by a member—Miss Leach. We are wondering if this letter will reach Mr. Greenwood, or if, before then, it will be consigned to the waste paper basket.

A Harvest Festival has been arranged for September 18th, the proceeds to be sent to Mrs. Seed, in aid of the Bedford Institute.

Our Fellowship Meetings, in future, are to be held on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. The first of this kind, on September 10th, was a very happy event. It is hoped that these little friendly gatherings will stimulate us and help us to keep as cheerful as possible under difficult circumstances.

We have decided to continue to hold our meetings on Monday afternoons, resolving that as many as are able will keep the flag flying as long as possible.

KIDDIES' LAND

It seems such a long time since the "Moggies" and "Young Watlers" had their summer outing that they must have almost forgotten all about it, but not quite. We had a lovely time—91 children and 5 helpers. On Thursday, September 24th, two coaches arrived. The rain was teeming down, but were we downhearted? No! Three of the mothers whispered in my ear "Do you think it is safe?" I assured them that the children would be quite safe, and that they would be home again before trouble started. So off we went to "Kiddies' Land." It is a grand place about ten miles from Colchester. We thought it would cost us more, but no, "Enterprise" took us for the same price as we would have paid for the journey to Southend. We were provided with an excellent tea at 7d. per child. The moment we arrived, off came the children's clothes, and into the pool. It was a pity the tide was

out all day, but the children were happy, and that is all that mattered. On our way home, our coach began to slow down; I looked round and saw a great searchlight behind us. What sounded like a blast of a whistle went and then our coach stood still. The driver walked round. I thought he was coming to me to take the children to a safe place; instead of that he walked past and saw to one of the wheels that had become over-heated.

Many were the thanks for a lovely day from Moggies and Young Watlers. We should like to say "thank you" to Mrs. Gay, Granny Lee, Mrs. Pearman and Mrs. Briscey for their kind help.

Games have been run in Watling Park on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Mrs. Gay is at the Centre every evening from 4.30 until 5.30 for social time. All kiddies are welcome.

BOWLS CLUB

Despite the crisis, the Bowls Club intend to continue its programme for the remainder of the season, and it is hoped that the Spoon Drive arranged for the last Sunday in September will be carried out. The Club has had a very successful season, and considering that this is its first year there has been a considerable influx of members, including lady members.

VETERANS' CLUB

Desite the war, our elderly friends are still carrying on with their meetings every Wednesday at 4.30 at the Centre. When the crisis first came upon us, attendances dropped slightly, but, war or no war, the veterans were determined to continue their weekly gatherings, and now they are up to strength again. Their example we hope will be upheld by all members of the Watling Association, as, in times like these, the main thing is to keep going. This will help us to keep our minds off the tragedy of the war and keep us in good spirits until sanity comes once more to Europe.

BOXING

The first training meeting of the W.A. Boxing Club will be held in the Annex (the hut) of the Watling Centre on Thursday, October 5th, at 7.30 p.m., and with the support promised it is hoped to get on with an interesting season.

New members invited, subscription ½d. per night. Secretary: Mr. Horne, Watling Centre.

FOLK DANCING

This old-time pastime is ever new, and is followed by an enthusiastic class every Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Centre.

Folk dancing will keep you fit and cheerful, and is suitable for all classes of people. All are welcome, members 3d. per week, non-members 4d. per week.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The W.A. football club, in spite of its depletion by some of its members being called up, is still able to put out a formidable team, and so far this season has made successful progress.

Some of us are not able to follow up our favourites in the professional divisions, but a good afternoon's football can be enjoyed by following our own boys. On Saturday, September 30th, the Watling Centre's team plays Watling Athletic at Montrose Playing Fields. This should be a vigorously contested game and a good afternoon's sport is promised all sportsmen who turn out to support the local boys.

BURNT OAK MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The winter season has so far produced some very interesting talks and discussions and we have learnt a lot. A novelty meeting was held on September 24th, when each member brought some object or article on which he spoke for ten minutes, and it was surprising how the ensuing discussions developed; in fact, each subject proved so interesting that a full morning's discussion could have been spent on it alone.

On Sunday, September 30th, the N.W. Federation breakfast is to be held at the Friends' Meeting House, Hampstead, at 8.45, and it is expected that the Burnt Oak schools will be well represented.

On Friday, October 27th, a benefit Social to clear a small debt incurred at the last Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held.

Three schools meet at the Centre every week: Men's on Sundays at 9.30 a.m., Women's on Mondays at 2.30 p.m., Young People's on Wednesdays at 8.0 p.m. New members welcomed to the three schools.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Burnt Oak Branch

Strange as it may seem, one of the first effects of the war on the lives of the people, has been to create an unemployment problem. Numbers of workers have been discharged and many sufferers from the dislocation caused by the outbreak of war. Therefore, to leave such persons adrift, would not be in the interest towards a successful conclusion of hostilities.

Many Emergency Bills have been passed through the House of Commons, and if the war has put you in NEED, exercise your right by making an application through the Labour Exchange to the U.A.B. The Courts (Emergency Powers) Act protects you in relation to commitments you may have under the Hire Purchase, subject to the agreement entered into before September 1st. This Act also protects persons in many other ways who have been placed in difficulty as the outcome of the war. Our advice to those that may be in doubt or difficulty, get in touch with this movement or the Citizens' Information Bureau at the Centre or near where you live.

W. LKWINTON, Hon. Secretary.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION.

I am a humble pensioner, myself, for my daily bread
Shall I forget my brothers who seem in greater need?
I know not how it happened that I have more than they.
Unless God meant that I should give a larger part away.
The humblest wayside beggar and I have wants the same,
Close side by side we walked when God called out one name.

So, brother, it but happened the name he called was mine;

The food was given for both—here, half of it is thine.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

A Gentleman

A gentleman is a person who puts more into the common stock than he takes out. The more that principle was followed the happier a person became.

—THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD.

Fellowship Meetings

At the last Fellowship Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 31st December, a general review of the past programme was made, and approval expressed at the excellent speakers obtained by Mr. Austin Bayes, who has been responsible for arranging the meetings. Owing to the attendances being rather small, it was decided to hold meetings on Sundays, 7th and 14th January, and from then on once a month, commencing at 3 o'clock. If it is considered that an evening service would be more convenient a suitable time could be arranged.

Liberty of conscience means being able to do wrong without bothering about it afterwards.

Q. Why does an Air Raid Warden wear a tin hat?

A. Camouflage. The Warden looks like a metal stud in the road when seen from above.

Blessed are the meek for they shall irritate the earth.

Hold Your Man

Don't lose your husband in the black out. Rub him all over with paraffin or Spanish onions. Then you'll be able to find him in the dark. Sniff! Oh, there you are, George!

Smokes for Troops

The scheme started at the Centre for posting cigarettes to members of the Watling Association who have joined the Forces, is still operating successfully and, judging by the letters of thanks received, greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Mr. Lodge, who is supervising the sending of the gifts, informs us that Christmas cards, postal orders and cigarettes were sent to serving members, and we are pleased to say that there is a generous response to the Fund, which is collected at the socials held at the Centre.

Advice from an Old Book

" Eat slowly; only men in rags
And gluttons old in sin
Mistake themselves for carpet bags
And shovel victuals in."

Grow or Go

Social authorities in Durham are threatening to evict tenants who do not cultivate land attached to Council Houses.

Gramophone Records

If anyone has surplus dance records which they wish to dispose of, will they please leave them at the Watling Centre.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. LODGE,

I wish to convey to you, and the many kind members of the Watling Association, my grateful thanks for the Christmas wishes and the postal order which I heartily appreciate.

To us fellows who are forced to spend long periods away from home and our families, it is kind gestures like this that help us through some very difficult times.

It is remarkable how cheerful the troops manage to keep under the adverse conditions in which they sometimes find themselves, and I know for a fact that it is largely due to the moral support they receive from friends at home in the same way that I have received encouragement from the members of the Centre.

Again thanking you for your extremely kind thoughts and wishing you and everybody at the Watling Association a hearty Christmas and a bright and peaceful New Year,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

A SERGEANT.

Beryl Burville

Miss Beryl Burville, aged 21 years, of 47, Littlefield Road, passed away after many months' illness, at Bournemouth, January 1st, 1940. She was well-known, having lived on the Estate 11 years and attended Woodcroft School and Goldbeaters Evening Classes. A brief service was held at Woodcroft Hall for the funeral on Saturday, January 6th, and was conducted by Mr. Adams and Mr. F. N. Martin.

Floral tributes were sent by: Mummy and Daddy; Ruby; Freddie and Frank; G. Kemp, Ltd., Staff; F. N. Martin; Cashiers' Office; E. Harvey; Lapointe Machine Tool Co., Ltd.; Aunt Liz and family; Kitty and Bill; Minnie; Grandma; Doris and Arthur; Mrs. Parsons and Vera; Leslie, Neighbours; Mrs. Patching and family; Mrs. Cook and family; Mrs. Bourne and family; Mrs. Turton and Mrs. Roberts; Mrs. Layzell and Jean.

The Amateur Variety Company

The 7.30 Revue which was put on with such success by the Amateur Variety Company has fulfilled the hopes of all who worked so ardently to make the show a real attraction. There have been many concerts and socials at the Centre, but none quite like this, and it is hoped that the performance given by this talented company will be a regular feature on our list of activities. Everyone worked hard to make the show go, and special thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson and to Mr. Deacon, our social secretary.

Afternoon Discussions

A Discussion Group is being held at the Centre at 2.45 on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Subjects on the programme so far have been: "The Causes of the War," "What will come out of the war?" "Holidays," "Machinery" and "Religion." The subjects for discussion are chosen by the Group from time to time. Anyone who would like to come along will be welcome.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE COST OF EYE-CARE?

A pair of spectacles will cost, say, from a pound, and should last from 2 to 3 years. On this basis, for about 3d. a week, you can have Comfortable, Strain-free Vision, and preserved Good Sight.

If you are an Insured Person, or a member of the H.S.A. or H.S.F., the cost will be materially reduced.

For further Advice, consult . . .

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NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

February, 1940.

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 4 Ernst Toller, Mr. J. P. Fletcher.
 11 Persecution of the Jews.
 18 Business Meeting.
 25 Jean Sibelius.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for
 Worship, 11.0 a.m.
 25th Fellowship Meeting, 3.30 p.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawver, 5.30 and 8.30 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 7.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Choral Society, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 7, 14 and 21 First Aid Demonstrations,
 Mrs. Billings.
 28 Prague, Miss E. Marshall.
 Veterans' Club, 2.45 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Boxing Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Football Matches, 2.30 p.m. on Montrose
 Playing Fields or away.
 Members' Socials, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

- Friday 2 Football Club Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Saturday 3 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Sunday 4 Bowls Club Annual Meeting, 7.30 p.m.
 Tuesday 6 Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
 Church Army Rummage Sale, 2.30 p.m.
- Thursday 8 7.30 Revue, 7.30 p.m.
 Sunday 11 Free & Easy, 7.30 p.m.
 Austria's Contribution to the World,
 Monday 12 Oddfellows, 8.15 p.m. [Dr. F. Pick.
 Saturday 17 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
**Sunday 18 Public Lecture: Experiences in a German
 Concentration Camp, Mr. Banks, 8 p.m.**
- Monday 20 Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
**Thursday, 22 Watling Association Annual Meeting,
 8.0 p.m.**
- Friday 23 Helpers' Social, 8.0 p.m.
 Sunday 25 Free & Easy, 7.30 p.m.
 Plaster Craft, Mr. W. Verrall.
 Monday 26 Oddfellows, 8.15 p.m.
 Thursday 29 W.A. Council, 8.0 p.m.

Children's Party

Watling Centre was the scene of a very festive Christmas Party on Saturday afternoon, 30th December, when about 140 children were entertained.

The children first assembled in the hall for games, followed by a solo singing and recitation contest, which displayed a complete lack of self-consciousness, the performers requiring no persuasion to face the footlights. Each item was judged by the audience and each contribution voted worthy of a prize. Popular dances followed and all joined in the Lambeth Walk, Siegfried Line and Chestnut Tree.

Mrs. Grey-Skinner, a friend indeed to these little ones, received a glad welcome when she called.

A sumptuous tea was served in the Common Room, during which each small guest was allotted a raffle ticket, and dolls, presented by Miss Jackson, and balls, paint boxes and books, which were gifts of the Association, fell to the lot of delighted recipients. The party then adjourned to the hall to be entertained by P. C. Clayton and Joey, old friends of the Estate. Community singing was frequently interrupted by Joey's contortions and acrobatic mishaps, to the detriment of stage furniture.

Departing guests were finally regaled with small parcels of fruit.

The success of the Christmas Party was largely due to the generosity of Mrs. Grey-Skinner, who provided the tea, and to the careful forethought and hard work of leaders and helpers who were responsible for setting out and serving teas and organising games—Mrs. Gay herself sitting at the piano most of the afternoon, improvising accompaniments to impromptu solos, choruses and dances. Carol singers—Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Gay, Miss J. Lord, Miss Joyce Lake and Mr. F. Whitehead—raised the money to provide crackers, toys and decorations being gifts of the Association.

The juvenile organiser, Mrs. Lord, has now resumed her duties after a short rest.

DISTRESS FUND

We much regret that owing to pressure of space we were not able to publish, last month, the results of the Christmas collection for the above fund. The Association is grateful for the help given, both by those who collected and by those who contributed. Donations were received as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Langham Road, Langham Gardens, Islip			
Gardens, Edwin Road, Hook Walk,			
Dean's Walk	1	1	10
Part of Deansbrook Road	0	13	4½
Colchester Road, Kirtton Walk, Norwich			
Walk, Briar Walk	1	6	7
Wenlock Road	0	9	8
Part of Littlefield Road	0	5	11
	£3	17	4½
In addition, Carol Singers gave	1	7	6
And the Football Match yielded	2	3	8

Thank you very much, everybody!

Borrowed Plumage

BY OBSERVER.

We propose on this page to set before our readers, every month, items of interest drawn from a variety of sources. They will consist mainly of quotations—hence the title, "BORROWED PLUMAGE." Some, we hope, will raise a smile, others may bring a tear to the eye. Some will engage our sympathies, others may arouse our indignation. Most, we trust, will provoke thought. Here are this month's.

To Poor to Plead

Sir John Harris, in a letter to the "Manchester Guardian" recently, drew attention to the disquieting case of a Swazi Chief who had been sentenced to death for murder arising out of a witchcraft case, but who had obtained leave to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council more than fifteen months ago. His chance of availing himself of the right depended on his ability to raise £750 to meet the cost of the appeal. £400 had been collected by friends and, wrote Sir John, "My committee (The Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society) knows that it has only to publish the full story for the remaining £350 to be forthcoming; but it takes the view that in cases where the Privy Council agrees that a good case has been made out for an appeal it should be the responsibility of the Government and not that of private charity to facilitate a prompt hearing of the case." "It was," said the "Manchester Guardian," commenting on the case, "scarcely creditable to British justice that a man should suffer indefinite imprisonment until such time as charity can provide the funds to settle his case."

A History of the War

Most of us and of our children are familiar with the voice of Commander Stephen King-Hall. He has spoken so often on the wireless to both adults and children. He is one of the favourites. Commander King-Hall is now writing a History of the War which is to be published in monthly volumes. "It will be my purpose," he says, "to write a real history within the limits of what is possible whilst the events to be recorded are still white hot from the anvil of time." The first volume (Hodder and Stoughton, 2/-) has as its title, "The Cause of the War."

Step by Step

The first chapter on the Problem of National Sovereignty is of special importance. But it is all there: The Seizure of the Rhineland, The Death of Austria, The Pilgrimage to Munich, The Destruction of Czechoslovakia, and The Assault on Poland.

Strange Bedfellows

Apocryphos the Russo-German Pact and the Russian Invasion of Finland, it is worth noting one or two quotations from Hitler's speeches given in the book. Having classed the Bolshevik leaders as "murderers, conspirators, robbers and destroyers," Hitler later spoke of Bolshevism in these terms: "This is a pestilence, and I demand from every German workman that he shall not have any relations with such internationally dangerous people. It is not suitable that we should

ever accept help from a Bolshevik State." Commenting on the conversations between the Foreign Minister of Finland and the German Foreign Minister which were held in Berlin in the autumn of 1937, the "Diplomatische Korrespondenz" said that they were carried out on a basis of the fact that Germany regarded "the continuance of a free and strong Finland as essential in the general interests of Europe; and that if Finland was threatened by Russia, she could not rely on help from the League, and would naturally turn for help towards Germany."

A complete history can only be written in proper perspective long after the war is ended. "Nevertheless," as Commander King-Hall says, "there is a great field to be explored between the moment when a news bulletin is carried by the wireless waves all over the globe and the remote day when a full dress history can be written for the benefit of men and women who in Great Britain to-night are children in evacuation areas." His History should make a valuable addition to the home library.

The Children Suffer

The havoc being wrought on the education of children as a result of the war is revealed by an investigation made by the Rochdale Education Committee (a "neutral area") and discussed in the columns of the "Manchester Guardian." Here are some of the figures: School hours less than

normal.				mark per cent.
Up to 110	...	...	...	5.6
111 to 165	...	...	...	5.9
221 to 275	...	...	...	6.3
Over 330	...	...	...	20.8

The "Manchester Guardian" has more than once drawn attention to the seriousness of the situation. In the "evacuation" areas, where so many children have returned and are not compelled to go to school, the consequences might well be disastrous unless something is done.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

will be held at

WATLING CENTRE

On Thursday, February 22nd.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. Annual Report.
4. Accounts for 1939.
5. Election of Officers, President, Treasurer, "Resident" Editor, "Resident" Secretary, Membership Secretary.
6. Election of Representatives on the Council.
7. Any other business.

Editorial

Political Outlook

According to its constitution the Watling Association is a non-party political, non-sectarian body, and although this prohibits us from showing any bias, or from entering into any political or religious controversy on a party or sectarian basis, it cannot stop any member as an individual from holding his own political views, or from taking part in political or religious activities if he wishes to do so. In the Watling Association there are all shades of views, varying from deep blue to bright red, but the Association itself does not take sides on these lines any more than it does with any one Church. If we have an affiliated body which has a Conservative or Communist outlook it is its affair, and it is free to carry on its functions under whatever label it likes, provided it does not attempt to influence or hinder the work of the Community Association. If the views of any section or member which appear in this journal show a leaning to Left or Right it does not follow that they are the views of the Association or of the Editor. The "Watling Resident" is an open forum through which readers can criticise, make suggestions and express their opinions. England is still more or less a free country, and we believe that it is far healthier for any group or individual who has anything to say to up and say it rather than silently to brood over it, and probably get a mistaken view of things through being suppressed. We repeat that we set out to provide an opportunity for free expression for all, while ourselves not taking sides on party or sectarian matters.

PUBLIC LECTURE

AT

WATLING CENTRE

Orange Hill Road

★

Experiences in a German Concentration Camp

By Mr. T. B. BANKS

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On Sunday, February 18th.

at 8 p.m.

BALDFACED STAG?



Peas

Sweet peas are deservedly a prime favourite annual for the flower garden. Green peas are also deservedly popular for the vegetable garden. If there is room available it should be possible, with careful planning, to maintain a supply of peas of good quality for nearly half-a-year or, at any rate, from the end of May until the middle of October. To do this care should be taken to choose varieties that mature at different times, under the headings of early, main-crop and late.

For a really good crop the ground should be dug to a depth of at least two spits. Except in the case of very light soil there is no need to manure the land for the earliest varieties, but the main crop and late require a richer soil. Lime is almost essential for producing the best results, and if there is any doubt about its being present in the soil a dressing of quick lime should be applied in winter. An easy test as to whether lime is present is to place a piece of litmus paper on the ground where the peas are to be grown. If the paper turns red lime is needed. On the other hand, it is not needed if when some hydrochloric acid is poured on to the soil a froth is produced. Absence of froth means that lime is needed. February is a good time for liming.

To prevent mice from attacking the seeds it is a good plan to moisten them with a little paraffin and then dust them with red lead before sowing. To prevent the ravages of birds, black cotton should be stretched above the rows after they have been covered with soil. Another good protection is the wire guards specially provided for the purpose. These are more expensive than a reel of black cotton, but have the advantage of being more or less permanent, and can be used over and over again. They should be fixed as soon as the young pea plants appear above the ground and removed when the twigs are put in.

When this stage has been reached, soot should be scattered along each side of the row as a further protection, and soon afterwards short twiggy sticks should be stuck into the ground to prevent the plants from falling over.

When the plants are six inches above the ground the main pea-sticks should be put in. Be sure to have tall enough sticks. It is better to have them a foot too tall than not tall enough, as in a wet season the plants will grow taller than in a dry season, otherwise the plants will die down prematurely. If the growth becomes very free it is a help to run a cord all round the row, fixed to a stout stake at each end.

Hazel sticks are the best, but other kinds are often used with satisfaction for one or two seasons. They should be twiggy and of such a length that when pushed firmly into the ground their tops will, as already indicated, be higher than the plants when these are fully grown. Shorter twiggy sticks should always be used first so as to enable the plants to start climbing in early

life. It is a mistake to insert the sticks so that they slope inwards at the top. The tops of the sticks should incline outwards.

A thorough watering should be given in dry weather to prevent the plants from premature death.

What To Do In February

Flower Garden.—Prepare the sites for the earliest sowings of hardy annuals, but do not sow them until March. Only a little manure is required, say a quarter of a bucketful per square yard. Too much manure will result in foliage at the expense of flowers. The best dozen amongst the early hardy annuals are said to be clarkia, larkspur, godetia, annual chrysanthemum, love-in-a-mist, calendula, annual delphinium, sweet sultan, cacalia, linaria, saponaria and linum.

Prune the yellow jasmine when it has finished flowering.

Prepare the wallflowers for their spring display by making firm any that are loose in the soil, removing all leaves that have turned yellow, and finish by sprinkling freshly-slaked lime over the bed.

Work in a little well-rotted manure round the sweet Williams, and they will bloom much better as a result.

Plant flag irises and in doing so see that the fleshy roots are only half buried. If altogether covered with soil they will be liable to rot.

Fruit Garden.—Fruit bushes and trees of all kinds can be planted during open weather.

The cropping of old fruit trees will be improved by dosing them well with liquid manure. Remove the sucker shoots that spring up at the base.

A great aid to good quality strawberries is a dressing of basic slag. Four ounces per square yard is about the right quantity.

Cultivated blackberries may be planted now. They yield a particularly tasty fruit. Fill an odd corner with a few canes. Parsley-leaved and Himalaya giant are good varieties.

Loganberry plants should be pruned. They make tremendous growth, often ten to twenty feet during a season. Cut away all old branches and train in the new, shortening back any that have exceeded the space provided. The loganberry does well when trained up pillars and over arches and old walls.

Vegetable Garden.—Land that was dug last autumn should be given a dressing of ground lime at the rate of six ounces per square yard. Fork it in during fine weather.

The site for the onion bed should be deeply dug and well enriched with decayed stable manure, sifted poultry droppings, soot and a little lime.

Plant shallots during the latter half of the month in good rich medium soil. Sow parsnip seeds towards the end of the month in drills an inch deep with fifteen inches between the rows.

The first sowing of broad beans may be made on an early border. Draw deep lines two feet apart and plant the seed six inches apart and three inches deep. A double row is good as the plants can then protect and support themselves.

Jerusalem artichokes should be planted now in a well-prepared open space. The sets should be two feet apart with four feet between the lines, and at least six inches below the surface.

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BURNT OAK YOUNG PEOPLES' ADULT SCHOOL—Continued.

took up the whole evening, the two subjects discussed being "Why Communism Has Failed," and the second a theory that the unemployed should be absorbed into the Army before employed people. The programme, being very popular with members, is to be continued at a future meeting.

A final note from "B.O.V.P.A.S.": Don't forget the Birthday Party Supper Dance on February 10th.

H.G.T.

Sew Sew!

ALMOST INVISIBLE.—A patch on a cloth or tweed garment can be scarcely noticed, by taking care the threads in patch run the same way as in garment, and well pressing with a thin piece of material between patch and iron when finished. Moisten patch with a damp sponge and press on the wrong side.

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When sewing net curtains on the machine put tissue paper under the hem. This makes it easy to stitch. Tear away the paper when the hems are done.

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GATHERING BY MACHINE.—Set machine for fairly large stitch, loosen the tension, then machine in the ordinary way. When drawing the thread the material will be found to be perfectly gathered.

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After sewing is put away, tie a steel magnet to a long thread and draw over the floor to attract any needles that may have fallen. Keep magnet in the work-basket.

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Instead of tacking a long seam, put a paper clip every two inches to keep the seam in place. When sewn, it is a few seconds' work to remove clips.

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There is a light and a dark shade to velveteen which make it more difficult to cut out and make up than other dress material. The correct way to cut it is to have the dark shade going down. When pressing the seams, they should be held firmly at both ends, and the iron run lightly over them. Never press velveteen seams on a board.

BORROWED PLUMAGE—Continued.

A Hope for the World

"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever-widening thought and action —

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake."



I have recently finished reading a book which will "do you good," but which is both wise and entertaining. It is "Eat and Grow Beautiful," by Dr. Benjamin Gayelord Hauser, and it can be borrowed from our Public Library. Dr. Hauser is the health and beauty adviser of many film stars and society ladies, and in his lectures in many cities of the United States and in London last year, he has had phenomenal success. He says: "My first serious students were movie stars and actresses who must retain their beauty to hold their public. Then came women of social position who had the will and the time to devote to real beauty culture. And now it seems that women the world over are willing and anxious to become beautiful. I am very glad. For the same sort of eating that makes a woman beautiful will make her healthy and strong."

A few sentences earlier he says: "It is only recently that we have learned to take advantage of nature's greatest beauty aid, our daily food."

Dr. Hauser takes one by one all those stumbling-blocks to attractiveness and charm, and he tells what foods should be avoided and what foods can be eaten which will correct the faults. Here are some of the "lions in the path of beauty" with which Dr. Hauser deals and he tells all along the reason why, in the frank, delightful manner of a family friend: "Too much fat, too thin, a bad skin and complexion, poor, stringy hair, ugly teeth and gums, ugly nails, dull eyes, nervousness, worry and inferiority complex, goiter, varicose veins and red nose." I cannot, of course, give here all the details of Dr. Hauser's cures, but perhaps I can indicate enough to give some of you the desire to get the book from a library and read it. One may take as an instance finger-nails. When finger-nails go brittle or become rigid, and when there is a tendency to bite the nails in either child or grown-up, it is a sign that there is insufficient minerals in the diet and in particular, of calcium. The body needs 10 grains of calcium per day, and fresh fruit and vegetables are the best source of minerals to make up deficiencies. Here are the best calcium foods: milk, orange juice, cheese, onions, strawberries, asparagus, lemons, turnips, radishes, red cabbage, lettuce, watercress, spinach, carrots, cucumbers, sorrell, tomato and cauliflower.

One other hint from Dr. Hauser: "Celery juice cocktails (non-alcoholic, of course) carrot juice, orange juice and especially the juice of young unpeeled cucumbers, are beneficial in correcting an oily skin. Raw cucumber juice may also be used externally for cleansing the face."

Yours for more beauty,

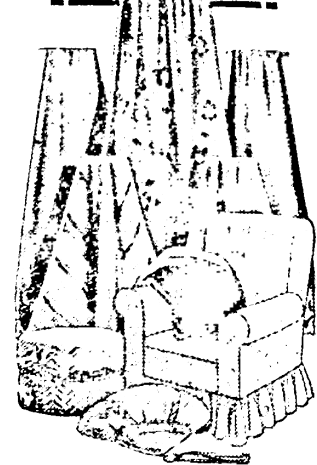
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Mr. Tom Church

It was with very great regret that we heard that Mr. T. Church passed away on Monday, January 15th. Few men on the Estate were more well-known in the youth organisations or had made a bigger contribution to the welfare of Watling's young people. He helped many organisations and was always willing to lend a hand in connection with sports, boxing, etc. Anyone seeing this notice is asked to make sure that those they know who might have wanted Mr. Church's help, do not call at his house. The sincere sympathy of the officers and members of the Watling Association is extended to Mrs. Church and their children.

Why Watling?

The Watling Housing Estate is one of the finest of its kind in the country, and, apart from the fine planning and the village-like atmosphere of the place, one of its main attractions, for me at any rate, is its name. Watling is one of the oldest names in England and is that given to a road that ran from Dover to London (Marble Arch) and from there to Verulam (St. Albans) from whence it went on to Chester. At all these towns were Roman camps or cities, and the ruins of them are still to be seen. Even now excavators are finding ruins of the old city at Verulam, and it is well worth a trip to St. Albans to see them.

This Roman road was called Watling Street, and a wonderful street it was, too. The Canterbury Pilgrims travelled on it, and Chaucer says that some called Watling Street the "Milky Way," because the Milky Way stretches across the sky in the same direction as Watling Street stretches across England.

It needs a lot of imagination to appreciate what a wonderful feat of engineering the building of the road was. At the time when the Romans began the work nearly all Middlesex was covered with dense forest, which had to be cleared, and yet the road was built to last for years, in fact, it hardly changed for hundreds of years. It was used regularly until the Government "improved" the roads, and, speaking historically, that wasn't very long ago.

A feature of nearly all Roman roads was that they were straight, not like our country lanes that twist and turn. It was rather necessary to build them so, for their main use was to transport legions of soldiers, and as the only means of travel was to walk, it would not be a good thing for the soldiers to waste their time and energy on winding roads, particularly if there was a battle to be fought when they arrived at their destination.

A fine example of the straightness of Watling Street may be seen in the part that stretches from Marble Arch to St. Albans. The portion between Edgware and Marble Arch is now called the Edgware Road, and past Edgware it goes on over Brockley Hill to St. Albans. So Watling Estate has the honour of preserving one of the oldest and most historical names in England.

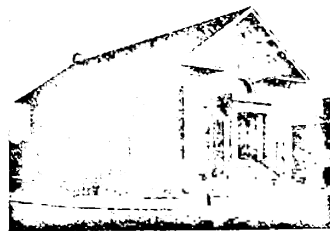
Besides providing an easy transport for the Roman soldiers, Watling Street served as a boundary line. It was an old Roman custom to mark boundary lines by burning a tree nearby. King Alfred, after a victory against the Danes in 878, made a peace treaty with them, whereby, to mark off Alfred's country from that of his enemy, Watling Street formed a boundary line. The old Roman custom of burning a tree was followed and an oak was burned; and out of that act rose the name Burnt Oak.

Other names round the Burnt Oak-Watling District have interesting histories, too. Hendon is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words meaning "high-down," or hill; Golders Green (which really was a green fifty years ago) was probably named after a man who lived there or had some connection with the place; a Hyde is an old English measurement, and besides giving its name to the place near Watling, gives it to one of London's famous parks. Mill Hill hardly needs an explanation.

Many of the villages and towns round about have histories that are well worth investigating. St. Albans alone has a history that would keep us occupied for months, but this is meant to be an article on the origin of Watling, and I promised the editor I would let him have the copy by Monday and here it is Monday evening. Perhaps I'll have the good fortune to be allowed space later when I can tell you more.

C. CHILTON.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



*You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30:—*

February 4.—A Chinese Christian Doctor:
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Song: Several London Policemen.

February 18.—An ex-Heavyweight Lifter and
Strong Man: Mr. JAMES HODGSON.

February 25.—East London's Underworld:
Mr. J. HAYNES.

Meet Your Friends at the Adult School

A MONTHLY COLUMN OF IDEAS.

An Adult School is an unsectarian self-governing partnership which is open to all, and is formed to develop individual character and to promote the common welfare on the basis of the teaching of Jesus Christ.

1940 might well be described as a year of destiny. Probably no year within memory has opened with so many problems to be faced. Yet the future is clouded with such an impenetrable fog that few people have the courage to say in what direction we are going.

I am no prophet, but just an ordinary worker groping after the truth; yet I believe the historical moment will arrive very soon, when the ordinary people of this country will rise up and sweep away a system that has brought about so much poverty and misery to large numbers of people.

This kind of movement does not happen merely by wishing or believing, but it does happen as the result of action based on careful planning and study.

How can we make our contribution to the building of the new world?

During the course of the year I want to discuss some of the problems which must be solved while the war is on, and after peace returns once more.

"Today and Tomorrow" is the title of the Adult School Handbook for 1940, and the subjects dealt with are so important that I intend to use them as the basis for these monthly discussions. Here are just a few of the headings:—

- "We say we are civilized."
- "Men Without Jobs."
- "Our Neighbour the Jew."
- "Jesus and Civilization."
- "Japan and the Development of the East."
- "Power Politics."
- "International Reconstruction."

I cannot claim to be an authority on any of these subjects, but by setting out my ideas you may be encouraged to contribute yours, and together we can find the basis of a new society.

We see in vision fair a time
When evil shall have passed away:
And thus we dedicate our lives
To hasten on that blessed day.

To seek the truth whate'er it be,
To follow it where'er it leads:
To turn to facts our dreams of good,
And coin our lives in loving deeds.

—M. J. Lanage.

J. W. PRATTEN.

Seven Years

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL PARTY

Some ninety odd men and women sat down to supper at the Centre on Friday, January 12th, to celebrate the seventh birthday of the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School.

Having demolished the "cats" on the table, the party's attention was attracted to the two-tiered birthday cake which stood in splendid isolation on an adjacent small table. This cake was made by Mrs. Fairbairn and iced by Miss Joyce Lord, and did justice to this auspicious occasion.

Mrs. Thomas (President of the School) made a short speech and read a greetings telegram from Mrs. Heat, the president for the past seven years.

Mr. Lord (President of the N.W. Federation) then gave a brief address.

Mrs. Thomas was then officially introduced as President by Mrs. Lake, and the party then adjourned to the Hall for a social M.C'd by Mrs. Nyberg. Music was provided by the Harmelodians.

Visitors to the birthday party were Miss Knowles, Highgate Road School, and members' friends and husbands.

Burnt Oak Young People's Adult School.

The first Wednesday evening meeting in the New Year of "B.O.Y.P.A.S." proved to be very vigorous. The programme for the first part of the evening was under the heading of "Stumped Speeches," in which members were invited to select one of varied subjects, submitted on slips of paper, and give a short discourse on the one chosen. So many questions were asked by people with rather strong views, that two discussions

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Y.H.A. Hendon Local Group

The success of the Hendon Group of the Youth Hostels Association is now firmly established, and the Committee are forging ahead with their plans for February and Easter, which include, of course, the usual week-ends, day rambles, cycle runs, socials and talks. The last talk, which was given at the Centre by Mr. Charles Chilton, concerned the growth of modern "swing" from negro spirituals and the songs of the old American pioneers. The gramophone records were the best many of us had heard for a long time, and the talk most interesting and unique in that it threw quite a different light upon the music of Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong.

It is worth mentioning that the Sunday morning rambles, now a standing feature on the Group's programmes, are proving immensely popular. Come to one of them and see for yourself what a happy, vital Group we are. Incidentally, the walking section receives, on the whole, better support than the cycling section, so come on, you Y.H.A. cyclists, and see what a lot of fun you can get out of an organisation such as ours. Our cycling secretary, Bert Johnson, of "Ospringle," Highwood Hill, N.W.7, will be glad to give you particulars of the Group's cycle runs.

Remember, too, that hostelling can be done much more cheaply with a crowd—the members who went to Jordans for Christmas will supply ample evidence of this—so if you are the possessor of a ravenous appetite we can assure you that your needs will be well satisfied at a cost which is almost ridiculously low.

Spring will soon be on the way, and with it should come a renewed effort on the part of Y.H.A. members to get out and enjoy the fresh countryside and the fellowship of hostels while they can; the Group can help you get the best out of these things.

One last word—don't forget to come along to one of our weekly socials, held at the Watling Centre on Thursdays. It will give you an opportunity to meet the Group and be infected with its happy-go-lucky spirit.

M.L.B.

Cycling News.

Edgware Section (W.M.D.A.) Cyclists' Touring Club

These are no times for unbounded optimism about cycling club programmes for the Spring and Summer—there are more important things to be optimistic about. The recent big "call-up" is bound to make a difference to our active membership, but runs lists are drawn up with unfailing regularity every month and, so far, they have been carried out.

Catering difficulties have been the greatest problem. So many people simply cannot supply lunches and teas for hungry cyclists, what with evacuees, billeted soldiers and defence service. More than once the party has had to set out from Edgware not knowing where it would stop for a mid-day meal—and woe betide the lagard who does not get up early enough to meet the rest at the Station.

It is safe to predict now that the Fourth Annual Dinner of the Section will be a great success as well as an innovation. It is to be a mid-day affair this year, on the 18th February—Dinner and Tea, in fact—at the Old Mill House, Berkhamstead. Mr. Stancer will be

there, and so will Petronella and Billie Dovey, while the President of the W.M.D.A. (Mr. A. J. Leakey) will be in the chair, unless urgent defence duties make a special claim on him for that day. Altogether, the Section is flourishing and is likely to provide healthy recreation for those cyclists still under military age or in reserved trades.—A.G.F.

Cycling's Sociability

[By MRS. BILLIE DOVEY.]

ANNUAL DINNERS AS USUAL—TOURING TIME SOON Miles and Miles

Exactly a week hence (as I write), I will be chatting with several old friends at a supper at Watling Centre to celebrate the opening of those very useful premises. To-morrow, I will attend the annual supper of the famous Vegetarian Cycling and Athletic Club. In fact, ever since war broke out, I have found myself supporting cycling club social events, for enthusiastic social secretaries see no reason as yet for shutting off the stream of sociability that radiates from all well-run organizations for wheelfolk.

Last Thursday I journeyed to Nottingham to attend a complimentary luncheon to "Tommy" Godwin, of the Rickmansworth C.C. Many of you may have read that in 1939 he rode a total of 75,065 miles, thus securing the cycling "ashes" from Australia. Only on four days did he ride less than 100 miles, and his total mileage is equal to three times round the world! In fact, you cannot help but run into "Tommy" Godwin in the cycling world, for in the latter months of last year I met him at the Coventry C.C. dinner in that Midland town of bicycle manufactories, and a week or two later at the Glade C.C. event. We, like he, cycled out to dinner!

Since the imposition of the "black-out" Tommy has had his Raleigh bicycle enamelled white, and he uses a Dynohub lighting set because he can't be bothered with batteries. Long distance riding demands the use of a variable gear such as the Sturmey-Archer hub four-speed with handlebar trigger control . . . and now, in spite of it all, "Tommy" Godwin goes on for the 100,000 miles. He hails from Stoke-on-Trent, full of grit, and certainly believes in carrying on cycling for the present . . . and why not? He's a vegetarian, so rationing hardly worries him either!

Spring Touring

Spring is on the way, and although it was very nice to see the countryside clothed in white, we cycling folk look forward to the fresh green hedgerows of our Easter tour. Yes, to be quite candid, I am looking ahead with optimism to touring on the Isle of Wight or among the pleasant Cotswold Hills this Easter, which I have already noted falls quite early this leap year.

Whitsun, perhaps, will find me in Dorset dear, or maybe Cheddar Gorge way—who knows? For our Summer tour we hope to potter the rough roads of the Isle of Skye and gaze with admiration at the Western Highlands of Scotland, now that a return to Norway or a projected visit to see the Olympic Games at Helsinki, Finland, will obviously have to be abandoned. Before I end too hastily, there is a little ride to Berkhamstead, just beyond Watford, I know I shall enjoy.

It will be to the "Old Mill House," kept by Mr. C. V. Clark—the old Polytechnic C.C. rider—to dine with members of the Edgware C.T.C. Section, who are doing a good deal locally to carry on the spirit of club cycling.

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE (Hendon Branch)

During the past month there has been an increase in the attendance at branch meetings, in spite of the nearness of the festive season. This is an indication that more and more young people are becoming interested in the Y.C.L. and its activities for the interests of the working-class youth.

We have had some very interesting talks during the month on a variety of subjects which concern the work and pleasure of the young workers of to-day, especially now that we are being asked to fight for freedom and democracy. It is necessary to understand what these words mean in practice, and whether we really have them to defend. We invite all young workers of whatever religion or political belief, to discuss these issues with us.

January saw an increase in the social activity of the branch, as we held two successful socials and a dance, at which there was a large attendance. At the time of writing the social activity for February is still undecided, but will be announced at the first branch meeting of the month.

In conclusion, we would like to remind those interested, that our branch meetings, which are held in the

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The First Bite

By PHILORCON.

Two judgments in the Courts deserve to have the attention of readers drawn to them, for they make clear the legal interpretation put upon the word *scienter*, which, in its exact meaning, is really the latin for "wittingly." We understand by the term that a dog is entitled to a first bite provided his owner is unaware that he has committed a previous offence or that he has shown a disposition to be unreliable. It is important that this distinction should be borne in mind, as many people are under the impression that their dogs are privileged to have any first bite without unpleasant consequences ensuing. A propensity to bite is quite enough for an aggrieved person to prove. As I have mentioned before, the privilege of *scienter* cannot be pleaded successfully in cases of worrying cattle, the Dogs Act stating that it is not necessary for anyone seeking damages "to show a previous mischievous propensity in the dog, or the owner's knowledge of such previous propensity."

The cases I have in mind were not concerned with dogs at all, but that makes no difference. In the first, a lady sued a dairy company for damages for a bite from one of their ponies. In finding against the plaintiff, Mr. Justice Humphreys explained that the owner of a domestic animal was not responsible for the damage done by that animal unless he had knowledge of some propensity in the animal to behave in the way which caused the injury. Apparently, however, if the plaintiff could have proved negligence on the part of the defendants, the reasonable consequence of which was the behaviour of the horse, she might possibly have recovered.

The second case related to the bite of a camel in a zoo. Mr. Justice Branson ruled that camels came within the class of domestic animals, and "thus a class in which, in order to recover damages done by an animal, the plaintiff must show that the owner had reason to believe that particular animal was dangerous because of its particularly bad temper, or tendency to bite." These rulings give us an idea of the legal position of dogs that happen to bite people. Of course, in these matters things are not always so clear-cut that one could express an emphatic opinion. I have seen plenty of dogs in my time that were obviously untrustworthy and liable to bite whose owners refused to believe that they had any vice in them.

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. *Continued*

annex of the Centre every Tuesday at 8.30 p.m., are now preceded by informal dancing to gramophone records played over the amplifier.—L.E.B.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION.

Young Gardeners

Gardening is an absorbing hobby and one which we are sure often appeals to youngsters no less than to grown-ups. It is a subject which should receive greater attention in the schools, especially in these times. Some portion of available land in Hendon might be set aside as allotments where school children could be encouraged to cultivate their own vegetables.

Too True

Some of the back-garden air raid shelters are looking a sorry sight now. No doubt a coat of paint or a rockery cleverly arranged around them would brighten up their appearance. It might be a good idea to run a competition and award prizes for the best-kept shelters.

Family Allowances

In some quarters it is being suggested that the time is propitious for the introduction of some form of family allowances. People with large families are finding war conditions very hard, and a little extra money would make all the difference between fitness and sickness. After all, healthy children are an asset to the State, and money spent on their careful upbringing is a profitable form of investment.

Politics

Whether we take an interest in party politics or not, the fact remains that party politics affect us in every walk of life. Why not get to understand what it is all about by forming a mock parliament at the Centre? This would be good training for anyone wishing to take part in public or political life, besides teaching self-control and tolerance. Will all those interested please leave their names at the office?

Blue Pencil

What with the black-out and frozen pipes, there is no doubt that we have been passing through a very trying winter. It is a long time since we experienced such severe conditions, with frost and snow hanging about for such long periods. Standing about on draughty, frost-bound railway platforms has been something of an ordeal, but, in spite of it all, most of us have managed to keep cheerful. It has been suggested that the blue-pencil weather we have been having is Hitler's secret weapon. Well, we might as well blame him for it as anyone else.

BOWLS CLUB.

In spite of the forbidding weather, which included fog, slush and rain, a fairly representative number of members attended the annual general meeting held at the Watling Centre on Sunday, 4th February. After a short discussion, the minutes of the past year were signed and the election of officers began. Mr. Williams vacated the chair, but was re-elected as Chairman; Mr. Torrance as Secretary. The Committee of seven elected were Messrs. Jack, Hogan, Stock, Clark, Mace, Fox and Bye. Club Captain, Mr. Clark. Vice-captain, Mr. Dodds. Tellers, Mr. Nyberg and Mr. Lake.

It is anticipated that next year three risks will be at the disposal of the club.

As a Social was to follow the meeting, business was conducted in a brisk manner, and members then put aside thoughts of bowls to join in the fun of the social, which was held in the adjoining hall. M.C., Mrs. Nyberg. Music by the Harmelodians Band. All the popular dances were enjoyed by the company, and then it was time to bowl home—and another enjoyable evening came to an end.

We regret that a good deal of copy has had to be held over for lack of space.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

March, 1940.

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays* —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
3 Civilisation and Design,
Mr. J. Balmбра.
10 Progress and Poverty, Mr. Williams.
17 Electricity in Everyday Life,
Mr. Salmon.
24 No Meeting.
31 To be arranged.
Society of Friends, Public Meeting for
Worship, 11.0 a.m.
- Mondays* —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 5.30 and 8.30 p.m.
Folk Dancing, 7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
Dancing Class, 7.30 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays* —Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 4.30 p.m.
Dance, 8.0 p.m.
Choral Society, 8.0 p.m.
Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.
- Wed'days* —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
7 Stars and Planets,
Mrs. Reade, F.R.A.S.
14 Current Events,
Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Harris.
21 & 28 No Meetings.
Veterans' Club, 4.0 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays* —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
Boxing Club, 8.0 p.m.
Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays* —Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays* —Members' Socials, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

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| Saturday | 2 | Blind Club, 2.30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 3 | Fellowship Meeting, 3.30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 5 | Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m. |
| Sunday | 10 | Free & Easy, 7.30 p.m. |
| Monday | 11 | Oddfellows, 8.15 p.m. |
| Thursday | 14 | } Watling Drama Festival, 8.0 each night. |
| Friday | 15 | |
| Saturday | 16 | |
| Saturday | 16 | Blind Club, 2.30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 19 | Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m. |
| Friday | 22 | Centre Closed. |
| Thursday | 28 | W.A. Council. |
| Friday | 29 | Helpers' Social. |
| Sunday | 31 | Free & Easy, 7.30 p.m. |

Meetings and Activities held at the Watling Centre.

AUGUST, 1939.

REGULAR (weekly unless otherwise stated.)

SUNDAYS :

- Men's Adult School.
Society of Friends, Meeting and Children's Classes.
Weight Lifters.
Fellowship Meeting.
Free and Easies (twice a month).
Amateur Variety Party Rehearsals.

MONDAYS :

- Children's School.
Penny Pictures.
Women's Adult School.
Church Army Rummage Sale (monthly).
Social Whist Drive.
Painters' and Decorators' Union (fortnightly).
Manchester Unity of Oddfellows (fortnightly).
Young People's Discussion Group.
Poor Man's Lawyer.

- Folk Dancing.
Red Cross Group.

TUESDAYS :

- Birth Control Clinic (twice a month).
Children's School.
Play Hour.
Dressmaking Class.
Children's Bamboo Pipe Making Class.
Women's Physical Training Class.
Personal Service Bureau.
Young Communist League.
Weight Lifters' Club.
Dance.
Choral Society.
Girls' Physical Training Class.

WEDNESDAYS :

- Children's School.
Play Hour.
Women's Neighbourhood Guild.
Veterans' Club.
Burnt Oak Young People's Adult School.
Whist Drive.
Watling Guild of Players.
Table Tennis Club.
Cyclists' Touring Club.

THURSDAYS :

- Children's School.
Play Hour.
Whist Drive (afternoon).
Veterans' Club.
Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild (fortnightly).
Children's Dancing Class.
Columbian Girls' Club.
Boxing Club.
Adult School Social (monthly).
Association Council and Committees.
Comrades' Circle.
Weight Lifters' Club.

FRIDAYS :

Children's School.
 Play Hour.
 Children's Raffle Class.
 Burnt Oak Women's Discussion Group.
 Shop Stewards' Committee.
 Orchestra.
 Burnt Oak Political and Economic Discussion Group
 (fortnightly).
 Table Tennis Club.
 Helpers' Social (monthly).
 Football Club Dances (monthly).

SATURDAYS :

Children's Dancing Class.
 Blind Club (fortnightly).
 Plasterers' Union (twice a month).
 Transport and General Workers' Union.
 Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers (fortnightly).
 Members' Social.

OCCASIONAL :

Public Lectures, Rehearsals, Rummage Sales, Socials,
 Dances, Meetings, Committees, Private Parties.

Burnt Oak Young People's Adult School.

The Seventh Anniversary Birthday Party Dance of the above school was held at the Watling Community Centre on Saturday, 10th of February. At tea-time in the Common Room of the Community Centre, seventy-six sat down to a well-arranged and grand spread. The toast of the occasion was given by Mr. Lord, president of the North West London Federation of Adult Schools, which was a thought for absent friends, and a hope for their future company.

Mr. W. Pratten, president of the Young People's Adult School, then read greetings from these absentees and gave a short summary of the building up of B.O.Y.P.A.S. since its foundation, and remarked on the great communal and supporting spirit that had enabled it to grow expansively to seven years and surmount the obstacle of troubled times. The birthday cake made by Mrs. O. Pratten, wife of the President, was then cut by Miss Olive Townsend, the oldest member, who had attended B.O.Y.P.A.S. since its foundation, a truly keen member.

Music was played right through tea-time by the band in attendance, The Harmelodians. At seven o'clock the party adjourned to the Main Hall for dancing, till 11 p.m., M.C.'d by Mr. W. Pratten, and for a greater atmosphere of whole-hearted enjoyment it would be indeed hard to find, than that which was entered into by those present. Many people unable to get along to tea turned up for the dancing and greatly increased the number already present.

Credit must indeed be given to those who organised this auspicious occasion, including Mr. Reginald Worts, social secretary, the Social Committee, and those who dealt with the catering and refreshments, among whom were Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Grifley, Miss Grifley and Miss Townsend.

"Good Luck," B.O.Y.P.A.S.

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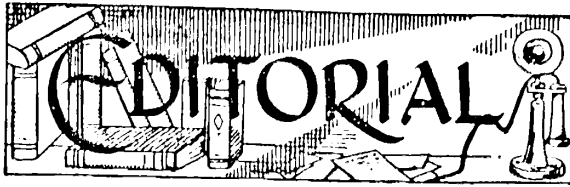
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If the rationing scheme is to be fairly applied, every man, woman and child in the land should be assured of a fair share of food. At present this is not the case. War has reversed the fortunes of a great number of people. Many have lost their means of livelihood and are unable to obtain sufficient food for themselves and their families. Is a man, then, to go short because he is out of work? Is the unemployed skilled mechanic of less value to the State than the sleeping shareholder in the armament works? In consequence of the war, many children and some of our most useful citizens are under-nourished because of the high cost of food. This should not be. Poverty, even in wartime, should be no bar to a square meal. The poor get hungry just as much as the rich, and what food is in the country should be equally divided.

F.H.L.

CHORAL SOCIETY.

Under the direction of Mr. A. I. Jones, the choir is making noticeable progress. Membership increases every week, and we are now in a very favourable position. After practice on Tuesday, February 6th, a business meeting was held, when it was decided to form a small committee, the members elected being: Mrs. Arter, Mrs. Featherstone, Mr. Wakeling and Mr. Bouchard. It was felt that in the absence of Mr. Jones there ought to be a deputy conductor, and Mr. Foley undertook to take on that position. It is hoped to give a concert some time in March, and the choir is keenly working up an interesting programme. Anyone wishing to join the choir should apply at once, as new membership will shortly be suspended until after March.



DEAR SIR,

In order to stop epidemics may I suggest that books at our public libraries should be decontaminated fairly regularly. This might require a new kind of binding for many of the books, but the saving in health would be well worth it.

F.A.D.

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The end of a belt is generally cut off and wasted. With this end cut rings about the size of a halfpenny and stitch down the front of the dress for imitation buttons.

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LEO.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL—Continued.

fellowship of the Adult School, our meetings having been maintained with good attendances throughout the whole of this time of strain. Taking everything into consideration we can be justly proud of our school's achievements during the year that has gone, under the most trying circumstances, and we look forward with hope to another, better, year.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School.

Taking stock of our activities during the past year has given us food for much serious thought. How different were our feelings a year ago! Having surmounted the crisis, we settled down to a happy Christmas with our families, enjoying peace and goodwill towards men. Now, a year later, we are at war, having proved that the much-boasted aims of the war of 1914-18 to end war have not been achieved; nations not yet having learned of the futility of armed conflict. Many homes have loved ones absent—children evacuated, and men away in one or other of the Services.

On March 5th several members took part in the Jubilee Celebrations of the London Adult School, with massed singing of beautiful hymns as if in thanksgiving for the peace that was to be so short-lived. Many joyous festivities had been arranged for the autumn—these, alas, had to be cancelled on account of the war. Likewise, many of our school outings and other happy events prepared for us by our energetic and competent Social Secretary, Mrs. Nyberg.

The complete stoppage of the children's education, and the withdrawal of the teachers' experienced and guiding hands, presented a serious problem, which our members helped to tackle by assisting with various schemes to give the children some sort of education. The untiring devotion of our vice-president, Mrs. Lord, resulted in games and numerous other activities being organised in order to keep the children usefully occupied and to relieve parents of this added anxiety following the closing of the schools.

The proceeds from Jumble Sales, Sales of Work, Carol Singing and other money-raising devices have been the means of providing the children of members with a grand Christmas Party.

A Knitting Party held in December resulted in 8/6 being sent to a fund for men on Active Service.

The speakers during November and December have included Miss Adams on "Women in Trades Union," Mrs. White on "Vegetarianism," and a speaker on "Life in America," all of whom were very instructive.

One of the most saddening events of the year was the departure of our president, Mrs. Heaf, from our school, on account of Dr. Heaf's removal from this district. Her kindness to all and her many sterling qualities will long be remembered. Mrs. Thomas, who has been appointed Mrs. Heaf's successor, has the good wishes of our school and is assured of our loyal support.

We recently had the misfortune of losing another of our officers. Mrs. Fairbairn, our secretary, has resigned, and in her place Mrs. Theobald has been elected. The duties of secretary are very exacting, entailing much strenuous, though interesting, work. Mrs. Fairbairn has amply fulfilled these conditions, giving a great deal more of her time to our school than we have been aware. In her we have lost a most valuable worker, to whom we are very much indebted.

Through all the anxieties of the year, during the change from peace to wartime conditions, with the fear of possible air raids, we have had the consolation of the

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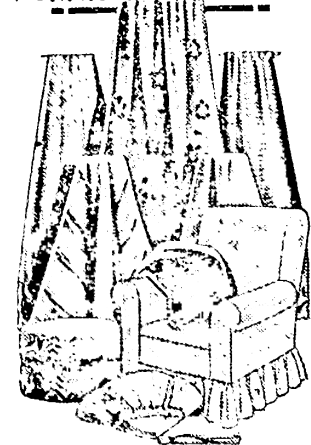
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Watling Association Annual Report 1939

1.—GENERAL.

The Association has withstood well the shock of war, most of its work being carried on with little deviation from the beginning of the year. Although a few activities have come to an end, some new ones have been started and finding accommodation has continued to be a difficulty.

THE BUILDING.—In the summer the Middlesex Education Committee agreed to proceed with plans for the enlargement of the Centre, subject to a suitable contribution being made by Hendon Borough Council. Negotiations to this end were showing hopes of success when war broke out, and the matter was indefinitely suspended.

The constitution was amended in May by the addition to the Council of representatives of sections of the Association.

The Association has continued its part in the National Community Association movement and its interest in public matters on the lines detailed in last year's report. For the sake of brevity and economy, details of many activities carried on from 1938 will not be reported this year, but the names are listed at the end of this report.

On September 1st an A.R.P. post sought temporary accommodation at the Centre, and it has continued to occupy the small committee room for the remainder of the year. The wardens have all become members of the Association, and several have taken an active share in its work.

As in previous years, a number of enquiries and visits have been received. Such contacts have been made with fifteen different places, including Twickenham, Northolt, St. Albans, Leicester, Oxford, Girvan and Kingston, Jamaica.

2.—MEMBERSHIP.

The total of members and junior members at the end of the year was 403; of associate members, those not living on the Watling Estate, 52.

An invitation was sent to local military and air force headquarters offering honorary membership of the Association to members of His Majesty's Forces in uniform, but until the end of the year little use was made of the facilities offered.

The Hendon Branch of the Youth Hostels Association, Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers (Edgware No. 2 Branch), Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers (Edgware Branch), Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, Congregational Church, Peace Pledge Union (Edgware Branch), Watling Orchestra and Young Communist League (Hendon Branch) have become constituent bodies. The Council used its powers to remove from the schedule the names of six organisations which had shown no interest in the Association for more than twelve months. The list at the end of the year was as shown at the beginning of this report.

3.—FINANCE.

The profit on Watling Week was an improvement on last year: £91 18s. 9d. as against £71 1s. 6d. A carnival queen and two attendants again headed the opening procession and attended the week's functions. The usual Christmas Bazaar was not held owing to the war. Rising prices during the last four months of the year suggest that strict economy will have to be exercised during the war period to maintain the finances on a sound basis.

The Association extends its grateful thanks to the Middlesex Education Committee for its assistance in continuing to provide three-quarters of the Secretary's salary, and to the Carnegie Trustees for providing the remaining quarter until their grant came to an end in August. The responsibility for this part of the salary has now been assumed by the Association.

4.—ADULT EDUCATION.

The activities of the autumn of 1938 continued in the spring of this year, and also after the outbreak of war, with the exceptions mentioned below:—

A **Poultry Club** was formed in the spring, but unfortunately the secretary was called up in August and the club did not survive.

A **Voice Production Class**, started in the late spring, was also unable to re-assemble in the autumn.

On the other hand, members who had been planning to form a **Choral Society** felt the need for this even more strongly after September 3rd, and this new section was started. By the end of the year it was in a flourishing condition under the leadership of the President of the Association and able to give pleasure to an audience as well as to its own members.

The **Folk Dancing Group** has also been strengthened as a result of the war through other organisations not being able to continue. In December an enjoyable evening was spent with a group of visitors, who introduced a number of American Square Dances.

The **Girls' Physical Training Class** lost its school hall, through commandeering, and was only able to continue by the sacrifice of the Common Room at the Centre for an hour and a half a week.

The **Fellowship Meeting**, arranged by the Adult Schools and the Society of Friends, has met in the afternoon every Sunday during the autumn instead of in the evening once a month.

A branch of the **Youth Hostels Association** was formed in June with the help of the Association.

A group of **Red Cross Society** members have had a weekly letting for the practice of first-aid.

The **W.E.A. Class**, **Watling and District Rose Society** and **Coldbeaters' School Parent Teacher Group** have not met since the beginning of the war.

A film from the London and Middlesex National Fitness Committee was exhibited in March, and an Arts and Crafts Exhibition was again held in co-operation with the Adult Schools in May.

One **Public Lecture**, on "My Two Years Under the Japanese Occupation," was given in the autumn, but others arranged with the Edgware Fellowship did not mature.

This brief record of changes in the programme must not obscure the fact that ten educational groups, not mentioned here but included in the list at the end of the report, have continued their activities throughout the year.

5.—MAGAZINE AND PUBLICITY.

"The Watling Resident" has so far survived the crisis, though in common with other periodicals a reduction has been made in size. In September the usual reprint of the educational programme, planned before the outbreak of war, was distributed to some 2,000 houses at which the magazine was not bought. The poster space at Burnt Oak Station and the notice boards in the gardens of friends have been well used.

6.—TENANTS' WELFARE AND PERSONAL SERVICE.

COMMUNITY NEEDS.—In the early summer the Borough Education Committee asked the Association if it would help with administering the Milk Marketing Board's scheme for cheap milk during the summer holidays. After prolonged negotiations and enquiries, the Association regretfully concluded that the financial and legal responsibilities it was asked to assume were too great and that it must decline to co-operate on the terms suggested. Efforts were made to persuade the Education Committee to accept the responsibilities, but without success, and the scheme therefore fell through.

The improvement of bus services, re-scheduling of Hendon as an evacuation area, evening institute courses, stone throwing by children, and, since the outbreak of war, erection of Anderson shelters, re-opening of schools and releasing of commandeered schools are other matters which have been taken up with the appropriate authorities.

ADVICE.—The Poor Man's Lawyer Centre has been as useful as ever. Three lawyers have continued to share the work. From the beginning of December one came about 5.30 p.m. and the other two soon after 8 p.m. each Monday. The Secretary of the Personal Service Committee and the Secretary of the Association have helped many people wanting advice on non-legal matters.

On the outbreak of war the Association co-operated with other social service organisations in the establishment of Citizens' Advice Bureaux in the Borough. A branch bureau was set up at the Centre. About 30 cases arising directly out of the war, some of which were very urgent and distressing, were dealt with by the Bureau as distinct from the Poor Man's Lawyer.

MATERIAL NEEDS.—Cordial relationships have been maintained with the Mill Hill Social Service Committee and the Edgware Branch of the British Legion, with mutual advantage.

The balance of the 1938 grant from the B.B.C. Children's Hour Appeal Fund was nearly used up during the year, chiefly for clothes, shoes, special treatment, convalescence and milk. No holidays were provided this year as the fund was smaller than in 1937. On account of the war, no appeal was made at Christmas, so a very small balance was carried forward for the most urgent cases of 1940. Pupils of Copthall County School again gave generous presents for the Association to distribute amongst Watling children.

The Distress Fund has continued to do useful work, and the allotments for unemployed men, on land lent by St. Alphage Parochial Church Council, have, as usual, been fully occupied, though some of the holders have had a certain amount of work.

7.—SOCIAL.

The programme of social activities has been much the same as last year. The week of the declaration of war one dance and one whist drive were omitted. Apart from this, the programme has been carried on without interruption, though hours have had to be adjusted to allow for an earlier closing time.

The Amateur Variety Company was re-formed in the autumn under a new director. One hundred soldiers were invited to a dress rehearsal on December 31st, which was honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon.

8.—GAMES AND SPORTS.

The outstanding sports activity has been the **Bowls Club**, which, though officially formed last year, has only this year had its first season of play on rinks in the park, rented from the Borough Council. Fifty members were quickly enrolled and the club has been a great success, especially in the spirit of fellowship developed.

The **Football Club** was the winner of the Hendon and District League 2B.

The **Cricket Club** had a good season. The **Boxing Club** won the Inter-Estate Cup in the spring. Both it and the **Weight Lifting Club** have suffered severely as a result of the war. The **Net Ball Club** was very successful in its autumn matches. The **Table Tennis Club** met regularly except during the summer months.

The **Indoor Games Club** was closed down for the summer, and as a result of the war was not re-opened in the autumn.

Darts have continued to be popular, but the interest in **Billiards** has fallen off. In September it became very difficult to get stewards for the billiard room, and in December it was decided to dismantle and store the table so as to make the room available for other purposes in 1940.

9.—JUVENILE WORK.

This section suffered greater change than any other as a result of the war. The usual Moggies groups, for those under 14, had closed down in the summer, and the uncertainty created by the war, together with the black-out, made it impossible to restart them in the same form in September. On the other hand, the absence of any public education made the need for morning and afternoon activities imperative. A **Voluntary School** was started in the mornings and soon reached an attendance of 130, which gradually dwindled as the official education system resumed its activities. By the beginning of December the numbers had fallen to about 25 and the school was closed on December 15th.

Play Hours, which also attracted considerable numbers, were held every afternoon from September. Early in November groups were successfully started for **Raffia Work** and **Bamboo Pipe Making**.

Penny Pictures, an hour's miniature film show for a penny, were carried on in early evenings in February and on Monday afternoons during November and December.

The **Intermediate Girls' Physical Training Class**, **Boys' Club** and the **Young Watlers' Concert Party** have not met since the beginning of the war.

The boys of Mill Hill School again gave a chapel collection in each of the spring and summer terms for the expenses of the juvenile work, and this help was very much appreciated.

10.—THANKS.

The thanks of the Council are extended to all members who have helped in the kitchen, in selling the "Resident," in collecting subscriptions, stewarding the billiard room and the Centre, and organising activities; to contributors to, and the editor of, the "Resident"; to the many visitors who have come to help with lectures, concerts, entertainments, voluntary school and other efforts; to the solicitors who came as Poor Man's Lawyers, and to the Honorary Auditors and Solicitor; to the tradesmen and others who have helped with gifts of money or goods; to the Watling and District Rose Society for cultivating the rose garden at the front of the Centre; to the President for the use of his car for many transport purposes; to Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones and his friends for support for the Boxing Club; to Miss Wilkinson for new stage curtains, and to the Bowls Club for a donation of £1 4s. 0d.

11.—USE OF THE CENTRE.

Attendances in the autumn averaged, per week, about 1,100 for adults and 570 for children. Accommodation left vacant by groups which fell through owing to the war was quickly taken up by other societies. The Centre, even with the addition of the Annexe, has, as usual, proved quite inadequate for the needs of the community.

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Anniversary Week No. 7.

This year's anniversary celebrations were run under extreme difficulties. The Committee had to face the country at war, black-outs and one of the worst winters for many years, but despite all these obstacles the week went through with a certain measure of success and we were able to raise round about £13 0s. 0d. towards the building fund.

Monday's whist drive, though not up to its usual numbers for these special events, managed to muster a fair number of players. Our thanks are extended to Mr. O. A. Torrance and Mr. F. Williams for the valuable help. Tuesday's "Cinema and Choral Entertainment" and a dance for the younger members were both well attended. Mr. C. Deacon officiated as M.C. There was whist in plenty on Wednesday. In the afternoon, Mrs. Crowe, assisted by Mrs. Galvin, organised a special social whist drive, and our thanks are extended to these two ladies. In the evening a Money Drive was once again in the capable hands of Mr. O. Torrance and Mr. F. Williams. A Money Drive on Thursday afternoon, organised by Mrs. Crowe, was well attended.

Thursday's Drama Night gave a large audience a full evening's entertainment, which was much appreciated by all. The senior members of the Watling Guild of Players gave two "one-act" plays, the junior members gave their first one-act play and the St. Pancras People's Society performed the first scene of Act 5 of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We offer our thanks to the two societies for their contribution towards the week.

Friday's Annual Supper and Dance was once again well attended. We were honoured by the presence of His Worship the Mayor of Hendon and the Mayoress. Among other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. I. Gwynne-Jones, Councillor H. W. Connell, also the following early pioneer workers for the Community Association movement: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dovey, Mr. A. E. Timms, Mr. A. E. Ville, Mr. E. J. Brace, Mr. E. G. Bishop, Mr. H. Burton, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Catt. (It is hoped to extend the list of pioneer workers to be invited each year).

Our president, Mr. A. I. Jones, officiated as chairman for the evening. Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones proposed the toast of the Watling Association, and Mr. C. J. Roblou responded. The toast to the visitors was given by Mrs. E. Sewell Harris, and the response by the Mayor. A toast to the Crazy Gang Committee was given by Mr. F. Williams and, in response, Mr. E. Cole. A toast to absent friends was given by the president, Mr. A. I. Jones.

Music during the supper and throughout the evening was provided by the Harmelodians Dance Band. Mrs. L. Nyberg officiated as M.C. The supper was excellently served and all honours go to Mrs. G. Lodge and the canteen staff who deserve our grateful thanks. The Canteen Committee were as follows: Mesdames Littler, Yewins, Cole, Harvey, Wickens, Williams, Elkington, Lord, Luffman and Fanthorpe, and the Misses I. Cole and D. Inns.

Saturday's Crazy Social saw fun in plenty. Prizes for the best crazy fancy dresses were awarded to Mesdames M. Judd, Childs and Guy. The Crazy Gang presented a play, "Passion Poison and Petrification."

VETERANS' PARTY.

About 50 old Veterans sat down to a sumptuous tea on the occasion of their New Year Party, held at the Centre on Saturday, January 27th. A large iced cake, presented by Mrs. A. I. Jones, president of the Club, was cut by her and handed round.

Mrs. Jones, in an address of welcome, said how pleased she was to see so many present, despite the hard winter we were experiencing.

Mrs. L. King, chairman of the Club, said that although unfortunately she was not able to be with them at their meetings as in the past, they were always in her thoughts. She was pleased to see that the Club was still flourishing, though a number of members were absent owing to illness and bad weather conditions, and extended her thanks to Mrs. E. Cole (treasurer), and the Secretary for the work they had accomplished in keeping the Club going.

An entertainment was given by three artistes of the Kensington Branch of Toc H. A humorous monologue was rendered by Mrs. B. Rendell and community singing by Mrs. L. Roblou with Mr. R. F. Griffin, accompanist at the piano.

The usual lady helpers assisted with the catering, and earned the thanks of the Veterans

E. E. COLE.

by Bernard Shaw. Scripts were shuffled and given to the Gang who had to take the part given to them and get on with it. It was certainly a crazy play. The rest of the evening was spent in crazy nonsense, with Mrs. L. Nyberg as M.C.

The final event of the week was a variety entertainment, "Black-out the Blues," which was held in the Hall on Sunday. The first part of the programme was given by the Toc H Concert Party, Highgate Branch, arranged by the Entertainments Committee, followed by a burlesque of "Cinderella," by the Crazy Gang. Those taking part were: Mrs. L. Nyberg (Cinderella), Mr. J. Radley (Prince Charming), Mr. C. J. Roblou (Chance'lor), Mr. C. Downes (Buttons), Mr. E. Sewell Harris (Baron), Mrs. B. Lord (Widow Twanky), Mr. G. C. Nyberg and Mr. C. R. Deacon (Ugly Sister), and Mr. E. Cole (Witch). Mrs. Marie De Lattin was accompanist, and Mr. W. Bishop assisted on stage. The show was quite impromptu and the Gang are deserving of the highest praise for a most humorous and talented performance.

And so once again, Anniversary Week comes to a close. As organiser for the week I should like to extend to the Crazy Gang Committee my sincere thanks for their valuable assistance and splendid team-work. The Committee was as follows: Mesdames L. Nyberg and B. Lord, and Messrs. C. J. Roblou, C. R. Deacon, A. R. Lodge, E. Sewell Harris, C. Downes and G. C. W. Nyberg.

The Committee also extend their thanks to all those good people who assisted us during the week, and all friends who supported the function.

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BALD FACED STAG?



Salad

Anyone who has a garden, however small, should find room in it for salad plants. A mixed salad is good from the health point of view. It may be the main dish of the meal, or a salad of some sort may be supplementary to bread and cheese or the hors d'œuvres of a vegetarian meal.

Lettuces come first in our list. They are of two kinds, the cabbage lettuce, which is short and round, and the cos lettuce, which has long leaves. Both kinds thrive in a light, rich and deep soil. For the main crop a piece of ground that has been previously well cultivated should again be trenched, and in the process plenty of good fresh stable manure should be incorporated. The layer of manure should be placed a spade's depth below the surface. This will prevent many of the plants from "bolting," which they are apt to do in hot, dry weather. The seed should be sown early in March, in drills, and the plants gradually thinned out until the plants are twelve inches apart. The best of the thinnings can be planted out elsewhere in the plot. The leaves of cos lettuce should be tied up with raffia just above the centre when nearly ready for cutting. This will blanch their hearts.

Mustard and Cress comes next. As the mustard grows quicker than the cress, the latter should have four or five days' start. Sow thickly and cover very lightly with soil. The first sowing may be made in March and subsequent sowings every two or three weeks to provide a succession from April to September. A moist and sheltered position should be chosen and ample watering is necessary.

Radishes may be grown successfully all the year round if you have a hot bed or cold frame. They may be grown in the open on a light and slightly limed loam, which has been manured for a previous crop, from March to September. Rapid growth should be assisted by frequent watering and it is a good plan to water the soil before sowing the seed. Any seedlings that press against their neighbours should be thinned out.

Endive thrives in light moderately rich soil which should be thoroughly manured. The first sowing may be made in the middle of May, the main crop in the middle of June and a third sowing in the middle of July. Sow thinly and water freely. The final thinning should leave the plants about nine inches apart. When nearly full-grown they should be blanched. This should be done by tying them up loosely when dry, in the same fashion as the cos lettuce. Later crops intended for winter use should be blanched by covering the plants with inverted pots, the hole in which should be closed with a cork.

Dandelion, though despised as a weed, if properly cultivated is a useful addition to a salad. Sow from March till June in drills a foot apart and thin the young plants to give them a space of nine inches apart in the rows. In November lift the roots and store them in sand until wanted. Keep them in a dark place with a little heat if possible. Nice blanched leaves will then be obtained.

An attractive salad may be made by using any or all of the above that are ready at the time required, with the addition of sliced tomatoes, some cucumber, sliced beetroot and watercress. Hard-boiled eggs (sliced) may be added and salad dressing according to taste, and the dish may be made complete by sprinkling its contents with grated raw carrot.

What To Do In March

Flower Garden.—Sow seeds of hardy annuals. Plant roses. Rose pruning should be done towards the end of the month. Start with the hybrid perpetual roses, leaving the hybrid tea and tea roses until a little later as they are more susceptible to late frosts.

Sow sweet peas. They, like culinary peas, appreciate deeply broken up and well manured ground.

Hoe the earth between the spring-flowering plants and bulbs, and water well if the weather be dry. If fed weekly with soot water until the colour shows in the buds the flowers will be much finer.

Lift, divide and replant Japanese anemones.

Sow seeds of hardy annuals.

Attend to the lawn. Sweep and lightly roll it. Kill and remove worms and weeds. Fisons worm-killer is good. Re-seed bare patches.

Fruit Garden.—Apples, pears and plums may be grafted now.

Apply grease bands to the apple, pear and plum trees.

Protect the peach blossom from frost with canvas or netting.

Spray the fruit trees with some good insecticide in order to kill blight. Also spray apple and pear trees with lime-sulphur wash to prevent the scab disease which scars and cracks the fruit.

All sorts of fruit trees and bushes can be planted.

Bush fruits should be finally pruned before they begin forming leaves, at which time the birds will cease to pick out their buds.

Vegetable Garden.—Plant early potatoes in well-prepared soil, digging in decayed stable manure at the rate of one load to eight square rods.

Sow main crop and stump-rooted carrots.

Sow broad beans and early peas if that has not already been done.

Plant rhubarb. It is easily grown as well as useful, though persons subject to rheumatism should avoid it on account of its acidity.

Slugs are one of the worst enemies of young vegetable plants. These pests can be trapped by placing little heaps of bran or pieces of orange peel in various parts of the garden. They can be caught while feeding on the bait and then destroyed. Or they can be poisoned outright by the use of alum water. Add one ounce of alum to a gallon of water and with this moisten the soil round the attacked plant.

Cycling on the Home Front

[By MRS. BILLIE DOVEY.]

More Daylight

It is good news to cyclists that Summer Time is to begin on Sunday, February 25th, because it means many will be able to ride home from work in daylight. Others will be able to accomplish part of their journey before lighting-up time, and others will still need cycle lamps—because they work overtime most nights!

Finding that they can now ride home from work in daylight, many will return to their bicycles. They have not been riding them because of "black-out" dangers. Strict police supervision of the 20 miles per hour speed limit will also count on the side of the majority of people. And the great majority are pedestrians and cyclists. Soon you will be able to go for an hour's ride in the evening, and if things aren't too bad in June, just think how nice it will be to escape from the hurly-burly rush of everyday life for just one evening. Four hours' freedom around pleasant Hertfordshire lanes will be yours—if you have a bicycle handy!

Unique Battery Adaptor

Until then batteries and bicycle lamps will be needed. Pegley's full-page advertisement concerning a patent Battery Adaptor caught my eye last month, as no doubt it did yours. Inquisitively I visited the famous Watling Avenue cycle emporium, and, true to the wording of the advertisement, your cycle lamp battery trouble is solved!

Twin-cell batteries you used to buy for 8d. or so went up to 9d.—and became first difficult to obtain, and then, as supplies ran out, scarce! The "Pegley Adaptor" for 9d. enables you to use two single-cell batteries, which are coming into the country steadily and readily from America. This adaptor is a wooden type, and intending purchasers would be wise to avoid any cardboard imitations.

A Brace of Bicycles

Mr. Coleman informed me that people are quite definitely becoming bicycle wise! Having probably put their car away for the duration, a very sensible gentleman and his wife promptly ordered a brace of brand new Raleigh bicycles, adding that dynamo lighting to each was essential! There is little doubt about it that later on, despite rationing and war worries, these two people are going to gain pleasure and healthful benefit from their cycling.

Local clubs will gladly help newcomers to cycling—and there are bound to be many later on. Age limit, none; so there will be helpful advice to old and young alike, for a cycling nation is part of the cyclists' contribution to affairs on the home front.

We desire to encourage and assist the public to be able to travel from place to place at their convenience, and as smoothly and inexpensively as possible.

Happy Easter wheeling to all who get out and about!

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March 3.—Mr. S. GARRETT.

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Y.H.A. Hendon Local Group

On Saturday, 27th January, a party of fourteen from the Group went to Holmbury St. Mary Hostel for the week-end, and, in spite of the cold weather, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, rambling over the fir-covered hills of Surrey, taking frozen ponds and snow-covered fields in their stride. It is evident that enthusiasm for the Group runs high when we can get such a good muster in what were, to put it mildly, such unfavourable conditions.

The Thursday evening club nights at the Centre are proving successful, and we have so far had some interesting talks on holidays spent abroad, and a Beetle Drive—bewildering, but very good fun. A copy of the March programme is set out below, and we hope to see some new faces on Thursday evenings. In particular I should like to draw the attention of feminine hostellers to the Group because it is they who can do so much to keep the Group going in the absence of the men. I speak not only for the Group, but for the Y.H.A. itself, which still needs more of the support it once had. I am sure that any old members of the Y.H.A. who have not so far rejoined this year will have no regrets if they do so now. Think it over and come along to any of our fixtures: we shall be glad to welcome you into the Group. M.L.B.

MARCH PROGRAMME.

THE CLUB NIGHT IS THURSDAY AT THE CENTRE AT 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, 2ND MARCH.—Afternoon jaunt to Totteridge. Meet Mill Hill Circus, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH.—Cyclists' day run to West Wycombe. Meet Edgware Station, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH.—"Talent" Evening.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 9TH AND 10TH MARCH.—Hostel week-end. Walkers to Ivinghoe. Cyclists to High Roding. Both meet Edgware Station, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH.—Debate: Self-cooking v. Provided Meals.

SUNDAY, 17TH MARCH.—Morning ramble to Stanmore. Meet Edgware Station, 9 a.m. Back 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH.—No meeting.

EASTER (GOOD FRIDAY TO EASTER MONDAY).—Cyclists and walkers to Kemsing and the North Downs. Further details from the Secretary.

EASTER MONDAY.—Day ramble to Latimer (1/- fare). Edgware Station, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH.—Talk: My Holiday in (3) Norway, by Pauline Pillion.

SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH.—Joint day ramble-cycle run to Stoke Poges. Walkers meet Wembley Park Station, 9.30 a.m. Cyclists at 9 a.m. at Edgware Station.

Meet Your Friends at the Adult School

Are we really civilised? This is a pertinent question, and it at once raises another question: "What do you mean by the word civilised?"

These articles are intended to form a background to present-day events, in an effort to find out where we have missed the path that leads to peace and happiness.

Human beings have achieved some remarkable feats in the upward drive from primitive ways of life to our

present standards. These changes can be readily seen in many directions, as, for example, the art of living in one place instead of being nomads, as previously. Agriculture has made this possible.

Again, the construction of dwellings, and the weaving of cloth, has made life possible in colder parts of the earth. The great development of scientific research has given man power to produce in great abundance.

These things satisfy our material needs and reflect our acquired power over our environment. Yet I believe there is another side of life which is probably more important in shaping our destiny than all the material developments.

I can learn how to light a fire, but unless I know how to control it, it can do a great deal of harm. Further, my mind must be so alive to the power I possess that the will to control the fire, for good purposes and not for bad, must be within me.

Has mankind become civilised in his moral and spiritual life? Has science given us powers which we have not the will to control for good purposes?

At this point we shall find the parting of the ways. In one direction we shall find self-sacrifice, peace and happiness; in the other, selfishness, poverty, misery and war.

In my article next month I intend to try and show how it is possible to lift ourselves out of the rut, and reach nobler heights of individual conduct, and the conduct of the community.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION.

Wool! Wool!

Just scraps will do us. One of the Moggie groups is making wool rugs. Any little odd bits of wool will help. When you have finished the day's darning put the bits of wool left over in a box. Then send them along to the Centre. We don't mind how short, or how long, they are.

Holidays

Are they justifiable in wartime? The Birmingham Community Associations emphatically say yes. They are again planning a holiday camp for the summer in the same place as last year and will welcome visitors from other Associations. Those who went from the Watling Association last year were enthusiastic about it. Do you want further details? If so, ask at the Centre.

Watling Association Accounts

We regret that, owing to a misunderstanding, the audited accounts of the Association and the "Resident" did not appear in our last issue as intended. Anyone interested can see them at the Centre on application to Mr. Harris, and a small number of copies of the printed report which contains them are now available.

Street Names

I see in "The Atom," the journal of the Addington Community Association, that Mr. Charles Boot, the chairman of First National Housing Trust, is writing a series of articles about the street names of the Trust's estates, and how he chose them, his favourite artists, the Derbyshire Dales, etc. What do you know about the street names of Watling, or London? A fascinating subject. Many of our street name origins can be found in early copies of the "Resident," where the history of this neighbourhood was described. Goldbeaters, Maple, Blundell, Barnfield, Littlefield, etc.

Spring Cleaning?

Then remember the Watling Association and if you have anything for which we could get a few pennies let us have it for our next Rummage Sale. We will collect it if you let us know.

A.R.P. Recreation

We learn that several posts have been learning Folk Dancing to while away their waiting. Would any Watling posts like to take it up? In one place at any rate troops are dancing the "Durham Reel" to keep themselves warm. The E.F.D. and S.S. has both Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening "Hops" at Cecil Sharpe House.

Music hath charms . . .

And in order to help us enjoy it more, Miss Fordham is giving two lectures on April 7th at 3.30 and 5.45, see advert. elsewhere in this issue. The Men's Adult School are providing cups of tea between the lectures and all interested are invited to come along and bring their own food so that tea may be eaten together. No charge. A special invitation is extended to those who normally attend the Fellowship Meeting, which will not be held that day.

Major Carter

The Secretary of the Community Centres and Associations Committee, and one of our oldest friends, will be the speaker at the Free & Easy on April 28th. He will tell us what is happening to Associations in other parts of the country and what they are doing, so this should be a specially interesting evening. The one on the 14th will also be very good. The subject is Astronomy and we hope to have lantern slide illustrations.

P.T.

The Women's Class at the Centre is going to meet earlier in the afternoon in future, at 3.0 p.m. on Tuesdays. It restarts on April 2nd. The class for girls over 16 will restart the same day, but at Woodcroft School instead of at the Centre, and at 8.30 p.m. New members will be welcomed for both classes.

7.30 Revue

I am asked to say that rehearsals are again in full swing for a second edition of the "7.30 Revue," and we are promised an even better show than before.

The Photographic Season has begun. Make an early start of recording incidents in your daily life and so increase your interest in your local surroundings.

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Watling Association Annual Meeting & Council Meeting

In the regrettable absence of Mr. A. I. Jones, the chair was taken, at the Annual Meeting, on February 22nd, by Mr. C. J. Roblou. After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read and had been signed, because nobody, perhaps, remembered what had happened in February, 1939, correspondence was dealt with, the annual report was adopted, the audited accounts were adopted and the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Auditors were thanked for their labours.

Mr. A. I. Jones was re-elected as president, and Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg as hon. treasurer. Although it was realised with regret that Mr. Lake would not, for the time being, be able to carry on the work of editor of the Watling Resident, it was agreed to re-elect him and to ask the Council to arrange for temporary editorship until Mr. Lake was ready to take the work up again.

The following officers were then elected: "Resident" secretary, Mr. E. E. Cole; membership secretary, Mr. A. R. Lodge; hon. auditors, Mr. E. P. Southall and Mr. J. Austin Bayes; trustees, Mr. E. E. Cole and Mr. C. J. Roblou; hon. solicitor, Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones.

The election of members' representatives on the Council of the Association is always one of the most exciting parts of the business of the Annual Meeting. This year the following were the successful candidates: Mrs. Nyberg, Mrs. Grey-Skinner, Mr. Fanthorpe, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Torrance, Mr. Williams, Mr. Roblou, Mr. C. C. Smith, Mr. R. Seal and Mrs. Guy.

The rest of the time was spent on considering a membership canvas, the scheme for sending cigarettes to members serving in the Forces, and old age pensions, about which a resolution urging the abolition of any personal appearance or tribunal in applying for increase was sent to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

On February 29th the newly-elected Council met for the first time and chose Mr. C. J. Roblou as its chairman. Mr. Deacon and Mr. Judd were co-opted. It was decided to appoint two members of the Social Committee who should be responsible to the Council and should select the other members of the committee. Mrs. Nyberg and Mr. Deacon were appointed.

Other officers and committees were appointed as follows: Juvenile organiser, Mrs. Lord; "Resident" advertising manager, Mr. C. C. Smith; tenants' welfare officer, Mr. H. Davies; representatives on the Mill Hill Social Service Committee, Mesdames King and Roblou; representatives on the London Federation of Community Associations, Messrs. Cole, Lodge and Clark; executive committee, Mesdames Cole and Nyberg, Messrs. Clark, Torrance, Williams and Deacon; education committee, Mesdames King, Roblou and Harris, Messrs. Price, Bayes, Clark, S. Jones, Redhouse and Rev. K. M. Davie; sports committee, Mrs. Lord, Messrs. Guy and S. Jones; personal service committee, Mesdames King and Grey-Skinner and Rev. K. M. Davie; distress fund committee, Mrs. King, Mr. A. I. Jones, Rev. K. M. Davie.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre, unless otherwise stated.

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REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 7 No morning meeting. Birthday Celebration Lectures on Music by Miss Fordham, 3.30 and 5.45 p.m.
 14 My Faith, Mr. Cole and Mr. Nyberg.
 21 Sibelius, Miss Olive Vines.
 28 My Faith, Mr. Lord and Mr. Preston. Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11.0 a.m.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 7.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Dancing Class, 8.0 p.m.
- Tuesdays** — Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 4.30 p.m.
 German Class, 7.30 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Choral Society, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.
- Wed'days** — Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 3 Vienna, Dr. Low.
 10 Malta, Mrs. Wilby.
 17 Tachbrook Community House, Mrs. Lutz.
 24 The Machinery of Finance, Mrs. Croome.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
First-Aid Class at Woodcroft Hall, 7.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Y.H.A., 7.30 p.m.
 Boxing Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** — Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** — Members' Socials, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

- Tuesday** 2 Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
Friday 5 Neighbourhood Guild Social, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 7 Men's Adult School Birthday Lectures on Music, 3.30 and 5.45 p.m.
Monday 8 Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m.
Saturday 13 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sunday 14 Free & Easy, 7.30 p.m.
 Astronomy, Mr. G. E. Patston.
Tuesday 16 Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
Sunday 21 Burnt Oak Political and Economic Discussion Group debate: "Should the war stop now?"

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From a Walker's Log Book—

"SIX FOR THE SIX PROUD WALKERS."

It was half-past-eleven on Saturday night when we set out on Watling Street from Burnt Oak. Rita had turned up late a good deal more heavily laden than the rest of us, but since she had our breakfast we could hardly complain. Watling Street, we were reminded, was built by the Romans to go to Holyhead. Ivinghoe is not quite as far as that, but we started with an energy and enthusiasm which suggested that the extra distance would have made little difference to us.

The first bus conductor we stopped promised us that the next one would go to Bushey. The next one was less helpful but more accurate and we ascertained at Edgware Station that the last bus to everywhere had gone. This was the crucial moment of the expedition. Ivinghoe we knew to be a village on the far edge of Hertfordshire; the postal address is "via Leighton Buzzard, Beds."; the telephone toll is 11d. In short, our destination was an almost infinite distance away. And yet, so far were faint hearts from having a say in our decisions that we carried on towards Canons Park as if we would have boycotted any bus that came along. (As it happened no bus ever did come). Just by Canons Park a huge limousine slid to a stop and offered to take us to Pinner. Unluckily we were unable to persuade the driver that the best route (at least for us) to Pinner was by way of Bushey and he slid off again into the dark, leaving us with mixed feelings. The incident served to raise Henry's hopes to a high degree of optimism. We were bound, he argued, to get a lift after that. History is not always comforting, but it is accurate, and history says that we walked every inch of the way from Burnt Oak to Ivinghoe, so I suppose we did.

From the top of Stanmore Common we continued on the main road looking for the Alpine, where we were to branch off. (The Alpine, by the way, is not a pub, but a tea house, which perhaps explains our inability to find it). And thus we stormed down through Oxhey, across the Colne and up Watford High Street, which we reached soon after half-past-one.

At last we had got off the main road and went down through Cassiobury Park to the canal and across the golf course. Soon after we had negotiated a bunker that was more like an ancient British earthwork, we had our first and only policy split. Rita (supported by Charles) said that we were on the wrong path and that we should have gone farther to the left. She claimed to know that path partly by instinct and partly by memory, which is about as rational as one could expect from a woman. Dick and I preferred to rely on science. We produced the map and a couple of compasses and under a barrage of torches we all knelt around on the grass to begin General Staff Talks. We followed the directions of science and found that memory and instinct were, after all, right. However, in due course, we arrived at Whippendell Woods, through which our progress was facilitated by a News-Reel commentary supplied by Charles. We struck the road by Chandler's Cross and a mile further on stopped in a field for "First Grub"—coffee, tomato soup, tea and sandwiches. This was about half-past-two.

And so along the lane that goes across the carpet of the common at Chipperfield and on to Bovington. During this stretch Rita and I, who were mostly at the rear of the column, invariably found Harry at the cross-roads gazing with his torch thoughtfully at the sign-post. He hoped, it appeared, that with patience, he would see "Bovington 3m" or "Boxmoor 2m" change into "Ivinghoe 1m." It was not until five hours later that we came to the first Ivinghoe sign, a mere $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the village. Harry's numerous inquiries of Dick as to the distance remaining to be walked were met with nothing better than vague remarks about the "General Direction."

At some time or other we suddenly went through a hedge and across a ploughed field which Dick, now dressed like Mannerheim in a Balaclava helmet, assured us he knew. It would be unfair to imply that he didn't know it. At one point he suddenly stopped, sniffed the ground intelligently, leapt sideways over a couple of furrows and we were on the next path. It was about here that we came on a car in the corner of a field. If it had been on the road, if it hadn't been locked, if we could have driven and knew the way, and if we had disregarded the rights of private property, we might have driven to the hostel there and then. As it was, we went along a sort of ditch for some way and then halted for "Second Grub." By now, Henry's optimism of last night (it was now nearly six o'clock) had evaporated. He sat by the hedge, munching mournfully.

Half an hour or so later brought us to Berkampsted, where we saw our first human being since Watford. As we climbed out on to the Common at Ashridge, the skies began to break and the night was over. For the past hour we had heard the crowing of the cocks; now for the first time we caught the sounds of birds singing in the trees. The earth itself began to vibrate and we forgot any tiredness we might have felt.

In fact, our early morning cheerfulness tended to light heads. We had a good-humoured scrap over something or other and our "Führer," with his military mind, ceased talking about "General Direction" and began muttering about "Major Tracks." By half-past-seven we were at the monument to the Duke of Bridgewater (who built canals) on Ashridge. Here we discussed the final stretch to the hostel, and I, who am almost invariably uncompromising and pig-headed over routes, agreed with the majority view that we should make a bee-line for the hostel and visit Ivinghoe Beacon after breakfast. So far had the night air sweetened our tempers.

And so just before nine we marched across the farmyard behind Ivinghoe Church, whistling the military march for the occasion, "Blazeaway," and scattering the enemy (a large gaggle of geese) before us. Our epic journey over, we serenaded the warden (and our weaker brethren within) with "Schwartzbraun"—our theme tune—and went in for a breakfast that was every bit as epic as the walk had been.

To those (and they were many) who said we were mad because you can see nothing on a night walk, I would say, "Do it yourself and make a point of looking at the first silhouetted against the stars in Cassio-bury Park, at the flat spaces of Chipperfield Common fringed by trees, and at the whole world at your feet as seen from Ashridge in the early morning."

To those whom statistics impress, I would say, "Walk as we did, 28 miles, and feel good at the end of it."

To all I would say:—

Walkers of the World Unite!

You have nothing to lose but your sleep.
You have a great experience to gain!

L.J.C.

Our Drama Festival

The Watling Drama Festival was held on March 14th to 16th at the Centre, and provided three evenings of excellent dramatic entertainment and instruction. It was a privilege, especially for the enthusiasts, to hear the criticisms and suggestions of the adjudicator, Miss Nell Carter. The participants felt that festivals of this kind, where really expert and constructive suggestions are made, greatly help the improvement of the shows put on.

Eight teams had entered for the competition, but unfortunately one of them had to drop out through illness. The Union Players, who had entered two plays, "The Lost Hat" and "Postal Orders," kindly filled the gap by putting on two sketches, "Old Moore's Almanac" and "Over the Balcony." Except for the last-named, these were all comedies, as also were "Love in the Ape House" presented by the Old Henonians Amateur Dramatic Society, "The Age of Ego," presented by the Canons Park Play Guild and "Behind the Shop," presented by the Watling Guild of Players. In "Royal Visit," the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild presented a thought-provoking play dealing with some of the human failings which lead to war. The Watling Guild of Players also put on "Lives O' Men," which brought forcibly home the risks which the miners face in winning our coal.

Miss Carter expressed her pleasure at being able to help with such a successful festival in these difficult times and congratulated everyone on the good work done. Besides criticising each play on the evening of performance, she made some general suggestions for the improvement of productions. She commented on the general tendency to under-rehearsal. Rehearse, rehearse, and then again rehearse, might be a good motto for an amateur dramatic society. Plays should be read very carefully and the characters studied not only from what is said by the author, but also from what appears in the script, from what the other characters say. A study of make-up and what can be done to make a face would be a further asset to good production.

First place in the competition was awarded the Canons Park Play Guild, which therefore holds the cup for the year. "Royal Visit" and "Postal Orders" came second and third, respectively.

WATLING ASSOCIATION DIARY—continued

Monday	22	Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m.
Thursday	25	W.A. Council Meeting.
Friday	26	Helpers' Social.
Saturday	27	Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sunday	28	Free & Easy, 7.30 p.m.
		Community Associations, Major E. Sandford Carter.



"Business as Usual"

Many of you will remember the slogan that was much used in the last Great War—"Business as Usual." The Watling Association adopted this slogan right at the beginning of the present crisis, and will use their best endeavours to "carry on," and keep the Centre going for the use of Watling residents during this war and after. This cannot be accomplished without the co-operation of the residents themselves, and we make this appeal to you through the medium of our journal to come along and do your bit.

There are many ways in which you can help, e.g., selling the Resident magazine, collecting membership subscriptions, stewarding, assisting in canteen work, typing, selling tickets for the many special functions we run, or playing a very important part by becoming a member if not already one, supporting some of the socials, dances or whist drives, or attending the various classes and groups which meet regularly each week.

We have always tried to cater in a variety of ways to suit all tastes, for, after all, the Centre was built by the efforts of Watling people for Watling people, and is managed and maintained mainly by Watling people.

Most of the other Community Associations in the country are also trying to carry on, and at the "Free-and-Easy" on April 28th our old friend, Major Carter, is coming to tell us what they are doing. All members are urged to come to hear him at 8.0 p.m.

We hope to hold our usual Watling Week Festivities in June, and the programme will appear in the May issue of this journal. It is urgent for the Association that we raise £100 this year to help us to maintain the building and keep things going. Here, again, is where you can give us valuable assistance. The Watling Week Committee would welcome any suggestion you might like to make towards making it a success, or any voluntary help you would like to give us. "Watling Week" depends on us *all*, and there is something for us all to do.

COUNTRY PLEASURES

In my young days in Ohio the use of the automobile had not yet become universal, and young folk depended on pleasure which they could create for themselves more than on cinemas and other forms of easily-bought recreation.

A hay-ride was rare good fun. This always took place in the summer time. A time was chosen when there would be bright moonlight and usually after the hay was harvested. Some farmer's son would borrow his father's team of horses and large hay wagon, which was rather bigger than an English hay cart, would spread the bed of the wagon thick with hay and would drive through the neighbourhood collecting the young folk—usually those belonging to the same Sunday School. Then all would enjoy the moonlight ride

through the quiet, or otherwise, moonlit night to some pre-arranged gathering place, probably the home of one of the group where simple refreshments of home-made lemonade, always from real lemons, cake and perhaps ice cream. Sometimes a non-alcoholic punch was served, made of a foundation of very weak tea to which had been added fruit juices of grapes, lemons, oranges, cherries, pineapple in whatever combination happened to suit our hostess's fancy, and very delicious the fancy proved to be, too.

On one occasion the hay-ride took us to a "belling." This is a serenade given by young people to any of their friends when they get married and first "set up house-keeping." Every person takes some kind of noise-maker: saucepan and wooden spoon, dinner bell, pails and broomsticks, each one vying with the other to produce the most absurd racket. Thus armed with noise-making instruments, the friends proceed, if possible without discovery, to the home of the newly-married pair, surround them and start the surprise serenade or "house warming." Usually, the visitors have taken home-made viands of some sort with them to cap the evening's fun.

The winter counterpart of the hay-ride was the bobsled ride. For this, one of the big farm sleds used for hauling fodder over the snowy frozen ground would be filled with hay or fodder (maize) for warmth and comfort, and the party would be tightly fitted in and tucked up with heavy lap robes (rugs) and warm soap stones or heated bricks. This might be a "surprise party" which someone in the family had planned for another member, and the neighbourhood young people would come by bobsled, and the "surprise" would be announced by approaching sleigh bells. Refreshments for a winter party might be freshly-made cider, doughnuts, pumpkin pie and coffee, or oyster soup and crackers. In the States oysters are sold out of their shells in one pint, one quart or one-half gallon tins. To the oysters are added a certain amount of milk and an equal amount of water, and when the soup is hot, but not boiling, and the oysters have risen to the top, butter is added, and it is done and ready for serving with salty crackers and celery.

A "box supper" used to be a favourite way of making money for school or church funds. Each woman and girl packed a supper for two people, taking great care to make it look dainty and pleasing, and all contending to make something original. After games and a social time the boxes would be auctioned and purchased by the menfolk, and the man who bought the box would eat supper with the lady who had prepared it.

A "wiener roast" is another favourite diversion of young people, especially in early autumn when the first nip of frost comes in the air. The crowd rambles by moonlight to some convenient beauty spot, sticks are gathered and a bon-fire lighted. Wieners are a kind of sausage named for Wien, the German name for Vienna. These are roasted in the bon-fire and eaten with buns, English rolls. Afterwards, marshmallows are toasted in the fire, and songs and conversation around the camp fire while the time away until it is time to walk home again. Anyone who has enjoyed these simple country pleasures will feel that they will never quite die out in spite of the machine-made recreation of to-day.

HILLEN H. HARRIS.



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132, BURNT OAK BROADWAY,
EDGWARE.
11th March, 1940.

DEAR SIR,

Will you please allow me a little space in the "Resident," in which to thank all the officers and members of the Association who have so kindly helped me in what little duties I have been able to perform during the past year, and also to thank the members of the Association for electing me once again to the office of president? I feel more than ever the weighty importance of my position, and again Queen Victoria's resolve: "I will be good," resounds as a clear signal to start me on my way to better effort. Each year is this motto more and more insistent.

While I cannot claim that the advancement of the Association is in any way due to any of my feeble efforts, I am proud to accept the honour of being president of a community association with such a far-reaching future, to say nothing of its useful present. And looking back at our experience, I find that we are learning that it is better to "give good" than to "get good." A far deeper happiness and satisfaction seems to grow in us as we learn that our work here is more for others than for ourselves. To those sections of the Association who have not yet seen it in this way, I would like respectfully to recommend the experience. Let me suggest that every section keep before them the greater issue, viz., the Association itself.

And will the Council join me in my resolve: "I will be good?"

Sincerely yours,
A. IVOR JONES.

DEAR READERS,

I know that you will be sorry to hear that our Editor has had to undergo a serious operation and it may be some weeks before he will be fit to resume his office again. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

E. E. COLE,
Secretary to "The Resident."

N.U.W.M.,
328, Deansbrook Road.

DEAR SIR,

The (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations 1939, allow for an increase in U.A.B. allowances. This increase adds a shilling to the "scale" rates for persons aged 16 or over, and sixpence for children under 16. Persons living alone, boarders, or lodgers, should receive 10s. 6d. The increase "shall not prejudice or affect" the winter

needs allowance. Small as this increase is, neg. the following.

The Means Test on earnings in the family still remains in all its severity, thus ignoring the hardships on the earning members, forced to bear the burden of unemployment. Also total allowance is still subject to "discretionary adjustment" which can mean anything. The Wage Stop Clause still operates, and persons already assessed under this clause will reap no benefit of the increase.

The new Appeal Tribunal Regulations denied the right of applicants to be heard by a complete tribunal. Because of discontent caused by this measure, the applicants consent must now be given for the chairman only to be present, thus excluding all other members.

There are other items of interest but space here prohibits, but we would request all concerned to become acquainted with these new regulations in order to be able to understand them.

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OUR CHOIR

I was privileged a little while ago to listen to a speaker at one of our gatherings opening a discussion on "Teamwork." The topic arose out of the Biblical description of the building of King Solomon's temple, emphasising the many types of workmen necessary to bring this edifice to a successful completion.

I happen to be a member of the Watling Association Choir, too, and it has since been forcibly impressed upon me that no other form of activity can better illustrate teamwork than a choir of mixed voices. We are a very mixed lot, indeed, as far as voices go, and some of us cannot read music at all, whilst others can just tell when the sounds go up, or down, according to the dots on the lines and spaces! Still, those who can read help those who cannot, and there we have the first step in teamwork—no Basso is going to let his side down by allowing his mates to sing wrongly.

But this is a very small illustration compared with the choir as a whole. Take the voices for example. They range from what I may describe as the sweet, trilly soprano to something bordering on a raucous bass. Each of the four parts has several types of voices in them, which have to be so controlled by their possessors to blend into one—or as near one voice as our amateur progress at present is capable of allowing. There is no room for display of separate solo voices showing up in any of the parts, and with a gesture from the conductor the singer modifies his or her voice in order to blend with the others. Good teamwork.

Then the four parts must balance—not too much of one and not enough of another. In the pieces we are learning, the melody is not always with the sopranos. Sometimes the tenors or altos have it, and here is an occasion where the other three voices become subservient to that singing the air or melody. In some of our pieces the melody keeps changing from one part to another all the way through, and makes for very careful singing, but thanks to our teamwork the "subservient" parts dutifully acknowledge the temporary importance of that one which has the melody—not by standing aside and doing nothing, but by delicately "accompanying" it, giving it the support best suited to its success and ultimate enjoyment of listeners.

Since joining the choir, I have come to realise what a tremendous lot there is in music—in good music particularly. Even such things as time, accent, rhythm and the value of pauses and rests, have a new meaning to me. A lot of the secrets of success of good orchestras and choirs are gradually being laid bare to me, and this little knowledge alone helps me to appreciate and enjoy music which at one time I considered meaningless and boring. Some day I am hoping to learn why composers use certain chords in their compositions, as it seems that in our pieces the words are not just set to the music, but the music is sort of built round and about the words in such a way as to bring out the meaning in the poet's mind. It's not accident. It's not just adornment. It's another case of teamwork, where the composer acknowledges with appreciation the poet's mood, and mounts it in a musical setting to enhance its beauty, or strengthen its meaning, or fortify its message or, as has happened in so many cases, to render it undying. Every note, every beat, every rest; every singer, every voice, every part; written words, composed music, singing choir; each and all a part of a well-considered team.

One other thing. Joining this choir makes me sing at work, which I look upon as a good omen. It won't be long before I shall be blossoming out as a soloist, so look out!

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One of the most useful small books for amateur gardeners is entitled "The garden: how to make it Pay." It is by H. H. Thomas, the editor of "Popular Gardening." It is arranged according to the months of the year, and the following notes are based on the chapter for April. It is copiously illustrated. There are 50 pictures and diagrams ranging from full-page photographs to small sketches. The cost is only eighteen pence. Twenty-five pages are devoted to April so we must omit the usual article and confine these notes to some "what-to-do's."

Mr. Thomas points out that this is one of the most important months for work in the garden, for seeds sown now usually make rapid growth and produce good plants for putting out permanently later on. In consequence of the often unreliable character of the weather in March much of the work that one would like to get done during that month has to be deferred to April. Therefore, all the spare time available should be devoted to sowing and seedlings. For the successful cultivation of vegetables depends, to a large extent, upon having strong, sturdy seedlings ready for their final planting out in the summer.

April is regarded as the best month for planting second early and late varieties of potatoes. The soil should be friable and fairly dry in April. Avoid planting in wet ground. The seed potatoes should be planted with a trowel, or in a trench dug out with the spade, and at least four inches deep. Planting with a dibber is not recommended. Rub off all except two of the sprouts on tubers of second early and late sorts. This will result in larger potatoes instead of many more smaller ones; and the increase in weight will more than make up for the reduction in quantity. Mr. Thomas quotes a case where two seed tubers, each cut in half, produced 163 tubers weighing 15½ lbs.

The second week in April is a good time for sowing main crop carrots. But if the soil is even a little sticky and cannot be nicely crumbled, it is better to wait a few days or a week longer. Nothing is gained at all by sowing before the soil is in a suitable condition. Soot is an excellent fertiliser for carrots and should be scattered all over the bed until the surface is well blackened. The seed, sown in drills 12 inches apart, should be covered with very little soil, say a quarter of an inch or less. The stump-rooted varieties are particularly good for sowing in a shallow soil. "Red Elephant" is a very long and handsome carrot, and "Standard" is recommended as the best of the stump-rooted.

Lettuces were referred to a month ago. Seeds may now be sown out of doors wherever room can be conveniently found for them. It is a mistake to sow a large quantity at one time. It is far better to sow a little at intervals of a week or ten days and thus secure a continued supply of fresh lettuces. One of the finest

and largest of the cos lettuces is "Jumbo." If you prefer a smaller one try "Dwarf Protection" or "Crystal Cos." "Tom Thumb" is an excellent small cabbage lettuce, and good larger ones are "Lord Kitchener" and "Wonderful."

About the third week is a good time for sowing vegetable marrow seeds in the open. It is an advantage to sow them in what is to be their permanent home and thus avoid the checking of the growth of the plants by transplanting. "Pen-y-bid" is a good small round variety and "Long Green" is deservedly a favourite larger marrow.

It often happens that many of the earlier flowers drop off instead of producing fruit, but as a rule this defect is not noticed when the plants are properly established. The vegetable marrow rarely fails to bear a sufficient crop.

Gherkins, or pickling cucumbers, can be grown out of doors in the same way as vegetable marrows by sowing the seeds directly on the soil bed. While marrows can be grown without manure, it is best to use it in the case of gherkins. Place a pailful under each plant and cover the manure with six inches of soil. "King of the Ridge" is one of the best varieties for growing out of doors. Finer fruits can, of course, be grown on a hot-bed made up in a frame.

Melons may be grown in a similar manner, but in their case it is necessary to fertilise the female blossoms, otherwise the fruit will not form.

Spinach Beetroot is a very useful vegetable for it continues to yield a supply of excellent leaves for several months. It is easily grown and anyone can succeed with it. By making a sowing now, and again in July, it is possible to pick the leaves practically all the year round. Sow in drills eighteen inches apart, cover the seed with about an inch of soil and thin out the seedlings until they are a foot apart.



At present there are four groups for children at the Centre, all meeting at 5.30 p.m.—

Monday.—Social.

Tuesday.—P.T. for Girls only.

Wednesday.—Games.

Thursday.—Handicraft Groups, Knitting, Rallia, Bamboo Pipe Making.

We are sorry that there is not more for boys, but have not yet been able to solve the difficulty of getting leaders for the boys' groups.

Cycling's Week-End Holidays

By MRS. BILLIE DOVEY.

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Cycling Out To Dinner

Annual Dinners and similar functions usually offer one an opportunity of dining in town. Since the outbreak of war, however, several cycling clubs have held their festivities "somewhere in the country."

After having ridden out to some half dozen or so of these really-cycling "do's," I must admit the idea is quite a good one, although kindly weather is also needed to secure complete enjoyment, for it is not in the interests of good health to sit about in wet clothes.

It started last October with a Saturday afternoon jaunt to St. Neots (Hunts) to attend the local cycling club's annual affair, and right enjoyable was the result. After all, fifty-three miles give one a pretty good appetite, and the inn yard was crammed with bicycles.

Then there was the Coventry C.C.'s 5th Annual Dinner, the Southern Ladies' R.C. evening, the Glade C.C. usual merry event . . . all clubs carrying on with their social programme in spite of it all! Those were last year.

Cycle Touring Goes On

Quite recently it was my pleasure to be present at the 4th Annual Dinner of the energetic Edware Section of the Cyclists' Touring Club. Here even more bicycles were found in the yard adjoining the famous Old Mill House at Berkhamsted, and the gusto with which we put away the good fare served up by a cyclist-caterer proved that cycling promotes good appetites! It rained a little on the way home, but capes and leggings, etc., kept most of the rain off.

The pleasant Buckinghamshire town of Aylesbury was the venue for the Annual Luncheon of the South Bucks D.A., of that same Cyclists' Touring Club . . . and even more bicycles were to be seen in the yard of the "Bull's Head" than at Berkhamsted a fortnight previously.

Winter sunshine, almost springlike in its freshness, had blessed the South Bucks affair, and thirty or more miles to lunch was quite common that day.

Out in the Chiltern Hills

Little of what I have said so far seems to concern Watling, you may say. But Watling is an ideal cycling centre. At the time of penning these few hundred words Easter is but a week or two away. Most of the manufacturing firms, etc., upon whose dictates our holidays largely depend, have wisely given notice that Easter holidays will in most cases be as lengthy as in peacetime.

Whilst holidays are offered you, why not take the opportunity to enjoy the peaceful contours of the English countryside, take tea at an unspoilt cottage off the beaten track, or, if you wish, a pint or two and a game of darts or some bread and cheese at a village inn.

Within 10 miles of Watling you have places you can escape to quietly on a bicycle, where thoughts of war seem remote and of another world. It will repay you to take a short ride out into the Chiltern Hills now and again, and pause in your saddle at the top of a hill and let the wind whistle in your hair as you scan the pleasant vista ahead before free-wheeling to the village you see below.

Anything to do with using bicycles usefully, I have always connected with the Estate where once I lived.

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- (2). A Blackberry.
- (3). An aeroplane leaves its shed and a tree sheds its leaves.
- (4). A monkey has a hairy parent, the Prince of Wales is the heir apparent, an orphan has ne'er a parent and a bald man has ne'er an 'air apparent.
- (5). When it's ajar.
- (6). When it's dripping.
- (7). Too wise you are, too wise you be, I see you are too wise for me.

SUSAN SAVOURY.

Plain Fare The Best

War is a hard taskmaster, producing conditions that upset our normal routine, and compelling us to look for the next best instead of living as we have been in the habit of doing. Although up to the present we have not suffered any serious inconveniences, we have no means of ascertaining what may be in store for us if hostilities are prolonged. As prudent people we are compelled to look ahead. Most of us have already made changes in the daily fare of our dogs, realising that it would not be proper to diminish the supplies of food that are suitable for human consumption. Men, women and children must come first.

Happily, we have still plenty of things that will keep dogs going, but that would not be acceptable on our own tables. Keep on the right side of your butcher, persuading him to preserve trimmings and scraps that would otherwise go to waste, and also have a word with your friends who do not own a dog. They can put by odds and ends that will come in useful, and most of them are prepared to go to a little trouble in time of emergency. The other day a lady met my wife. "Do you want a bone for the dog?" she asked, and unwrapping a parcel she produced one, explaining that she was calling on several people she knew to make them a similar offering. As bones with us have been scarce lately, her little present was most acceptable.

Some residents in my neighbourhood, actuated by kindly intentions, dump their spare refuse in the street after dark, knowing that it will soon be cleared up. May I point out the undesirability of doing anything of the sort. My own dog, understanding where such treasure trove is likely to be deposited, has twice nearly been run

over in the black-out by rushing across the road in front of cars. At other times he has forgotten his manners, staying behind to break up a bone when he should have been close to my heels. On dark nights a dog is invisible, even with the aid of a torch, a few yards away and one has no idea of his whereabouts if he lingers.

We are learning, at any rate, that dogs will keep in good condition on food of the plainest. As a matter of fact, many of them are all the better for it. Nature never intended them to be dainty feeders, and centuries of domestication have so changed their habits that they will do very well on biscuits alone. The coarse brown rice, from which the external covering has not been removed by polishing, is more wholesome for them than the white variety, containing as it does vitamins that are essential for health. When that can be obtained it is to be recommended unreservedly. One lady of my acquaintance is able to get horseflesh at threepence a pound, which is as good as any other meat if it comes from an animal that has not been physicked, but that, of course, is not as plentiful as it used to be before cars were so common. A cat's meat man will often have access to supplies that cannot be drawn upon by ordinary people. Old cow beef is another form of meat that is cheap, and that may be had from many country butchers. Human beings would not fancy it, though dogs have no such scruples.

NOTE.—This chat is issued by The Tail-Waggers' Club, Willing House, 356-360, Grays Inn Road, London, W.C.1. The Club will be pleased to answer any enquiries submitted by Tail-Wagger owners in connection with canine hygiene and welfare.

Club and Society Notes and News

BOWLS CLUB.

The bowling season draws near and the members are being keyed up to begin play on April 27th. After a splendid first season, the club is venturing in friendly matches with local clubs and also arranging club championship and handicap competitions and monthly spoon drives. Altogether, a really exciting and interesting season appears to be in sight and it only remains for the weather to be kind.

The experts will have to look to their laurels this season as, owing to their untiring energy and their way of imparting knowledge, the play of the Club has considerably improved. Due notice will be given of any special event, so try and keep in touch with me.

If there are any enthusiasts for the game, with or without bowling ability, who desire to join us, let me have their names. I will gladly do all I can to help them become members and bowlers. We have a splendid band of helpers who unsparingly give of their time to instruct, and many members owe their improvement to the instructions they received. I wish to emphasise, it matters not that you know nothing about this fascinating game. Just roll up, we supply the woods and slips if you don't possess them and we will do all in our power to entertain you.

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The subscription is 10s. per season, payable how you like, providing it is completed by June 1st. The happy family spirit prevails in the Bowls Section as in the other activities sponsored by the Association, so come along and enjoy yourself. You can see me at the Centre on Monday and Wednesday evenings, but depend upon me being on the Rinks on Saturday, April 27th, unless something unavoidable turns up. And now a word to the ladies. Oh, yes, we can enrol you and also give you instruction. We have a lady member who is prepared to take you all in hand, and you could practice week-days as the rinks are invariably idle during the day. I believe the instructress is available during week-days, so just think and talk it over with hubby, and "dub up" the 5s. subscription. We supply the woods, etc.; and there you are. Beautiful weather, green grass and a set of woods. Utopia. You may, who knows, progress to such an extent as to become a champion. O.A.T.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S SCHOOL

In his address to us, at the first meeting of the year, Mr. Sewell Harris, in summarising the handbook lessons, drew our attention to the tremendous store of knowledge there is to be obtained from attending the Adult School and from the study of the handbook, with its wealth of instruction; which, if intelligently considered, opens up to us all aspects of life, broadening our outlook and increasing the enjoyment of our existence.

The subjects covered include Art and Music—very regrettably being the first things sacrificed during wartime—Science, so often abused, being exploited for the benefit of a few and for the destruction of human life, instead of being utilised in the service of mankind, enabling us all to live a happier life by the prevention and cure of disease and the more plentiful and economical production of food, heat, power and material for clothing, building and machinery; and for hastening the production and distribution of these things, so that all may have sufficient time for relaxation, for study and the enjoyment of nature, and time also to mingle and exchange views with our fellows; thus, not merely existing—as so many of us do today—but living in the very highest sense. Many other subjects are covered in the handbook; our relation to people of other lands; questions to ask ourselves, "Are we doing our part in helping to right the wrongs of the world?" All have parts to play and work to do, those who shirk are hindering the moulding of that better world we so much desire.

We have been very fortunate in having the handbook explained to us, week by week, by well-informed speakers. In January we heard Mr. Gardner and Mr. Bayes, and in February, Mr. A. I. Jones and Mr. Peverett, all of whom inspired us with a keen desire to learn more. During January we also had the pleasure of hearing A. J. Allan's tales read to us by Mrs. Theobald, our secretary.

The Children's Party was held in January. Mrs. Nyberg and several members—including the ever-popular "Santa Claus" in the person of Mr. A. I. Jones—gave much of their time, some also providing cakes, to insure the little guests a thoroughly enjoyable evening. An added attraction was a very cleverly produced and acted little play entitled "A Bundle of Sticks."

Our Annual Supper and Social took place also in January, which Mrs. Nyberg and many members with their menfolk helped to make a tremendous success. During supper, our president, Mrs. Thomas, read to us a congratulatory telegram from Mrs. Heat, who was unable to be with us as we had hoped. Instead of songs this year, a most amusing sketch was presented by some of the members, causing much merriment. Dancing followed, with Mrs. Nyberg as M.C., making us feel, for the time being at least, that we had not a care in the world.

The first Social organised by Mrs. Lake was held in January, and the success which attended this event must have afforded much encouragement to Mrs. Lake. Those who were present certainly hope there are many more such joyous evenings to follow.

Instead of our customary meeting on 27th January, a social was arranged as an occasion on which to present Mrs. Fairbairn, our former secretary, with a little gift in recognition of the splendid work she has done for our School.

We regret the loss of any of our officers, all of whom serve us most loyally. We are, however, never at a loss for a member to fill a gap and accept responsibility for any office, for such is the spirit of service in our School.

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By CENTURION.

Next Month

Our special Watling Week number will come out a week early to give you the opportunity of studying the programme and introducing it to others. We want extra sellers for this issue. Will you help?

Your Leisure

If you have any, be sure you look at the ballot which appears elsewhere; fill in the form attached and return it to Watling Centre.

Ventilation

Is required both for body and mind. How do you get fresh air in the black-out? If we have a hot summer we shan't want our windows completely covered with black screens. Bright ideas for ventilated black-outs will be welcomed and perhaps published. No prizes offered.

Photography

Careful readers will note an offer to assist those in difficulties. If many have the same, we might arrange a group to discuss them. Send stamped addressed envelope to Photo Editor, "Watling Resident," Watling Centre.

Books

Are now available in the Common Room again on Thursday and Friday evenings from 8.0—10.0. Mr. S. Jones is acting as librarian, and members are encouraged to see what there is. They may borrow books for a fortnight without charge.

"Music Hath Charms"

Bearing in mind the column in last month's "Resident" about "Our Choir," we are soon to have a sample of their winter efforts, as on Tuesday, 7th May, they are giving a full-fledged concert. A dozen odd part-songs have been learnt and polished up, and any friends who have a taste for vocal music are bound to spend a couple of hours' restful enjoyment listening to them. Be at the Centre at 8.0 p.m.

The Changing Face of Europe

A short series of talks on this subject, dealing with the map of Europe, the political and economic facts and forces concerned with recent changes, is being planned to help people to understand better what is happening. Anyone who is interested should ask the Secretary of the Watling Association to send them a special notice.

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Mrs. King, 10, Homefield Road, wishes to thank all the kind friends who have expressed their sympathy with her in Dorothy's illness.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
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The Photographic Season has begun. Make an early start of recording incidents in your daily life and so increase your interest in your local surroundings.

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Editorial

WHAT YOU WANT!

We want to do our bit in making the Watling Estate the best place to live; the best place for men and women, the best place for young people, the best place for children.

To do this we want to get people together to help each other, to enjoy themselves and to discuss the important things which need to be done. The more people get together the stronger the organisation becomes and the more authority it has to express what people want.

The Watling Association provides all sorts of advantages, but we want people to join for what they can contribute as well as for what they can get out of it. When we say contribute we don't mean just money, though subscriptions are useful. Most of us can contribute to other people's pleasure in one way or another. Just coming to a social and being friendly with other people helps them to have a good time. Taking part in a play or coming to watch a play gives pleasure to the audience or the actors. Supporting the Association when it agitates for better bus services, or a nursery school, or a bandstand helps. Keeping the Centre going enables us to help those who need legal advice by providing a Poor Man's Lawyer Centre and a Citizens' Advice Bureau; it also enables us to run groups for the children. Selling the "Resident" helps to let people know what is going on in the various Estate organisations.

The Association is yours, if you will, to make of it, with others, what will best serve the needs of the community. The Association was one of the first in the country, and there are still not nearly as many as there ought to be. The spreading of the idea depends on the success of the existing Associations. Help to make the Watling Association an example from which others draw inspiration.

All sorts of tastes are provided for by activities at the Centre—dances and whist drives, choral, orchestral and dramatic societies, lectures and discussions, physical training, netball, table tennis, boxing, etc. Other groups can be arranged for if a sufficient number of people want them.

If you are lonely, if you have time to spare, if you want to do a spot of work to help someone else along, if you want to find out what others are thinking about the problems of the day, if you want to pull your weight in the boat, come and look us up at Watling Centre.

Photography for the Amateur

Since the outbreak of the present war, amateur photography has been very much curtailed, probably mostly on account of a fear that even to be seen with a camera in public would make one liable to any punishment from life imprisonment to being shot at dawn! Let us in the very beginning impress upon all camera owners that there is no ban whatever on outdoor photography. Restrictions have very properly been placed on photography by order of the War Office, and most of these have been in force for years, but mainly because of wrong impressions created in the newspapers by the

presentation of the details of the order, and also because some of the restrictions are capable of a very wide interpretation, these orders have assumed in the minds of amateur photographers quite undue proportions.

Obviously the photographing of military, naval and air force objects must be forbidden, but these are of so little importance photographically that they should present no temptation to any amateur photographer. The National Illustrated Press take these photographs and offer them in a much more interesting manner than you can ever hope to do, so why worry over this aspect of your hobby? Moreover, there are still scenes, trees, flowers; friends, holidays and local events; all much more lastingly interesting to the artistically inclined.

Well, having set your minds at rest (we hope) about wartime risks in the realm of photography, let us now extend what help we can to the amateur so that he may get as much enjoyment as he should from this fascinating hobby. But one word of warning—do not expect us to make professional artists of you, as this is not a correspondence course, even if such a method were able to do so (which is doubtful). Our first step will be to cut down most of the obvious mistakes camera users are guilty of, the first of which is "exposure."

Photography with the amateur's camera has been made so simple that there is an impression in the minds of some that all you have to do is to point the camera at your subject and press the trigger in order to obtain a first-rate photograph. It is true, the present-day film is very good, and exceptionally speedy ones are within the reach of all, but a sensible understanding of the varying values of daylight would save a number of spoilt pictures. And it is usually the spoilt ones that are those which cannot be re-taken.

Probably everyone is familiar with the essential parts of a camera—a light-proof box for holding the very sensitive film; a lens to reproduce on the film a small scale of the object you wish to make a picture of; and a shutter to allow the picture of this object to pass through the lens at the appropriate moment. The shutter is closed until you are ready to take the photograph, and when the moment has arrived, a lever is moved, and the shutter opens for a fraction of a second and closes again. This, speaking generally, is what happens when taking the usual "snap-shot." The same basic routine takes place whether a cheap box or an expensive folding camera is used.

As a rule, with the box type camera there is only one speed—about a thirtieth of a second—therefore the same result cannot be expected when photographs are taken, say, at mid-day and late evening, and unless some means are devised, either to give a longer exposure when lighting is not so good, or to allow more light to pass through the lens by making the size of the hole through which the light passes (the aperture) larger, it would be safer not to risk taking pictures after about 4 p.m. unless one of the very fast films now available (the Panchromatic) is used. The light value of daylight varies from dawn to dusk, reaching its best at mid-day (1 o'clock in summer time), but the photographic value is only good for ordinary films and the less expensive cameras from about 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. But more of this in next month's article.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DIFFICULTIES.

If you have any with which you would like help, send them, with stamped addressed envelope for reply, to Photo Editor, Watling Resident, Watling Centre.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

May, 1940.

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 5 Inter-School Breakfast, 8.45 a.m.
 12 Whit Sunday. No meeting.
 19 In a Garden. Mr. Lock.
 26 Iraq and Palestine. Miss Horsfall.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11.0 a.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 7.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Dancing Class, 8.0 p.m.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 3.0 p.m.
 German Class, 7.30 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Choral Society, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.
 P.T. for girls over 16, Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Weddays** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 1 Sixteen Ports in North America.
 Miss L. Cornelius.
 8 War-Time Cookery Demonstration.
 Gas Light and Coke Co.
 15 Herbs. Mr. Gutteridge.
 22 Canada. Mrs. Taunton.
 29 The Story of the London Bus.
 L.P.T.B. Lantern Lecture.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
First-Aid Class at Woodcroft Hall, 7.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Y.H.A., 7.30 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
 Amateur Variety Party, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Members' Socials, 7.30 p.m.
- OTHER EVENTS.**
- Friday 3 Adult School Concert, 8.0 p.m.
 Sunday 5 Adult School Breakfast, 8.45 a.m.
 Monday 6 Odd Fellows, 8.0 p.m.
 Tuesday 7 Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
Choral Society Concert, 8.0 p.m.
- Thursday 9 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Friday 10 Neighbourhood Guild Social, 8.0 p.m.
 Friday 17 Gay Girlies Concert, 8.0 p.m.
 Sunday 19 Free and Easy, 7.30 p.m. Speaker to be arranged.
- Monday 20 Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m.
 Tuesday 21 Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
 Friday 24 Helpers' Social, 8.0 p.m.
 Sunday 26 Free and Easy, 7.30 p.m. Watling Week. Mr. E. E. Cole.
- Thursday 30 W.A. Council, 8.0 p.m.

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Turkey Today

By Brig.-Gen. Sir WYNDHAM DEEDES,

who has just returned from his tour of Turkey as head of the Anglo-Turkish Relief Fund Mission despatched to the areas devastated by recent earthquakes.

Sir Wyndham was Inspector of Gendarmerie in Turkey and, later, an official under the Turkish Ministry of the Interior in the four years immediately preceding the Great War, having thus an exceptional experience of life and conditions in Turkey a quarter of a century ago.

Unless I had gone to Turkey and seen for myself, I would not have believed it; I did not believe it when I was told by the few who had seen it.

I could not be persuaded that the corruption, inefficiency and procrastination which characterised the Government of the country in which I had served a quarter of a century ago had wholly disappeared, and that the Revolution had "changed all that." But so it is; it has all been swept away, and a new Turkey has appeared in which I can recognise nothing of the old Turkey—except, of course, the same hospitable, simple and attractive people.

Of all the Revolutions which have taken place since the end of the Great War, not one, I venture to assert, has accomplished what this one has, and broken so few heads in the process.

IN DAYS OF BRIGANDAGE.

Let us look first of all at a few of the surface changes. In old days when I thought of Turkey, my mind always went to brigands! For example, I remember the days when I lived in a suburb of Smyrna, and, as a gendarmerie officer, was called on to provide an armed escort for the "carriage convoy" of girls and their partners going to a dance in town. And I remember the night when the brigands pounced upon a young Englishman, took him to the mountains and demanded £10,000 ransom for him.

Those were the days when foreigners going up country for a summer holiday obtained a "laissez passer"—not from my gendarmes, but from the brigands, who, incidentally, treated them with great courtesy. All that—both the picturesque and the perilous—has gone. There are no brigands left, except, perhaps, a few in the Vilayet of Sert, away in the south-east.

Then, again, casting my mind back 25 years, I think of epidemics. I never travelled up-country without encountering cholera, small-pox or typhus. I remember sleeping one night in a wayside "Han," the principal guest-room of which seemed to be unusually well-swept and garnished. When I commented on this to mine host in the morning, he said: "Oh, yes. The room in which you slept is being used as the cholera mortuary. But when we heard your Excellency was coming we emptied it and gave it a special clean-up." To-day cholera has been stamped out; typhus and small-pox are very rare; and a vigorous campaign is being

waged against those other scourges, syphilis and malaria.

NEW TOWNS FOR OLD.

Again, consider the country's communications. Never shall I forget the old Turkish roads. In the summer of 1913 I disembarked at Samsun and engaged a "yayili" (a light spring wagon) in order to carry out an inspection in the five contiguous provinces, a journey which promised to last three months. The first day out the horses fell through a hole in the road, the pole snapped, and we had to fashion a new one from the neighbouring forest. That—and much more—was travel in those days! The other day I visited these same provinces, and did the journey in great comfort by road and rail and took only ten-days.

Among the visible changes to be noted are the large number of well-built schools—elementary in the villages and central and "lycées" in the larger towns; town-planning of old towns and the rapid building of new—of which Ankara, a village when I last saw it, is, of course, the most notable example; and the large number of new factories established. I visited a sugar factory at Turkal where the provision of social amenities for the workpeople was as good as you could wish. Hospitals—one or two which I saw—were, as regards planning and equipment, better than anything I have seen in this country. Day nurseries, infant welfare centres and village clinics have been established at which a great deal of instruction in hygiene is given.

These are some of the outward and visible signs of progress which strike the eye as one goes through the country. Admittedly, they are as yet few in number, but, such as they are, they are very good, and they are being built as fast as funds permit; and—what is so exhilarating in Turkey to-day—the extension of their social services is the favourite topic of conversation with all whom one meets.

There can be little doubt that women are not a little responsible for all this social activity; the women who to-day are to be met in every sphere of human activity—thirteen of them in Parliament. Gone are the black-veiled phantoms of old days, the heroines of Pierre Loti's novels.

VILLAGES TO BE REBUILT.

Where, however, I noticed the least change was in the villages. Except for new schools and a better water supply (a big exception indeed) the houses look much the same and the agricultural implements and methods have changed little in the last twenty-five years. I commented on this to a high Turkish official, who said: "Yes, it is true; we have not yet entered the villages," and he went on to explain to me some of the Government's plans for the grouping of villages, the better to provide them with social services and to introduce co-operative farming and the common use of machinery.

A start has already been made with the refugee villages built for peasants migrating from Rumania and elsewhere in the Southern Balkans. In the earthquake area, too, the Government is determined to seize the opportunity to re-site a number of villages; to build better houses, and to purchase agricultural machinery in England—for which purpose a trade commission left Turkey while I was there.

It is impossible to mention the many other reforms and improvements which strike the eye, but there is one

institution, the "Halk Evi," to which allusion must be made. The influence of the Halk Evi—or "People's House"—is far-reaching and has made as big a contribution to popular enlightenment as perhaps any other factor. There are 300 of these houses in Turkey. Here we should call them "Community Centres." Their activities include art, music, concerts, lectures, conferences, all forms of "further education," games (indoor and outdoor) and personal service to those in need, especially to poor students. They are doing their best to enlighten the villages by giving talks and lectures to men and women on both domestic and world affairs and by encouraging the pursuit of old customs and pastimes.

THE PASSING OF APATHY.

Just recently "Halk Odalari"—"People's Rooms"—have been opened in villages which cannot yet aspire to the full programme of a Halk Evi. The Halk Evi movement is supported by the funds of "The People's Party" and by grants in aid either from the Central Government, the province or the municipality. The personnel consists entirely of volunteers, men and women. In fact, it represents a widespread network of voluntary social service. The Halk Evi in Ankara had over 500,000 attendances in the course of last year.

A few words must now be added about other invisible, but no less remarkable changes. In the administration apathy, inertia and slovenly, out-of-date methods have gone. Officials are keen and—governors of provinces, at any rate—are relatively young. It may be that foreigners still find that business is not completed with quite the speed to which they are accustomed in some other countries. But (thank goodness!) Turkish "bureaucrats" can still find time for a talk over a cup of coffee, and the "cult of efficiency" has not completely dehumanised them. And there is no corruption. At least, so my Turkish friends assured me, and it was fully confirmed to me by several foreigners who have lived all their lives in the country and were engaged in big business.

ALMOST TOO MODEST.

The reason is not far to seek; salaries and wages are now regularly paid and justice can be obtained without resort to bribery. I remember one occasion twenty-five years ago, when I went to inspect a detachment of gendarmerie in an up-country town, finding the officer commanding in prison in his own quarters. I lunched with him, being served by his men through the bars of the window, and learnt from him that his crime had been that he had taken his detachment's last month's pay. But, as one of his men said to me later, "We can hardly blame the captain. He had not received his own salary, and he, too, has a wife and children to keep!"

In a word, the whole spirit of the country has changed; the "sick man of Europe" is dead. In his place stands modern Turkey, proud of its achievements, energetic, full of hope, but modest—almost too much so. As a leading member of the Government said to me, "In this respect we are like you. We are bad advertisers."

How have these remarkable changes come about? The short answer is "Ataturk." Of this there can be no doubt. To liberate women; to "disestablish the Church"; to remove the capital from its 500-year-old

site to an up-country village; to abolish the fez (more than a physical change); to replace Arabic by Latin characters (more than a literary change); these and the many more reforms could only have been made in fifteen years by the fiat of one man. And a remarkable man he must have been.

For, ruthless as he was in sweeping away rubbish and all that in his opinion retarded progress, he never seems to have gone too far; he always had his finger on the pulse of his people.

PEOPLE'S TRUE QUALITY.

Was it Lenin who said, "A man is as great and only as great as the tide surging beneath him"? Applied to this case, this means that Ataturk could not have done what he did nor—as is undoubtedly the case—could he have assured its continuation unless he had been supported by his people and unless his people had been—as he knew they were—worthy of profiting by the reforms which he had made.

"How is it," I kept saying to myself, "that a whole people can 'change overnight' from what I remember of them twenty-five years ago to what I see them to be today?" The answer, I am persuaded, is that it is not so much that the people have changed as that, freed from the yoke of a corrupt and oppressive Government, they have now for the first time been given the opportunity to display their true qualities.

And if this account of modern Turkey be regarded by some as exaggerated or unduly flattering, I can only reply that my judgment is based not on a comparison between Turkey and some other European country (although that is not a comparison that the Turks need fear overmuch), but between the Turkey of 1940 and the Turkey of 1914. Judged by that standard, I can only conclude by saying what I said at the beginning of this article, "I would not have believed it unless I had been there to see."



BERROW.

What is Berrow?

Berrow is a village.

Where is Berrow?

Berrow is in the County of Somerset. It is about eleven miles south of Weston-super-Mare on the Bristol Channel. If you look across the Channel in a north-westerly direction you can see, on a clear day, the towns of Cardiff and Barry and the mountains behind them rising to 1,500 feet.

When the tide is up there is a fine stretch of sea and when it is out there is a great expanse of sand and mud. This is not exactly beautiful, but it is said to be health-giving, and the air at Berrow is certainly invigorating. The place is famous for its golf links on the sand hills, where championship matches are frequently played.

Another attraction of the place, and one that is of special interest to gardeners, is a wonderful bulb farm.

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There are few, if any, such bulb farms in the kingdom and this is the only one in the West of England. A gentleman from the North grew bulbs in his garden as a hobby. He soon found that they prospered amazingly in the sandy soil and now he grows them for sale. This year they have been their best early in April, when they were a most beautiful sight. There are acres of hyacinths and every variety of daffodil, also many tulips. The bulbs are all set out in specially prepared beds according to their colour and name. Even from a distance you can see great masses of blue and yellow, whilst close to their beauty is almost dazzling.

Part of the process of producing good hyacinth bulbs is to pick off the flower bells, leaving only the flower stalk remaining. The writer saw several beds in which were bulbs with only the leaves and flower stalks whilst near by was a great heap of the bells that had been picked off: rather like, but much superior to, the confetti used at weddings.

The bulb growing was only begun three or four years ago as a business proposition, but when it is better known the bulb farm will surely prove to be one of the chief attractions of Berrow in spring-time.

The house in which the writer stayed has a garden, not a very large one, but full of interest as well as of plants. It is about 100 yards long and 15 yards wide at the house end tapering to a point at the other end. There is also a small garden in front against the road from Weston-super-Mare to Burnham. A great variety of flowers find a place in the main garden, also many fruit and vegetable plants, and a small grass plot.

How many daughters had Job?

Job had three daughters.

What were there names?

Jemima, Kezia and Keren-happuch, names which, with exception of the first, are rarely given to English girls. These names were given to three runner-ducks when they found a home in this garden.

Runner-ducks are very useful in destroying slugs and other plant enemies. They also lay eggs, which is a point in their favour in these days. Furthermore, they do not require a duckpond. Kezia died not long after her arrival at the garden, but Jemima and Keren-happuch do their best to get on without her.

These ducks seem to be of a nervous disposition and their actions are often dependent upon force of habit. Their intelligence is not great and varies somewhat. For example, Jemima is more brainy than Keren-happuch. This superior brain power was clearly shown on one occasion when the ducks' home was moved from one part of the garden to another. Keren-happuch led the way, but would not go into the duck-house. After various efforts to do so, she turned away from the new site and went back to the old. Then the removal had to be begun all over again. At this stage Jemima led the way and Keren-happuch humbly followed after. Jemima went straight into the new site and Keren-happuch entered it immediately afterwards just as if she had always been there.

WHAT TO DO IN MAY.

Flower Garden.—The various plants that were used for "spring bedding," such as primroses, daisies and the later flowering bulbs, should be taken up as soon as their beauty is over and replanted in the reserve garden, where they should be carefully watered and looked after.

The lawn should now receive constant and regular attention both in regard to rolling and mowing. Do not roll directly after rain, but when rain has fallen wait till the lawn is fairly dry. Remember that two rollings with a light roller are much more beneficial than one with a heavy roller. Rolling is intended to keep the surface even and to spread the roots of the grass. It is not intended to make the lawn level and cannot do so.

Mowing should have commenced last month. Now it should be done weekly until about the middle of November. In the summer, if the weather is warm and showery, even twice a week may be necessary. Do not let the grass get so long that it has to be cut with a scythe.

Dahlias may be planted out now. Thin out the annuals already sown and sow more for autumn flowering.

Fruit Garden.—If the crop of apricots is heavy, remove the small fruit. Keep the leaves of the trained fruit trees free from blight by syringing with insecticides.

The young shoots of apple, pear, cherry and plum trees should be pinched back so that three leaves only remain upon them.

If the fruit trees have not been previously fed this year, get some sulphate of potash and sprinkle four ounces over each square yard of ground occupied by the trees. Hoe it into the surface and water well.

Thin out gooseberries as the berries become large enough for use in the kitchen.

Why you ought to Join . . .

THE WATLING ASSOCIATION

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1. **IT IS THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** of the Watling Estate, an organisation of the people in the local community for the people in the local community, and exists to bring together the residents, voluntary organisations and local authorities to promote the welfare of the people on the Estate in any way required, to help make the Estate the best possible place in which to live.
2. **IT RUNS THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**
3. **IT CAN HELP YOU** and you can help it.
4. **IT VOICES THE NEEDS** of the Community. The more members it has the better it can do this. In the past it has worked for such things as better bus services, shelters, postal facilities, playing fields, rent reductions, police protection, day nursery, traffic control, provision of magistrates, local U.A.B. office, play leader in the Park, better facilities on the Tube, park shelters, women park keepers, band stand, free meals for necessitous children and provision of education in war-time. Some of these have been secured, some still need more effort to get them. Other improvements need to be made. Your membership will help in this.
5. **IT IS DEMOCRATIC**, every individual counts. The governing body is the Council and you should take your share in controlling it.
6. **IT PROVIDES ALL SORTS OF ACTIVITIES**, which must interest you and members of your family, such as Socials, Dances, Whist Drives, Concerts, Football, Cricket, Net Ball, Table Tennis, Bowls, Physical Training, Boxing, Weight Lifting, Folk Dancing, Dramatic Society, Choral Society, Lectures, Veterans' Club, Discussion Groups, Women's Guild, Children's Groups, small Lending Library, and accommodation for other societies, such as the Y.H.A., Women's, Men's and Young People's Adult Schools, Townswomen's Guilds, Cyclists' Touring Club, National Cyclists' Union.
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8. **MEMBERSHIP COSTS ONLY 4d. A MONTH** for the first member in a household and 2d. per month for each successive member. This admits you to the Community Centre and covers a free copy of the magazine, "The Watling Resident," for the household. All you have to do is to apply at the Centre for a card and pay your subscription.

To secure good crops of black currants, raspberries and loganberries, water freely with liquid manure.

Bed down strawberries and place a layer of clean straw beneath them.

Vegetable Garden.—Plant out early celery in trenches a foot deep, 18 inches wide, and four feet apart from centre to centre. Fork up the bottom, add nine inches of manure, and tread this down, then place three inches of soil on top of this and plant the seedlings nine inches apart.

Earth up the potatoes as soon as the haulm is six inches in height and go on earthing them up as the haulm grows.

Broad beans may be backward because of the late season, but when they are in full bloom pinch out the tops as a preventive against black fly. Do not wait until the fly appears.

Dwarf beans should be earthed up and additional sowings made.

Sow scarlet runner beans. If you cannot get sticks for them, keep the plants dwarf by nipping out the tops when the plants are about 15 inches high and nipping out the side shoots every fortnight. Thin out the seedlings as they become large enough to handle. Overcrowded rows never do well.

"Music-Making and Music-Taking"

Listening to "serious" music often appears to be a very serious business; so much so that one is tempted, in the phrase of a well-known journal of humour, to add: "But not so serious as all that."

In reality, fine music, like all fine things, is compounded of inspiration, idealism, balance and good workmanship, and it is one of the most entertaining and satisfying of pursuits to discover something of its "Why" and "How," since the composer, like all good craftsmen, works upon raw materials with tools of skill.

First as to "raw materials." Melody and harmony are the important ones, melody providing music's "length" and harmony its "depth." Sing over any tune you know unaccompanied and then get someone to provide the accompaniment, and you have demonstrated the idea. The composer then shapes his material by means of a very skilful and cunning tool—Rhythm. Sing over several different tunes, for example "Drink to me only," "Dashing away with the smoothing iron," "Auld Lang Syne," noticing the regular recurrence of accent, pulse, turns and twists of phrase, and an idea will be gained of the countless musical patterns and

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LEISURE OCCUPATIONS.

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Those marked * already have groups organised. The Association will try to arrange groups for any other occupation for which there is sufficient demand.

If you are interested in any of the above subjects or occupations, or any others not listed here, and would like to join others who are interested, fill in the attached form and send it to the Secretary, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware. Do it now!

I am interested in Leisure Occupations:—

No.	Title.
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and should like to join a Group or Club.

I should like to join the Watling Association (delete if not required).

Name (Mr., Mrs., Miss)

Address

Date.....

Age (if under 21)

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shapes which that useful tool, Rhythm, can make. Any skilled musician can take a dozen or so musical sounds and mould them into the shape of a march, a lullaby or a dance, much as the plastic artist can model objects of various shapes from a lump of clay. This is only less obvious because the ear as a medium for observation is far less trained than the eye!

But having discovered that the ear *can* truly apprehend, what delightful adventures await the listener! For he discovers how to keep track of melody in its less obvious situations. For him a melody will no longer be something which can only autocratically sit on the top while an indefinite mass of sound supports from below. His is the pleasurable awareness that melody has many and devious paths—high, low, in the centre, now on the flute, now on 'cello, now on the horn. He will trace (and chase) melodies independent of each other, who yet weave together a fabric of music by the art of counterpoint—of which, more later.

Harmony also ceases to be a pleasant blur of sound. Qualities of tone, rhythmical movements of the less obvious parts arrest and delight the ear trained to observe them, and it will often be discovered that melody itself gains new meaning by reason of the harmonies by which it combines.

Rhythm should have special mention, for by means of rhythm the whole mood and atmosphere of a musical work is to be understood. This is especially true of vocal music. The composer, sensitive to the sense and inflections of poetry, shapes his rhythm to reveal the

import of the words. Indeed this "power to reveal" is the reason for Song's existence—a need for sounds more eloquent than speech, and such sounds must intensify the poetry's meaning.

And here we come to the scope of *singing*, for this is something *all* can do (unless tone deaf or suffering from throat malformation) and thus learn, *first hand*, something about music's "raw materials" and the way the composer uses them.

That formidable word "counterpoint" becomes elucidated if you sing in a round (later you may get to a madrigal!). For what is a round but three or more separate voice parts each pursuing its own strand of melody independently, yet all making harmonious sounds together? From that you can get, by way of smaller works, to the great Choruses of Handel. "For unto us a Child is born" is one of the mightiest vocal "fugues" in existence, and to help to bear a part in it explains "fugue," as a musical form, to one with the living touch of reality.

Harmony and rhythm come home to one in the most satisfying way of all when tackled personally. To sound one's note within a mighty chord, to strive to utter "musical speech" so that every nuance and shade of the poet's and composer's intention shall be revealed—these and much more give us a musical insight nothing else *can* give and make the adventure of "serious" music one of the delights of life.

ELIZABETH FORDHAM.

BALD FACED STAG?

Chiefly on Clothes for the Woman Cyclist

By MRS. BILLIE DOVEY, *Raleigh Demonstration Rider.*

Divided Skirt

I have just returned from a long week-end of about four hundred miles, all ridden in a divided skirt. The reason for stressing the divided skirt item is that for women it is the best all-round garment for cycling. Watch drapers for latest "Gor-ray" skirts.

There must be among our "Resident" readers this spring quite a number of newcomers to cycling, and by reason of the condition of the world at the moment most of these are quite likely to be feminine. And, women and young girls, you *can* really look pleasantly feminine on a bicycle and yet ride the mount quite efficiently at that.

Just before Easter the daily newspapers gave considerable prominence on what women should wear when cycling, and if there's one thing in recent years that has made progress with women cyclists it is clothing.

Some Suggestions

For femininity and practicability it is difficult to better a culotte or divided skirt when the weather is not so warm, with leather-soled shoes, silk stockings and ankle socks. A suede zipp jacket or a lined semi-tailored garment (must be close-fitting at the wrists) completes a very useful ensemble.

But spring is calling, and the "open road" awaits ladies everywhere! When summer comes, and real freedom of movement is required, our "cycliste" will find velvet cord or flannel shorts, or, better still, the "wrap-shorts" I introduced early last year, unsurpassed for excursions into the countryside.

Many of you, I know, are really only concerned with shopping and town visits, and in this case a divided skirt of lighter and more airy material such as linen can be worn. There is also a button-up sports frock over tailored shorts that is very smart and excellent for town or suburban riding.

Helpful Hints

Excellent pattern for a divided skirt is Dubarry No. 2198b—the famous 6d. store is where you'll get it!

Jacket pattern I favour is McCall No. 3138, with the front slightly altered to the button fastening with tiny collar. Yolked back appealed to me and proved very comfortable.

My "wrap-shorts" are Pattern No. 10,562 (waist sizes 24 to 32 inches), price 9d. from "Modern Woman," The Pattern Shop, Tower House, Southampton Street, Strand, W.C.2.

Two-piece suit from same address, but price 1/3, and No. 10,561, bust sizes 32 to 40 inches.

Want to see some cycle-racing free? Then visit Paddington Track any Thursday evening in May. It's only 6d. to go in the enclosure—proceeds to help carry on our sport.

Don't book your holiday this year; things are uncertain except that if you and your family have bicycles you'll have a holiday all right! See you at Pegley's sometime—for riders who are wise buy oddments before the prices rise. Happy Whitsun wheeling to you all.

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Club and Society Notes and News

AN APPEAL TO LOCAL MUSICIANS.

The Watling Orchestra, your own local amateur orchestra, is making an appeal. An appeal for musicians. I am sure that to most readers of the "Resident" the orchestra is a familiar organisation, but perhaps there are some who have not yet come across us. This appeal, however, is directed to everyone. Three years ago at the Watling Centre there was formed a small orchestra which met once a week to enjoy making music together and to give pleasure to others. This orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Lancaster, rapidly grew in strength until it seemed that if we expanded much more we would need a larger rehearsal room. On innumerable occasions we have helped the Centre and local charities by giving our services. It would be hopeless to try and give a record of all our past activities, but our regular visits to John Groom's Crippleage, Jack Radleys' shows at Wesley Hall, the productions of the Guild of Players, and the Blind Club, are a sufficient indication of our popularity. For three years we flourished, and when Mr. Lancaster resigned in 1939, he left behind him an amateur orchestra of which Watling might well be proud.

And then came the war. Like so many organisations, the orchestra was hit pretty hard. Fortunately we had in Mr. Fitzgerald a conductor who had the necessary qualities required in keeping an orchestra together, and so far we have kept things going.

With most of our brass and woodwind sections called up, and our strings sadly depleted, we have lost

something most necessary to any orchestra, namely, balance. For the type of music we play, that is light classical, standard overtures and selections, etc., a full complement of instruments is essential. As it is, all the work falls on the strings, always the weakest spot in an amateur orchestra, and however good they may be, without the proper backing of brass and woodwind the orchestra will never be as successful as it should be. We have a fine library of over a hundred and forty pieces, a splendid reputation, and a wonderful object in view, namely, giving pleasure not only to ourselves but to others. Surely you are not going to let a fellow called HITLER hinder us. All you instrumentalists, brass, woodwind and strings, come along to the Watling Centre on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, or communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Graham, 134, Princes Avenue, Kingsbury.

Remember—YOUR COURAGE,
YOUR CHEERFULNESS,
YOUR RESOLUTION
WILL BRING US VICTORY.

By helping the orchestra you are not only enjoying many evenings of pleasure and making new friends, you are keeping the home fires burning and in so doing helping to bring this war to a finish.

CYCLING NEWS.

Edgware Section (W.M.D.A.) Cyclists' Touring Club

The shorter holidays, such as Easter and Whitsun, are occasions when a club can plan runs on the grand scale. It is not looking back too far to the glorious time enjoyed by Section members at Easter, when the New Forest was the centre of attraction. It is long enough ago for the authorities to permit us to say that the weather favoured an outdoor holiday, if it was a trifle breezy at times and often dull and overcast. The Good Friday journey to Stockbridge in Hants was an epic of wandering, entailing more than a hundred miles over roads and lanes beyond the compass of a normal Sunday ride.

Beaulieu Abbey, Buckler's Hard, Lymington and Salisbury, all came within reach of our rambling wheels. The darts match on approved B.B.C. lines, and the valiant part played by our hostess in scoring the winning double, are now only memories. May Whitsun bring us as many more!

The desire to go places beyond the compass of a day's club-ride is the factor which makes for success in the Hardriders' Runs, of which two have already taken place this season. The first, to Pulborough and along the Surrey-Sussex border, was a splendid event and well supported by a fair number of riders who showed that they could all stand the pace and the distance. It took place a week before Easter, while the second was a week after, equally strenuous because of the strong headwind. The third will have the merit of looking like a long ride, as the lunch stop is to be at Burford-in-Windrush. Nevertheless, it is intended to avoid the great main roads leading to the West in favour of Oxfordshire lanes through quaint villages that will seem to deplore such haste.

But even hurrying wheelmen can appreciate a glimpse of a countryside that invites them to come again in more leisurely times—perhaps for a quiet week-end.

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BOXING CLUB.

The Boxing Club has been open since the season began, but we have not met with much support from members. The attendances have been very poor. We entered two of our members in the Junior Championships of Great Britain, which were held at the Polytechnic, Regent Street, on Saturday, April 6th. Fred Gay won his way to the final of the 9-stone class, where he was eventually beaten after a very fine fight, but we were more fortunate with our 8-stone representative, A. Crooks, who won his way to the final on Saturday, the 20th, at the Polytechnic. I am confident that he will furnish the Club with its first Junior Champion of Great Britain, and I am sure all Association members will be with me in wishing him all the best of luck.

W. P. HORNE, *Hon. Sec., W.A.B.C.*

Y.H.A. HENDON LOCAL GROUP.

The Easter holiday was, on the whole, very successful for the Hendon Group of the Y.H.A. A party of six cyclists went to Swanage and Winchester hostels, and the tour proved both interesting and eventful. Dorset is a lovely and unspoilt county, and as much time as possible was spent around Swanage and the Purbeck Hills. Corfe Castle, set high on a hill amid the grandest of scenery, was visited, and, on the return journey, Winchester Cathedral, one of the best in the country.

A larger party of walkers went to the North Downs and stayed at Kemsing and Stalisfield hostels. The weather was favourable and it is not necessary, I am sure, to extol here the beauties of Kent. Holidays spent in this way are becoming more and more popular, and it is hoped that we shall be able to arrange cycling and walking tours for the summer holidays.

Attendances at our Thursday evening Club Nights increase weekly, and on the 11th of April an auction of old books and gramophone records was held at the Watling Centre. The evening was a great success, and the number of bargains made delighted the hearts of all concerned.

It has recently been felt that, whilst the Group is in an amazingly flourishing state, we can still do with a few more male members. This, I know, is a problem which is difficult to solve in the present state of affairs, but there must be many young men, below military age, who are keen on cycling or walking, and would appreciate some form of social activity for their spare time. The Youth Hostels Association is one of the finest Associations they could join, and the best way to be introduced to it is by the Hendon Local Group. The secretary, Mr. Len Clark, of 39, Barnfield Road, Burnt Oak, will be only too willing to give them further particulars.

M.L.B.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT.

The report of the Unemployment Insurance Statutory Committee on the memorandum that our movement submitted has now been issued. We set forward a case for an all-round increase in unemployment insurance benefit, and dealt with the terrible effects of cost of

living on the lives of the unemployed and their dependents. This committee, with a surplus of £60,000,000, now makes a miserable concession of 1/- in respect of the first two children of an unemployed claimant, but beyond that the benefit scales are unchanged.

This must have come as a shock to the unemployed, especially in view of this small concession, which will only take out of the fund surplus £1,100,000 a year. It proposes to hand £37,000,000 to the National Exchequer for war expenditure. It is regretted by the unemployed that the T.U.C. representative appended his signature to this disgraceful report.

We know that the situation before the war was bad enough; now it is the rising cost of living and its additional suffering to the unemployed and their families. This report of the Statutory Committee is further evidence that the unemployed will not get anything by being patient and unorganised. They must fight for their very existence; no concession is ever granted by this type of government to the workers without their having to fight for it. Therefore we must face the fact that those of us who are unemployed must fight now as never before, otherwise the gains that we have made in the last 20 years, meagre as they are, will be completely lost. Our message to the unemployed now is: End patience, organise, and with us get into action.

W. LEWINGTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION.

Paper

is valuable. Will you collect yours and give it to the Watling Association? A sack can be provided for you to keep it in and it will be collected when full. If you can keep newspapers separate from other paper, it is an additional help as they fetch the best price.

Invalid Chair

One was given to the Association some time ago and has been on loan. It has now been returned so is available for someone else. Application should be made at the Centre.

The Common Room

Members of the Association are asked to note that owing to pressure on accommodation the Common Room will, for the present, be occupied for organised activities on Wednesdays as well as Mondays, and will not be available for members.

Watling Week

Members are asked to watch the notice board for times when the Common Room and Centre will be closed during Watling Week.

Roses and Irises

Why are so many rose lovers also iris lovers, and which do you like best? The irises at the Centre are beautiful as we go to Press and the roses give promise for the future. Which do you like best, and why?

Lending Library

The library is open each Thursday and Friday from 8 o'clock. There is an excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction books with sufficient variety to cater for all tastes. No charge is being made, but members are asked to pay a deposit of 2d. per volume. It is hoped that members will make full use of this service.

The Boys' Club

A club is being run in the annexe on Monday evenings at 7.30 for boys from 14-16. The present membership is very enthusiastic, but we should welcome more support. If any who read these notes know of boys likely to be interested, would they please encourage them to come along.

Spot Prizes

The following traders, and others too late for the Press, are offering spot prizes during Watling Week. Look for the numbered cards in the local shop windows. If the number corresponds with the number on the inside cover of your "Resident," the spot prize will be presented to you on producing the magazine. No gifts can be claimed before Monday, June 17th.

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The Changing Face of Europe

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The Learners' Dancing Class

The success of this venture has attracted many young people to the Centre. In June it will meet on Wednesdays. We are always pleased to see newcomers and hope that we shall see more of you in the various activities of the Association.

Causes

"Every man should link himself to a cause, he may never see the cause to the end, but the cause will make the man." John Bright.

Put that light out!

We can vouch for the truth of this story. On a moonlight night last autumn, a vigilant A.R.P. warden knocked at a house in Crispin Road and told the tenant that there was an exposed light at the back of the house. The tenant declared there was no light at the back of the house, but to satisfy the Warden, he went all round the house to make sure. The next night the Warden again knocked and said there was a light at the back of the house. "I tell you there is no light at the back," said the tenant, "come and see for yourself." So together they went round to the back garden and gazed at all the windows to see which one the light was coming from. Then they saw what was causing the glow. The tenant had a large clump of Golden Rod near a back window and the effect of the moon shining on this was to give it a distinct glare, which from a distance looked like a light from the house.

Adult School Annual Breakfast.

Our thoughts far removed from war, over 70 of us sat down to our annual Sunday breakfast on a beautiful May morning and enjoyed the good things, good thoughts and good fellowship.

After breakfast, Mr. Owen Roberts gave an interesting talk on the Gospel of Beauty in this ugly world, and a bright interlude was provided by the Watling Association Choir under their conductor, Mr. A. I. Jones.

A welcome guest was Mr. Collard, president-elect from the London Union of Adult Schools. In the chair, Mr. Lord.

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Education, Community and the War

In wartime it is important that we should not lose sight, in our concern for economy and the war effort, with the importance of education. In point of fact, war emphasises the need for education, and education that is not limited to dates and dictionaries for those up to sixteen. When propaganda taints almost all sources of information, an intelligent and understanding public opinion—that is, a self-educated public opinion—is a vital necessity if we are not to despair for the future. With it the more outrageous absurdities of Versailles would have been impossible. Without it a settlement even worse will result from the present war. The ordinary people must have a greater understanding of the world in which they live and work; they must understand more completely the political and economic forces at work.

There need be no apology for introducing political and economical considerations into the question of education. The final purpose of education is surely not to sell chalk or text books, or to employ teachers, but to make good citizens. It is difficult to see how anyone can be a good citizen in a democratic state without concerning himself with the political and economic signs of the times. Indeed, if Lincoln's definition of a democracy as "Government of the People, by the People, for the People," is valid, a social education is essential if the Government can in any sense be "by the People."

What type of society do we aim at? Can the war help us achieve it? What sort of peace must we work for? These are questions the democrat has to ask himself; and they are questions which a Community Association such as ours has a particular duty to help its members answer. The idea of a Community Association is to create in miniature a democratic, co-operative society; its members, in becoming good members of the Association, become at the same time good citizens of a democracy.

Educational activities at the Centre have often had a poor response. The social side has always been more popular. Our "guns or butter" alternative is one of "whist drive or study group." Unless we realise that both are important and that the second has been neglected we shall find ourselves without either. A few questions were posed above. They can be well discussed on the basis of such a book as Acland's recent "Penguin," "Unser Kampf." There are innumerable other ways. But by one method or another we must know the truth, for without it we cannot be free.—L.J.C.

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Watling Association Diary

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All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

JUNE, 1940.

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 2. To be arranged.
 9. Grey of Falloden, Mr. Balmbray.
 16. Business Meeting.
 23. Building for the Future, Mr. M. Rowntree.
 30. Karl Capek, Miss Henriques.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11.0 a.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Dancing Class, 8.0 p.m.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 3.0 p.m.
 German Class, 7.30 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Choral Society, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.
 P.T. for girls over 16, Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 5. Business Meeting.
 12. Social.
 19. Herbs, Mr. Gutteridge.
 26. Visit to Groom's Crippleage.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Home Nursing Class at Woodcroft Hall, 7.30 p.m.
 Learners' Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Y.H.A., 7.30 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
 Amateur Variety Party, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Members' Socials, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

- Sunday** 2.—Negro Spirituals, Mr. Charles Chilton, 8.0 p.m.
- Monday** 3.—Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m.
- Tuesday** 4.—Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
- Thursday 6 to Sunday 16.—WATLING WEEK**
- Monday** 17.—Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m.
- Tuesday** 18.—Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
- Friday** 21.—Public Lecture, "The Struggle for the Balkans," Mr. Harry Ross.
- Thursday** 27.—W.A. Council, 8.0 p.m.
- Friday** 28.—Helpers' Social, 8.0 p.m.

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Watling Association Choir.

The Watling Association has always wanted a choir and efforts have been made in the past to try to get one going, but it was not until the war started that enough members got really interested. It was recalled by one member that at Marble Arch where, orators of all shades of opinion spout on all kinds of subjects, and the arguments finish up by a group of people collecting together and singing. This seems to be the best way to settle arguments. We can let off steam by having a good old sing-song. So to offset war depression the Watling Choir was started as a cheer-up idea. Now for a couple of hours at least every Tuesday evening, we forget all about the international situation. We have now got a little choir which we are proud of. We have been pleased to render service on one or two occasions, and, under the able conductorship of the President of the Association, Mr. A. I. Jones, we hope to make greater progress and have a choir which we hope will give good service on the Watling Estate and also to any worthy cause desiring the choir's services.

A general meeting to elect officers, and discuss future business, took place after choir practice on Tuesday, May 14th. The following members were elected: Conductor, Mr. A. I. Jones; deputy conductor, Mr. Foley; secretary, Mr. F. H. Lake; Programme committee, Mrs. Artis, Mrs. Featherby, Mr. Bouchard, Mr. Wakeling; working committee, Miss Fitzgerald, Mr. Lock, Mr. Singleton.

It was agreed that practice should start promptly at 8 o'clock every Tuesday evening and that a short time should be spent each week on musical instruction. That the subscription be 2d. per week.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Jones for the able way in which he had coached the choir along.

Photography for the Amateur.—Continued from Page 9.

An Invitation. Should any questions arise in your minds with regard to the statements in these photographic articles, please write in to the Photographic Editor, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Watling Week, No. 12

June 6th—16th, 1940.

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As we prepare this, our 12th Watling Week programme, the war has taken a very decisive turn, but we are optimistic enough to hope that we will be able to carry the programme out to its full. More than ever during these dark and terrible times comes the need for us, the People of Watling, to get together as a Community and assist one another in comradeship to meet whatever trials that may lie before us. We can best do this by first of all keeping up our morale, and the Watling Week Committee have endeavoured, in arranging this programme to offer you a variety of interesting functions that should act as a mental tonic and ease the war strain. We have had to modify our programme this year and one or two of our usual events have not been included, such as the Carnival Procession and outdoor Sports Meeting.

THE PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th.

At 7.30 p.m.

Grand Searchlight Dance and a big ?

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7th.

At 7.30 p.m.

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DANCING : GAMES : ENTERTAINMENT : NOVELTIES : FUN IN PLenty

Organised by Representatives of our Constituent Bodies.

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th.

At 2.30 p.m.

Children's Entertainment

Organised by Mrs. Gay.

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th.

At 8.0 p.m.

Grand Social

M.C.: MRS. L. NYBERG.

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th.

At 7.30 p.m.

Children's Competition Night.

SINGING : ELOCUTION : INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC : SPELLING BEE

Organised by Mr. Sewell Harris.

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.

Entrance Form at end of this programme.

THE WATLING RESIDENT.

MONDAY, JUNE 10th.

At 2.30 p.m.

Caledonian Market

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MONDAY, JUNE 10th.

At 8.0 p.m.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11th.

At 2.30 p.m.

Baby Show.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11th.

At 8.0 p.m.

Juvenile Dance Competition.

At ST. ALPHAGE HALL

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Entrance forms on application to the Centre.

Organised by Mr. C. J. Roblou.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11th.

At 8.0 p.m.

Grand Dance.

At WATLING CENTRE.

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M.C.: Mr. C. Deacon.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th.

2.30 p.m.—SPECIAL SOCIAL WHIST DRIVE. M.C.: Mrs. Crowe. Admission 6d.

8.15 p.m.—MINIATURE DRIVE. Admission, 6d.

8.45 p.m.—GRAND WHIST DRIVE. Admission, 1/6. £5 top. M.C.: Mr. O. Torrance, assisted by Mr. Frank Williams.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13th.

At 2.30 p.m.

Whist Drive.

M.C.: MRS. CROWE.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 13th.

At 8.0 p.m.

An Evening's Drama.

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A Mystery Comedy in Three Acts by Wilfred Massey.

Admission: Ninepence. Reserved seats, One Shilling.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 14th.

Member's Dinner and Dance

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15th.

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Admission: Fourpence.

M.C.: Mrs. L. Nyberg.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th.

Bright and Breezy.

"THE MORE WE ARE TOGETHER THE MERRIER WE WILL BE."

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.

M.C.: J. Radley.

Baby Show Entrance Form.

CLASS A.—Under 9 months.

CLASS B.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

CLASS C.—Over 18 months and under 2½ years.

The above three Classes are limited to Watling Residents and Associate Members of the WATLING ASSOCIATION.

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(3) Instrumental Music.

Entrance Fee, 2d. per entrance per Class.

Date of Contest, JUNE 9th.

To be returned to the LOCAL TALENT ORGANISER, WATLING CENTRE, on or before May 31st.

I wish to enter the **Children's Local Talent Contest** in Class No. Description

and enclose entrance fee

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NOTES. We hope that you have now studied the programme and have found many interesting events which you would like to attend. Tickets may be obtained at the Centre for the following: Dance at St. Alphage; Children's Entertainment; Juvenile Dance Competition; Drama Night; Members' Dinner. Tickets are not issued for other events. The following Watling Week Committee accord you a hearty welcome: Mesdames L. Nyberg, B. Lord; Messrs. Sewell Harris, C. J. Roblou, A. R. Lodge, C. Deacon, C. Fanthorpe, C. W. Nyberg, J. T. Price; organiser, Mr. E. E. Cole.

Community Associations in Wartime.

Those who attended the Free & Easy at the Centre on April 28th had a real treat. Major Carter, the secretary of the Community Centres and Associations Committee, was the speaker and I don't think I have ever heard him speak better. It is impossible to reproduce in print the effect which we got in listening to him, but a few notes may help to remind the wise, who attended, of what they heard and give the foolish or unfortunate who did not attend, a little idea of what they missed.

Major Carter discussed for basic ideas behind the work of Community Associations: Neighbourliness, fitness, co-operation and democracy.

Neighbourliness expresses itself through activities and a variety of activities brings different sorts of people to the Centre and gives vitality to the Association. Neighbourliness doesn't mean just turning a handle and letting things come out; it means rising too, indeed, looking actively for opportunities for showing interest in and giving help to those around us. Some associations have found opportunities for being of great service to the new neighbours brought to them by the war, giving concerts for the troops, helping evacuees to settle down, making life pleasanter for A.R.P. units, and so on. We have no room for isolationists. Neighbourliness includes all sections of the community, the old, the middle-aged, young married couples, young people and children. We can help people to keep in good heart to meet their difficulties with steadfastness.

When thinking of Fitness, perhaps we think first of physical fitness. That is very important, but it is not all. Maybe it is not even the most important. We certainly need to increase mental fitness. Lord Horder has spoken of "a quality in the mind which balances intelligence with energy and gentleness with fortitude. Its foundation is integrity. On this foundation a diligent search for, and a strict adherence to, Truth builds the house. The coping-stone is control." That is an idea of mental fitness which is worth re-reading and meditating on. How many do we see who have intelligence but lack energy, or who have energy but apply it without intelligence.

Mental fitness will give us a capacity for quiet judgment of our own affairs and of national affairs which is specially needed at the present time. "I used to listen in to Lord Haw Haw," said Major Carter, "but then I said to myself 'that's just what Goebells wants me to do,' so I stopped." If you listen as an intellectual activity, and analyse his talks to pick out the lies and the half-truths, the misstatements and the truths, that does no harm, but how many people do trouble to listen in that careful way?

Education is a contributory factor to mental fitness. In the words of Professor Worthley it makes us "fit to live, and fit to live with."

Fitness is also a spiritual matter. Love of God is shown through loving our neighbour, which shows itself in the little comings and going of everyday life.

Fitness cannot be achieved alone. We need co-operation. Co-operation between neighbours, co-operation between classes, co-operation between voluntary bodies, co-operation between voluntary and statutory bodies. The Community Association provides machinery and an opportunity for this co-operation.

Democracy is the fourth basic idea. Just now democracy is much in our minds. It is being challenged, and it has its dangers. There is the danger of mass-mindedness, where you need intelligent co-operation, the danger of apathy, "leave it to the State" (or the secretary), the danger of extremists, driving themselves and others.

The following definition of democracy is worth attention: "A state of mind combining freedom of thought and action, with readiness to subordinate the interests of the individual to corporate achievement of the common good. It has two main principles, the privilege of freedom and the duty of considering others."

Major Carter concluded by asking "What are we fighting for?" and examining the German Government's attitude to our four basic ideas. He said we are fighting to preserve the right to live, "to have life and to have it more abundantly." Is there neighbourliness under the gestapo? There is physical fitness, but not mental or spiritual fitness. You must co-operate with the gauleiter, but is that enough? Democracy is non-existent. We must preserve these ideas for ourselves and for the world, both in the present time of war and in the future peace.

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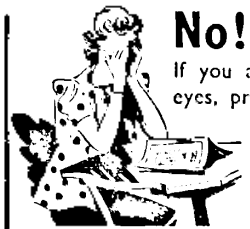
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Photography for the Amateur (No. 2).

Continuing our talk last month on "Exposure," we should learn the methods adopted for altering or adjusting the exposure of the film to the varying lights of the day, and the position of the subject in relation to that light. As was remarked before, actual daylight varies in amount from dawn to dusk, but not only does the amount vary, but what is called the "actinic value" varies, too.

Amateurs are sometimes disappointed at the poor results obtained from snaps taken in quite brilliant sunshine, not in the late evening, and they are apt to find fault with the film, or developer if they do their own developing, or with the chemist for these disappointing results, whereas they have only themselves to blame. Except for the "Paracromatic" film (more of this later) the usual film is not very sensitive to yellow colour, and hardly sensitive at all to red. That is why we are able to handle and develop the film in a red light.

Most of our readers will no doubt have noticed that early morning and late evening sunlight has a decided yellow tinge, and for this reason, rather longer exposures are necessary in order to affect sufficiently the sensitivity of the film. In explaining this, we do not advocate attempting photographs under these conditions, even when longer exposure is used, unless the subject is out of the direct rays of the sun. One should look upon photography in these circumstances as exceptional or emergency and not as a general practice, if good snaps are desired.

But we have to consider not only the varying light of the day, but the varying days, too—bright sunshine, cloudy, overcast, and dull for example. It stands to reason that we cannot give the same exposure at one o'clock on a dull, rainy day as we could at the same time on a bright sunny day. We should try and realise that actual sunshine is often anything up to five times as "light" as a dull day, so, unless you have a camera with a shutter which can vary its speed, and/or its "aperture," it would be wise not to attempt snaps on a dull day, unless the position is very open, such as country away from trees, houses, etc., or at the seaside. And, of course, the same thing applies to the different times of the year—12 o'clock in December is nothing like one o'clock in June, even if the sun is brilliant on both days.

In addition to this, we must also realise the difference between a subject taken in the sun and one taken in the shade. This difference is about 25 times! From these remarks it will be seen that a little thought must be given to "exposure" in order to get good results.

All this may seem very baffling, but it is not quite so fearful as it appears. The present-day film has a good deal of "latitude," particularly the "chrome" variety, which is the one recommended for general purposes. There is an ideal time for exposure for the prevailing conditions for every subject. But quite a good amount more or less than this correct exposure may be given, and still good prints be obtained. This is what is meant by "latitude," but as our aim is not to get just photographs, but good photographs, it will be found worth while aiming at the ideal exposure.

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Cycling News

Edgware Section (W.M.D.A.) Cyclists' Touring Club

The District Association is recovering from the upset caused by the war and the calling up of important organising members, and has arranged a Tourist Trial to take place at the end of May—too late to enable a report to be included in the June issue. It is also intended to hold the Annual Ladies' Day Rally which has been such a marked success in past years. These are good signs, because it is only the observant who realise the immense amount of good they do for the cause of cycling in general.

Edgware's Whitsun Holiday Tour was spoilt by the shadow of the decision to cancel the Whitsun break. A number of members having to return on the Sunday meant that it was impossible to carry out the runs planned for that day, and even for those that were able to stay till Monday, some had to make an early start in order to put in an appearance at work during the day. Despite these drawbacks, it was a very pleasant little trip and the campers made a good show with their tents of many colours, complying with the official regulations. Cowley Manor, where the section stayed, is a few miles south-west of Buckingham and close to the county boundaries of Oxfordshire and Northants. A comfortable and hospitable place, it is handy for day runs to the Cotswolds and in a district simply honeycombed with those little rambling lanes that cyclists love to explore. The camp site adjacent to the farm is well up to standard—everything handy and no disturbance. It is not unlikely that the section will go there again.

There's No Need to Walk.

says Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY, well-known Raleigh-Sturmer Archer demonstration rider.

Fares are up! That must have been pretty bad news for many Watling residents, for travelling to and from business can be quite an expensive item. I suppose five shillings per week is quite a reasonable average. Just think of it—thirteen pounds of hard-earned cash per year, and nothing to show for it!

This simple calculation some years ago decided for me that in future I was going to cycle to the office. From the day I first rode a bicycle to business I enjoyed it, especially those early, sunny summer mornings. Those who have never cycled to their daily workplace probably don't really know what it is to arrive there feeling fresh. Yes, really fit and fresh, and not with nerves already strained and temper none too good—that's what noisy crowded public conveyances often do for you.

Pedal your own canoe, it's worth it.

Feminine Grace Awheel.

Even this month I cannot skip these few words without some small reference to women's cycling wear. You must have noticed that the daily newspapers devote occasional articles to the correct dress for women awheel and do not hesitate to show photos of all sorts of people cycling.

Quite recently I spent a week at Selridge's Sports Department where we endeavoured to strengthen cycling opinion in the West End. Quite a number of

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people in Mayfair have taken to the bicycle, and I feel sure a Hyde Park Rally would not be out of place. Here once again I was very impressed with the desire of almost every girl or woman cycling or commencing to cycle, to be dressed for the road in serviceable yet feminine outfits. My latest tip for you is: McCall pattern 9750 for a three-piece sports ensemble. The shorts and blouse will be pleasing to wear awheel, and are very smart.

Holiday Thoughts.

The other evening "Cyclux," who had gone off to business not astride his bicycle, was unexpectedly working late. When he telephoned me to this effect, I replied that I thought it a good idea if I came down the road on the tandem to meet him. Passers-by seemed amused to see a mere female piloting a tandem with an empty rear seat, but I think were even more amused when we returned not many minutes later with "Cyclux" at the helm, and yours truly behind. They were still waiting for the 'bus, of course!

The Whitsuntide development in the international situation upset most touring cyclists' arrangements for a few days of freedom. For my part a little gardening, a little work in the cycle shed and quite a few miles awheel in the May sunshine were all quite enjoyable.

We still hope to spend a summer holiday awheel—either in Scotland or Central Wales, and if you have an easy-running bicycle, too—well there's no reason, war or no war, why we shouldn't all get out in the sun at minimum cost and maximum enjoyment, is there?

It's True!

By LEO.

"I think most girls and women will appreciate the following hint. Get an old lipstick holder and fill with soap. It makes a perfect ladder stop for stockings, carried in handbag or used in house in emergency, until one can use the needle and cotton."

A piece of thin Jap silk basted inside the toes of silk stockings will double their wear.

If the outsides as well as insides of saucepans are kept bright, they will take much less time to boil.

There are three good reasons for adding a small piece of butter to porridge. It makes the porridge less liable to stick to the pan; it makes it taste nicer, and it makes it more refreshing.

"To make a pound of butter go as far as two is an economy these days. Here is how I do it: Put $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter and half pint of slightly-salted fresh milk into a bowl. Place the bowl in the oven until the butter has become melted, but do not allow it to become hot. When cold whisk slowly, and in a short time the result is a pound of butter of good flavour and texture."

When you have run through your ration of butter try these substitutes. They are nutritious, and the children will like them: Teatime—One hard-boiled egg. Work in one tablespoonful of mayonnaise. Make into sandwiches with thin brown bread. This spread can also be made from grated cheese or finely-chopped onion. Supper—Boil some butter beans until tender. When cold mash and add a deserts spoonful of fried onions; spread on dry bread or toast.

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Many of us, not having had the chance to learn to understand music, have been unable to appreciate the full meaning of the lovely works of the great composers; and on April 7th we were given the opportunity of considerably improving our musical education at the invitation of the Men's School, on the occasion of their birthday celebrations, when Miss Elizabeth Fordham gave two lectures (with an interval for tea) on "Listening with Understanding" and "The Message of the Masters."

We listened with eager attention while different musical forms were explained to us, and we were made to understand something of the inner meaning of the lovely pieces which Miss Fordham sang and played so beautifully. Such music as Miss Fordham rendered could only have come from a heart filled with love and sympathy. Our lecturer discussed with us the merits of different composers; and, the afternoon having passed all too quickly, we left very much wiser musically, hoping that someday we may be able to listen to and enjoy music depicting life as it will then be, peaceful and full of beauty; and not as we do today, in order to forget life as it really is.

We are most grateful, both to the members of the Men's School for having invited us, and to Miss Fordham for providing us with a most satisfying and lovely afternoon—one we will always remember.

On March 4th we had a most interesting and impressive talk on "Work for all," given by Mr. Burns. The following week we received some valuable information for parents from Mr. Taylor, vocational guidance officer, who advocated psychological testing for entry into Secondary and Technical Schools.

A history of the Jews has been given by Mrs. Mattingley, who invited a party of members to a concert to be given by refugees.

Miss Henriques spoke to us of the life of Madam Curie, who became one of our greatest scientists, and to whom humanity is greatly indebted for her untiring research under tremendous difficulties, resulting in her discovery of radium.

Mrs. Harris gave us a very helpful talk on the necessity of a balanced diet, explaining how best to use available foodstuffs, having regard to shortage and rationing—a most important subject for mothers of growing children.

Our own "Eight Gay Girls" are to give a concert during May in aid of a Hut for France. Members are very busy knitting for men in the Services and the proceeds from a Social held at the Centre are to provide cigarettes and comforts for them. May they all soon be returned safely home to us.

Y.H.A. Hendon Local Group.

April was an interesting month for the Group and proved beyond a doubt the appeal of our many and varied ways of "getting together." On Saturday the 13th, a party of eleven went to Highgate Hostel and a scavenger hunt, which proved highly amusing, took place over Hampstead Heath on Sunday.

The next week-end a few cyclists went to Breachwood Green Hostel. Sunday morning was fine and warm, in fact, a perfect morning for welcoming the small, triumphant army who had spent the night walking under the stars. This was the second of our night walks, and the fact that four of the members who had been on the last one actually repeated the dose shows that there is something to be said for this apparently crazy occupation. The cyclists spent the best part of Sunday at Whipsnade Zoo and rode home in the cool of the evening through Ashridge Park.

Among other recent events have been a talk on Madeira, a gramophone evening, a skating party to Wembley and a Saturday afternoon boating at Aldenham reservoir. On the third of May, under the title "Group Forum," we held a discussion on "A Free or a Controlled Press," which proved a very controversial subject and showed us that debates of this sort are a sure attraction for the majority of people. "Group Forum" will now be a regular monthly item on our programme and will give everyone a chance of voicing his or her opinions on all manner of subjects.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION.

Mind My Bike!

Every morning at a quarter-to-eight our worthy Editor can be seen cycling past the Centre on his way to work. Now that Orange Hill Road has been tarred and covered with grit, we wonder if his language is pedantically correct.

Quite

It has been suggested that we start a quoits club. We already have a bowls club—still, if you want quoits, well—anything for a quoit life.

A Wedding

An interesting wedding took place at John Keble's Church on Saturday, June 16th, when Miss Florence Guy was married to Mr. E. Scott.

The bridesmaids—friends of the bride, including Betty Nyberg, looked very pretty in pale-blue.

The wedding was a doubly happy one because there was some doubt as to whether the bridegroom, who is serving with the Forces, would be able to get leave. However, everything turned out alright, and we hope that they will live happily ever afterwards.

Laugh!!

There is no doubt that the Centre's Crazy Gang were this year crazier than ever and when a warder from Hanwell arrived on the scene the audience thought he was the real thing. However, there is no truth in the statement that the War Office have requested the "Awkward Squad" to join up.

War Savings

If you want to get stamps, etc., under the War Savings scheme you can now get 1d. or 6d. stamps and Saving Certificates at the Centre. Apply to Mr. A. R. Lodge or the person in charge of the activity which you are attending.

First-Aid for Girls

A class in First-Aid for girls between 13 and 15 has been proposed. Will any who would like to join send their names to the Centre immediately and say if there is any special evening in the week which is impossible. It is suggested that the class meets from 7.0 to 8.0.

Sunday Morning Lectures

The Men's Adult School programme for July has some subjects of rather special interest. Mr. Brewster-Gow, of the Japan Society, is to give two lectures on Japan, illustrated with lantern or cinema, and Mr. J. H. Hudson, an ex-M.P., is to speak on "The Effects of Alcohol on Social Progress." The School meets at the Centre at 9.30 a.m. Visitors will receive a cordial welcome.

From Tom-Toms to Swing

The title of Mr. Chiltern's talk was given as "Negro Spirituals," which perhaps discouraged the jazz enthusiasts. The audience, however, was treated to a programme of records which showed the evolution of the modern blues tune from primitive African music, and gave some idea of the subjects about which the American Negro likes to sing.

Antiques

"When a thing is old, broken and useless we throw it on a dust-heap, but when it is sufficiently old, sufficiently broken and sufficiently useless, we give money for it, put it into a museum, and read papers over it which people come long distances to hear."

—Samuel Butler.

Bright and Breezy

The final event of Watling Week lived up to its name, and proved to be an effective gloom chaser. The Centre should be proud of its local talent, which, judging by the laughter and applause, threatens to be a serious rival to George Black.

Hitch-Hiking

We are told that a song often helps one to cover the miles when taking country rambles—

"Any Lorry," for instance?

The Green Grass Grew All Around

Recently we have been hearing on the radio of a man who makes grass the main item of his diet. Judging by the length of the grass behind the Centre, he would find a good opportunity here for satisfying his appetite; and would at the same time destroy the attractiveness of the enclosure as a playground for local juveniles.

Have a Sandwich By LEO.

People's ideas of a sandwich differ. The navy who fries a steak on a shovel, smacks it between two "door-steps," thinks he has made the ideal sandwich. That's a sandwich—that was! But it wouldn't suit everyone.

Seeing that a large number of Watling folk find it convenient to take sandwiches for their mid-day meal, we set our staff of experts investigating to find out appetising snacks, and here is the result of their efforts:

"Take one or two fresh, crisp spinach leaves and wash them well. Shred and mix with a little salad cream, add grated cheese or hard-boiled egg and place between brown bread and butter."

"Lett-over apple sauce makes delicious sandwiches. Spread it thinly on bread and butter, then sprinkle with finely-grated cheese and add a dash of sweet pepper."

"Liquid honey sprinkled with toasted oatmeal is a good filling for thin slices of white bread and butter."

"Try raisin spread. Mix shredded raw carrots and chopped raisins in equal quantities. Bind with a little golden syrup. Use on brown or white bread. It is nourishing and cheap."

"A lovely sandwich spread is made by putting either dates or figs through a mincer and then mixing with coconut to take a little of the stickiness away. The children love it, and it is good for them, too."

"Make three-tier rolls. Cut a roll into three thin slices or use three thin slices of bread (and butter or margarine). Slice cucumber, tomato, lettuce, cress, celery between two of the slices. The third slice can be spread with cream cheese (softened with a little Tarragon vinegar). Cold steamed fish and parsley can also be used."

"Spread bread with good dripping from your joint of beef or mutton. Fill sandwiches with broad beans, previously cooked, season with pepper and salt."

"Cut a piece of bread triangular shape. Make a hole the size of a half-crown in the centre. Place in a frying pan, fry slowly. Drop in the hole a raw egg. When set, turn over and fry the other side."

"Grated cheese flavoured with celery salt, with cucumber slices is delicious."

"Sometimes there are big holes in the bread which take up the butter. Use the top slice, which is usually dry, and break off bits and push into the holes before buttering. This makes a perfect slice when buttered and no waste."

Greaseproof paper can be washed in warm water (without soap). Rinse thoroughly, spread flat on a baking board and leave to dry. If the family take packed lunches they should bring home the greaseproof, which can be washed and used again."

"Try spreading the butter and mustard together by mixing them before you start. This is quicker in the long run and prevents the mustard from being all in one place."

More suggested fillings:—

Cold meats.

Hashed cold fish and minced boiled egg.

Minced hard-boiled egg with chopped ham.

Cream cheese and nuts.

Cream cheese and banana.

Grated chocolate and preserved ginger.

Honey and walnut.

Grated apples and chopped nuts beaten with butter.

Apple and mayonnaise.

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REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 7. The Effect of Alcohol on Social Progress, Mr. J. H. Hudson.
 14. Japan, Mr. H. Brewster-Gow.
 21. Grey of Falloden, Mr. J. Balmбра.
 28. Japan, Mr. H. Brewster-Gow.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11.0 a.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
- Tuesdays** —Women's Physical Training Class, 3.0 p.m.
 First-Aid Class, 7.30, at Woodcroft Hall.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Choral Society, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.
 P.T. for girls over 16, Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 3. Economical Meatless Dishes, Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
 10. Outing.
 17. Current Events, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
 24. Play Reading by members.
 31. To be arranged.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Learners' Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
 Amateur Variety Party, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Members' Socials, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

- Monday** 1.—Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Tuesday 2.—Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
Thursday 4.—Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Friday 5.—Neighbourhood Guild Social, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 7.—Fellowship Meeting, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday 11.—Townswomen's Guild, 7.30 p.m.
 —Y.H.A., 8.0 p.m.
Monday 15.—Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m.
Tuesday 16.—Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
Thursday 18.—Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 25.—Y.H.A., 8.0 p.m.
 Watling Association Council, 8.0 p.m.
Friday 26.—Helpers' Social, 8.0 p.m.
Monday 29.—Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m.

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You are cordially invited to hear the following Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30 :—

July 7.—Mr. J. GUYATT.

July 14.—Mr. J. W. LAING.

July 21.—To be announced.

July 28.—Mr. C. GROVE.

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An Airman to His Mother

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A young R.A.F. pilot in a bomber squadron who was recently reported "Missing, believed killed," left among his personal belongings a letter to his mother—to be sent to her if he were killed.

The pilot's station commander explained:—

"It was inevitable that I should read it—in fact he must have intended this, for it was left open in order that I might be certain that no prohibited information was disclosed.

"I sent the letter to the bereaved mother, and asked her whether I might publish it anonymously, as I feel its contents may bring comfort to other mothers, and that every one in our country may feel proud to read of the sentiments which support 'an average airman' in the execution of his present arduous duties.

"I have received the mother's permission, and I hope this letter may be read by the greatest possible number of our countrymen at home and abroad.

The letter reads:—

Dearest Mother,—Though I feel no premonition at all, events are moving rapidly, and I have instructed that this letter be forwarded to you should I fail to return from one of the raids which we shall shortly be called upon to undertake.

You must hope on for a month, but at the end of that time you must accept the fact that I have handed my task over to the extremely capable hands of my comrades of the Royal Air Force, as so many splendid fellows have already done.

First, it will comfort you to know that my role in this war has been of the greatest importance.

Our patrols far out over the North Sea have helped to keep the trade routes clear for our convoys and supply ships, and on one occasion our information was instrumental in saving the lives of the men in a crippled lighthouse relief ship.

Though it will be difficult for you, you will disappoint me if you do not at least try to accept the facts dispassionately, for I shall have done my duty to the utmost of my ability. No man can do more, and no one calling himself a man could do less.

I have always admired your amazing courage in the face of continual setbacks; in the way you have given me as good an education and background as any one in the country; and always kept up appearances without ever losing faith in the future.

My death would not mean that your struggle has been in vain. Far from it. It means that your sacrifice is as great as mine.

Those who serve England must expect nothing from her; we debase ourselves if we regard our country as merely a place in which to eat and sleep.

History resounds with illustrious names who have given all, yet their sacrifice has resulted in the British Empire, where there is a measure of peace, justice, and freedom for all, and where a higher standard of civilisation has evolved, and is still evolving, than anywhere else. But this is not only concerning our own land.

Today we are faced with the greatest organised challenge to Christianity and civilisation that the world has ever seen, and I count myself lucky and honoured to be the right age and fully trained to throw my full weight into the scale. For this I have to thank you.

Yet there is more work for you to do. The home front will still have to stand united for years after the war is won.

For all that can be said against it, I still maintain that this war is a very good thing; every individual is having the chance to give and dare all for his principle like the martyrs of old.

However long the time may be, one thing can never be altered—I shall have lived and died an Englishman. Nothing else matters one jot nor can anything ever change it.

You must not grieve for me, for if you really believe in religion and all that it entails that would be hypocrisy. I have no fear of death; only a queer elation . . . I would have it no other way. The universe is so vast and so ageless that the life of one man can only be justified by the measure of his sacrifice.

I firmly and absolutely believe that evil things are sent into the world to try us; they are sent deliberately by our Creator to test our mettle because He knows what is good for us. The Bible is full of cases where the easy way out has been discarded for moral principles.

I count myself fortunate in that I have seen the whole country and known men of every calling. But with the final test of war I consider my character fully developed.

Thus at my early age my earthly mission is already fulfilled and I am prepared to die with just one regret, and one only—that I could not devote myself to making your declining years more happy by being with you; but you will live in peace and freedom and I shall have directly contributed to that, so here again my life will not have been in vain.

Your loving Son,

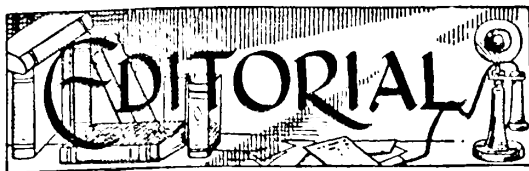
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real new order is thus seen to be possible. No sham "Lands fit for Heroes," this time, or deceptive "Federal Unions" and illusive "Leagues of Nations," but an era of social justice for the common people.

This is our policy and our beliefs. For this view we are victimised.

Will the members of the Watling Association allow this unjust decision to dishonour their name?

The calamity of France strengthens our view that only the peoples themselves can solve the problems that beset them.



Carry On!

By the time this appears in print Watling Week No. 12 will have gone by, but at the time of writing, preparations for this important event are in full swing. Members of the Guild of Players can be heard mumbling their lines, Choir members humming a scale, the Orchestra tuning up and all sections taking part in the week of celebration hard at work making final preparations. Watling Week doesn't just happen. It doesn't just arrive every year like a birthday or the 'flue. It has got to be planned and arranged, which calls for much hard work and many obstacles overcome, but the grand result is evidence to the world that, in spite of war with all its hatred, greed, barbarism and muddle, it is possible for people of all shades of beliefs and opinions to co-operate for each other's good and enjoyment, so as to make the most of life for themselves and for others.

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No. 12

A Brief Survey

Although we are passing through one of the most critical periods in the history of this country, Watling Week has proved to be a great success. Every function has been well attended, in fact, the number of attendances have been even greater than last year, a proof that the work we are trying to do is needed by Watling people more than ever during wartime.

Be sure and obtain the "Resident" next month for a full report.

E. E. COLE,
W.-W. Organiser.

That's the Spirit

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Readers Write

The Editor does not necessarily agree with the views expressed on this page.

MY THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM

By HARRY DAVIS.

Discussing with a friend the laws of our England, I was informed that we were living in a land of Freedom and it was rightly lawful for anyone to enjoy and express any opinion, political or otherwise, so long as it did not interfere with the safety of the State or the Statutory Laws of the Country.

This logic can, I think, be somewhat like the curate's egg—good in parts. Regarding freedom of speech, my friends, or enemies, will not deny that I myself do enjoy this bit of freedom. Turning the matter over in my mind, I found myself harking back to the days of long ago. As a young man I had a flair for reading history, and my history books informed me that the laws of England were not so generous to the working classes as they are today. I read of the struggles, persecutions and transportations of the men who were striking for better conditions. These conditions, of course, meant the right of freedom of speech. Then it was a big crime to organise themselves, but they did so. Their meetings were held in secret, in cellars, etc.

The year 1940 finds these things non-existent, but they are only so because of the courage, spirit and love of freedom of those hardy Englishmen of those bygone days. I hold the opinion that today, freedom of speech is prostituted, that is fully proved by the formation of organisations which have for years been allowed too free speech to propagate their specious policies.

I have read of what occurred at the Tower of Babel, and think that a repetition of that event would be useful in these days. The tolerance of this too free speech can be and now the Government thinks is, a danger to the State, and at long last are curbing the activities of these lovers of the rule of Hitlerism.

It is true that our generous laws allow any man to decline to help his country to repel an invader, by virtue of his religious convictions. It has been reported that one of these men said at one of the tribunals that if he saw the enemy landing on English soil he would not report the fact, and also that he would not stop any killing that was going on. But he certainly would not help the enemy in his killing. It must make any decent Englishman or woman wonder if this type of man is within his rights when he refuses to help or succour the weak. Surely this is a mockery of religion, and a reaction to the best and true instincts of manhood. Cannot this man, and his like, think that some Englishmen are really fighting to retain for this generation and the next the liberties which he so lightly values.

Well, I am now old in years and am very thankful that I have enjoyed my liberty of thought and action (and, of course, free speech), and I am sure that when my last trump sounds I shall be able to affirm that although I never was a goody-goody, I at least died an Englishman.

And now, to conclude, Mr. Editor, I would crave a note of freedom for myself upon the subject of Capital-

ism. I have been told that I stick up for this idea. This is not true, what I do say, quite frankly, is that there must be Capitalists. A worker who has a few Bradburys in the bank is one, and so is the humble coster, he is so, for the purpose of his business. What I am up against is the millionaires and billion type, for they pile up wealth as a profession. They can't take it with them when they "snuff out," but leave it for their heirs to perpetuate their class, etc. If Capitalist employers were allowed only to possess a certain amount of wealth, the balance could then be used to give their workmen better wages, and even then they could still have a decent bank account to carry on with.

This idea is, I know, a controversial one and could only be put into operation by a Socialist Government. But I do believe that when this war is over there will be a levelling up of wealth and the unjust uses now put to it by Capitalists and financial sharks, and I cannot think that when the men, after winning this war, will be satisfied with the 1918 slogan "Homes for Heroes."

On the contrary, they will want, and should possess, the means to enable them to live what they have fought and suffered for—a decent full life.

Now, having written my thoughts about Capitalism, I trust my critics will not still think that I am a lover or supporter of the modern Capitalist system. I am a real rebel against it and nine months of this war have, I think, compelled many moderate thinkers to be rebels, too, against this one-sided form of government.

HENDON YOUNG COMMUNISTS LEAGUE

By twelve votes to eight, the Council of the Watling Association has decided to exclude the Hendon Young Communist League from affiliation to the Association. The facts will reveal that a local youth organisation has been penalised because the convictions of its members are different from the views of the dominating group of the Watling Association.

The Y.C.L. is an independent youth organisation, open to all young people interested in learning something about the state of the world we live in. Boys and girls of all political and religious beliefs are welcome. The Y.C.L. is not a political party, having no party programme, neither does it elect representatives to Parliament—most of its members not having the right to vote. It has every right to the facilities of the Watling Association and to affiliation.

We are for the defeat of German Fascism. And our own home-grown Fascism, too. We do not commit sabotage in factories. We do not tell troops to stop fighting. We do not help parachutists. We do not say let Hitler win the war and conquer our country. We are not Nazis or Pacifists.

We say to the British worker and youth: Set up a working-class government. A government elected from the ranks of the common people. Let this government work for an end to the carnage and destruction. Such a government will speedily receive the friendship and support of the Soviet Union—the largest and most powerful country in the world. In Germany the secret opposition to Hitler will take the greatest heart at such an event and we think they would accept this as the signal to send the Hitler terror regime crashing. A

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Nettles

The nettle is generally regarded as a noxious weed, but it may also be regarded as a useful vegetable. As a weed it is very difficult to exterminate once it has got well hold. The roots run along the ground a few inches below the surface and if even a small piece is allowed to remain, perhaps in some crevice of a wall, it will produce a plant. The writer once tried to uproot the nettles from a long-disused plot of land that had been used as a dumping ground for pieces of motor cars, old bricks and all sorts of rubbish. Barrow loads of roots were removed and burnt and some years elapsed before this small plot was clear of nettles.

But the nettle has its use, and amongst the numerous wild vegetables which may be eaten, especially at a time like this when the question of the food supply is being forced upon us. Amongst these the nettle occupies a leading place.

There are several varieties of nettles, such as the Greater Stinging Nettle, the Lesser Stinging Nettle and the White Dead Nettle. These are the most common.

It has been said that nettles only grow where man has been and though there may be some exceptions to this rule they are certainly found in abundance amongst the ruins of country cottages and in derelict gardens.

The sting which is so irritating to the naked hand is due to the formic acid contained in the minute vesicles at the base of the stinging hairs of the plant. The stinging effect can be neutralised by rubbing the stings on hands, and legs if bare, with the leaves of the common dock, and it is a curious thing that dock plants are almost always found close to the nettle plants, so that the remedy is immediately available for the cure of the complaint.

The nettle, as a vegetable, has been much neglected, notwithstanding the fact that it is richer in lime than watercress, cabbage, lettuce and spinach. It also contains more iron than spinach, strawberries and onions. Lime and iron are two of the most important minerals required by the human body. In the nettle these minerals can be obtained practically without cost and yet this source of health is largely ignored.

The nettle also contains vitamins A, B and C, with traces of vitamin D.

As a vegetable, nettles may be eaten raw after being ground or chopped, or they may be stewed or steamed like any other vegetable. "Raw nettle juice stimulates the secretion of the digestive glands." The young shoots and the fresh tops of the plants should be used. Where the diet is deficient in salads and green vegetables, nettles, either raw or cooked, will provide the remedy.

Large quantities of nettles are wasted every year and their more frequent use should help to dispel the idea that "greens" are an expensive item of food.

The value of the nettle as a herb has been more fully appreciated. In this capacity it has a long history. It has been known by the people of numerous races for many centuries. Tea made from young shoots is used

for curing nettle rash. It is very useful as a remedy for both external and internal bleeding and it assists in the expulsion of gravel and stone.

"The Vegetarian Messenger and Health Review" for June, 1940, contains an interesting illustrated article on "Nettles," which has been made some use of in writing these notes. This little magazine is published monthly by the Vegetarian Society. The price is 3d. per number.

What to do in July

Flower garden.—Seeds of snapdragons and winter flowering stocks may be sown in July and should make a good display of bloom in the winter and next summer. The snapdragons should be sown out of doors in a prepared seed bed and the seedlings transplanted at six inches apart and subsequently planted out in October where they are to bloom.

The stocks should be sown in a box of fine soil, the seedlings afterwards planted in small pots and later on transferred to six-inch pots. They must be kept perfectly cool during the summer and in the winter a temperature of 50 degrees is suitable.

Static sinuata, one of the sea lavenders, is a very charming plant which bears tall spikes of rosy blossoms in the summer. It thrives best if raised from seed now. It may be grown out of doors like the snapdragon, or in pots like the winter flowering stocks.

Coreopsis grandiflora (golden tickseed) is excellent for cutting. It also is raised from seed sown in July and needs the same attention as the snapdragon. It should yield a profusion of long-stemmed, golden blossomed, marguerite-like flowers in summer.

Fruit garden.—Summer pruning of fruit trees is, according to Mr. H. H. Thomas, more important than winter pruning. It should be done in the latter part of July or the first half of August. This applies more particularly to bush or pyramid trees, cordons and espaliers, apples, pears, plums, sweet cherries, red and white currants and gooseberries, especially when trained in cordon form, but it must not be practiced with morello cherries or blackcurrants, peaches and nectarines, because these trees bear their fruit on the shoots of the preceding summer.

Vegetable garden.—When any potatoes and peas are over, use the ground they have occupied for planting out more winter greens, cabbage and lettuce.

Plant out leeks and celery. Sprinkle the celery with soot once or twice a week, preferably in showery weather, to prevent attacks of celery fly.

Give the same treatment to onions.

Hoe frequently between the rows of vegetables. There is no better aid to growth.

Look out for attacks of fly on the carrots and when you find them spray the plants with a solution of soft soap and paraffin.

To make this insecticide dissolve a handful of soft soap in a little hot water and then add two gallons of warm water. A wine glass full of paraffin should then be poured in and the solution thoroughly churned up with the syringe. The solution should be well mixed whilst in use or the paraffin will come to the top.

Try some khol rabi, a useful vegetable, the seeds of which may be sown now. It has a turnip-like root on the ground level. The plants grow rapidly and should be thinned out in good time. The roots should be pulled when they are the size of a small orange, otherwise they become bitter.

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Photography for the Amateur (No. 3).

Before concluding our notes on "Exposure," two slight mistakes in last month's instalment should be corrected. In the third line of the second paragraph the word "not" should read "but," and in the seventh line, "Paracromatic" should read "Panchromatic."

It is hoped that what has so far been said about the importance of correct exposure, and the apparent difficulty in deciding on it will not deter amateurs from attempting snap-shots in the future. Speaking generally, most films have turned out printable, and there is no reason why they should not continue to do so, whether these articles are taken to heart or not.

As a standard of exposure for all cameras using the normal "chrome" type of roll film, from about 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the summer months with the sun shining, the aperture size of lens should be f11 and the exposure $1/25$ th of a second. These data are given here because this aperture is the one usually found on the Box type camera and the speed as approximately the only one available on those cameras. By this it will be seen that for best results, it becomes risky to take snaps much before or after the times stated above unless the camera used is one which is equipped either with the means of giving a larger aperture, or a longer exposure—or both. A longer exposure than $1/25$ th sec. is not advocated for snap-shots—in fact, below this we border on the realms of "time" exposure, which will be discussed in a later article. So a larger aperture is necessary for less light than that indicated above.

Now; on those cameras which have varying apertures, the sizes of those apertures are marked on the front of the lens mount, the lowest number being the largest aperture, and the highest being the smallest. They are not indiscriminate numbers, but have a definite ratio to the speed (for want of a better term) of the lens. For example, if the lever which controls the aperture is placed at f11 the next lower number, probably f8, would be equivalent to twice the speed of f11. That is to say, if at f11 it was found that $1/10$ th or $1/12$ th second were necessary on account of poor light, the same effect would be obtained by keeping the shutter speed at $1/5$ th sec. and opening the shutter to f8. Again, by opening the shutter to the next larger aperture, say f8.6, the same exposure would be obtained by setting the shutter at $1/50$ th second; or if there is much movement in the subject you are taking, by opening the shutter to f4.5, for example, $1/100$ th sec. would be sufficient exposure.

Most shutters on the less expensive cameras are built for three speeds of $1/25$ th, $1/50$ th, $1/100$ th seconds, apart from time exposures, and with a medium priced lens say f5.6 or f4.5, combined with such a shutter, instantaneous photos can be taken in almost any weather and all the year round. Some box cameras have two or three apertures which can be varied, the control being a piece of metal, with two or three different sized holes in it, which slides in front of the lens. The largest is the usual f11, the medium about f18 used for landscapes for seaside snaps in very bright weather, and the smallest about f22 for time exposure only.

In The Garden

By F. H. LAKE.

"A man is nearer to God in a garden than anywhere else on earth."

Don't you believe it. When you are in the garden you are more near to the Devil. Look at the state you get into when you find that slugs have nipped the stems of your tomato plants, or that frost has killed your pet geraniums. The jealous, scheming thoughts that chase in and out of your mind when you find that your neighbour's dahlias are progressing more favourably than yours are.

The heartaches when your seeds don't come through, the headaches when the birds "pinch" your lettuce, the backaches—This peaceful state of mind which is supposed to descend upon man as soon as he enters a garden is all "eyewash." His state of mind is exactly opposite. There is invariably a grim, purposeful expression on his face as soon as he sets foot on the garden path. Hatred is in his heart and murder in his mind, with much malice aforethought. Look at the slaughter he commits with the spray. Millions of greenfly go west. The poor, innocent earwig curl up in agony as this villian wanders round the garden, dealing out death with the germicide spray, gleefully squirting the diabolical stuff on to every insect and grub he sees. Think of the poor little caterpillars, many innocently embryonic, who have not even seen the light of day. There they are, curled up nice and snug in a leaf, or on a twig, when along comes this gardener, this alleged philosopher, this nature lover. This so-called man of peace, with his arsenic, his germicide, his spray, his hoe, and all his other diabolical implements, dealing out death and destruction to every weed and insect he sees in the garden. Why, fox-hunting is nothing to it. The fox does get a run for its money. What chance has a little maggot when suddenly immersed in a shower of nicotine water. No, my friends, the gardener as a genial gent, as a kind of summer edition of Father Christmas, is false and fallacious.

To be a successful gardener you must be a killer. You must have a knowledge of traps and home-made poisons, such as paraffin water, nicotine water, boiled rhubarb leaves and such like witchy concoctions. If you aspire to horticultural heights you must be prepared to creep out like a thief in the dead of night, with a lighted candle, to hunt the juicy slugs in their nocturnal blissfulness, and slay them.

There is no doubt about it. Once you get the gardening craze you are a changed man, and it's coats off and no mercy, a grim battle to the bitter end. You have one object in mind, one purpose from which you cannot and will not swerve: that is to produce flowers like the pictures on the seed packets, and everything which stands in your crazy path, whether it is slugs, beetles, fleas, flies or other lesser insects, must perish in the onslaught.

Ruthlessly you thin-out seedlings and destroy them; you cut and hack with the seccateurs, or do rough surgery with a pruning knife—but need I go on. Next time you see one of these gardeners lolling in a deck chair, don't imagine he is asleep and at peace with the world.

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Garden Novelties

Purchase a twopenny tube of liquid glue, pierce a hole with a pin, then cut the white edges from your newspaper, stick end to end to form a tape as long as the width of your garden. Now dab a small spot of glue every 2 or 3 inches (according to seeds you sow) place one seed in spot of glue, and continue to the end of the tape. Dig ridge, then lay tape in the trench, cover up as usual. Much sowing can be done this way, in far less time than by hand sowing, no seeds are blown away, no thinnings necessary, and birds are stopped from stealing.

Make yourself this simple device for burning rubbish. A piece of fine wire netting, shaped like a cone, wide at the mouth. Fix a couple of metal stakes in the ground and tie the cone to these with firm wire and with its mouth uppermost. You can burn anything in this in small quantities, and the ashes just fall through to the ground. They are good for the garden, so sprinkle them about on the beds.

Amusing little ornaments for the garden can be made for a few pence each. From the cheap stores buy one or two of those celluloid dolls, animals or gnomes. Prepare some fairly stiff cement and, after making a hole in the doll or animal, fill the inside with cement. Leave to set. Burn away the celluloid, and the "stone" ornament will be ready for the garden.

Scrape all pulp from a large orange and plant an acorn in it. Keep soil fairly moist, and in a month the young tree will be sprouting through. Cut the roots of level with the rind and repeat each time they grow through again. This will dwarf the tree, which will not grow more than 6 in. high, and will be a perfect specimen of an oak tree, with gnarled branches, etc. When the orange rind has dried up, lacquer it in some bright shade and the little ornament will look charming in any room.

To keep birds off, hang up old electric bulbs, so that they shake with the wind.

To Feed Tits.—Attach a piece of string to an empty cream carton, which nearly fill with bread or cake-crumbs, chopped-up bacon rind, monkey nuts, etc., and pour some warm fat over the lot. A small stick can be put through the carton to act as a perch. Any trouble taken will be more than repaid by watching the gymnastic feats of the tit family.

To avoid backache when weeding, use your kneeling mat which you have when scrubbing floors, and you'll be surprised how quickly and easy weeding is done that way. Also planting can be done, too, with comfort, kneeling on mat.

To freshen rustic garden furniture to be in keeping with the bright spring days, brush over with a liberal coating of linseed oil. This helps to preserve the wood as well as improve its appearance. Three-pennyworth will go a long way.

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His mind is too wickedly active to sleep. He is probably preening himself on the poisonings he has perpetrated, and so on. Soon he will get up and pour boiling water on an ant heap. Gardeners!!—oh, well, I suppose I'd better get on with that bit of weeding.

Cyclists On Duty!

By Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY

Enthusiastic Raleigh-Sturmey rider, who agrees . . .

● **IT certainly seems** that for most of us a real holiday this year has been cancelled. But there's no need to fret. Let me tell you about some of the cycling "boys" and "girls" in uniform who will not exactly get anything like a holiday either!

Taking the ladies first, let me introduce Vol. Lilian Dredge, of the A.T.S.—pioneer women's road record breaker. Lilian and I rode thousands of miles together during my 1938 year ride, and in a recent letter recalled a very enjoyable time we spent on the Isle of Man for the bicycle T.T. last year. It's not a bad place to intern anybody, we thought!

Another Southern Ladies' Road Club rider surprised me by informing me she passed me somewhere near Nottingham a few weeks ago. I was completely puzzled until she told me she was now an A.T.S. driver.

● **Everyone who reads** the Wednesday journal, "Cycling," must have often admired the excellent photographs that used to appear. These were usually the handiwork of George Moore now a fireman in the A.F.S. somewhere in the heart of London.

The best all-round road cyclist last year was, without a doubt, George Logan, of the Vegetarian C.&A.C. When heading the table with an average speed of just over 22 m.p.h. for his performances at 50 and 100 miles and 12 hours, civilisation stumbled and war was declared. George is in the Fleet Air Arm and has his bicycle with him, and rides fairly regularly. He's still good enough too, to leave all at the camp standing and most others, too!

Two inseparable cycling soldiers are Gordon Thomas, of the Southgate C.C., and Owen F. Harris, of the Marlboro' A.C. Both are also expert tricyclists. Big boots, service gas mask, tin helmet, etc., made no difference—they went cycling just the same. Gordon writes to say . . . "curiously enough, I don't miss my racing very much—although that familiar dank earthy smell at 4.30 a.m. Sunday morning takes me straight back to Biggleswade" . . . They are in camp in a delightful part of England, and still have their bicycles with them.

Driver Bob Thomas, of the champion Barnet C.C. hill climb team, is in the R.A.S.C. and fellow team member, handsome Jimmy Dawson, is in H.M. Navy. Have not heard yet if he has his bicycle with him!

The other day I heard from a Southampton cycling acquaintance who, now in uniform, was encamped only a few miles away. And so one could go on about the enthusiasm of keen cyclists in the Forces.

● **In spite of it** being wartime, cycling in all its spheres is still being enthusiastically carried out. Tommy Godwin completed 100,000 miles inside 500 days at Paddington Track on what was to have been Whit Monday. The Raleigh endurance rider is bronzed and well and after 200 miles a day he celebrated by showing astounding form at darts, opening a game with not one but three doubles in the 5, 20 and 1, with his first three throws!

Why not book Sunday, July 14th, for a ride to glorious Burnham Beeches, Bucks. It's not much over 20 miles away, and on that date the C.T.C. Ladies' Rally will once again be held. As enjoyable an afternoon as last year is being prepared.

That's the spirit—in "trying" times it's best to keep on "trying"—and cycling is unrestricted, you know.

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On the Stage

"Such Things Happen," that was the title of a play presented at the Centre on Thursday, June 13th, by the Watling Guild of Players, and it happened to be a good play, in spite of doubts of some of us who took part in it.

It is not always possible to foresee how a play is going to turn out, or how it will go down with the audience, but the hard work put into it by the cast was fully justified judging by the reception the play got and the subsequent praise from the audience and from the critics.

In these times it is something of a feat to select a cast, work the play up and present it without any serious hitches, and we are thankful that we were able to do this. There was a slight change in the cast when Mrs. Spicer, who did well in our last play, was unable to carry on in this one, but the difficulty was overcome and the show went on, and everyone agreed that the play was admirably presented by a well balanced cast.

Watling Association Choir.

The W.A. Choral Society, which meets at the Centre every Tuesday, at 8 p.m., is starting on a new programme, and all people who are interested and would like to join this section are advised to come to the next practice where they will be welcome. This is a happy group to join, and in the short time in which they have been formed they have made wonderful progress under their conductor, Mr. A. I. Jones, and have already given several splendid performances.

The choir members are all novices, but the improvement in the quality of their voices since they joined the choir is admitted by all, and no more pleasant pastime can be found than singing. Everyone has a voice. Come and Sing.

Veterans' Club.

Our Veterans celebrated their fourth anniversary on Wednesday, May 29th. About 60 Veterans, with Mrs. A. I. Jones (president), supported by Mrs. D. King (chairman), and Mrs. E. Cole (treasurer), sat down to a tea at well-laden tables, with plates piled high with bread and butter, cakes, etc., provided by the ladies who have always come forward on these occasions since the Club was first formed, and a special array of cakes provided by Mrs. Grey-Skinner.

Among the guests present were: Mr. A. I. Jones (president of the Watling Association), Mr. C. J. Roblou (chairman of the Watling Association), Mr. Sewell Harris (secretary of the Watling Association), Mrs. Sewell Harris, Miss M. Wilkinson, Mr. D. Lodge, and Mr. C. Fanthorpe.

Mrs. A. I. Jones, in a short address, said she was pleased to see such a large number of Veterans present at this their fourth anniversary. It was pleasing to see that despite the troublesome times we were going through the Club was not only maintaining a good membership, but was actually on the increase, and wished the Club every success.

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A reduction in the number of unemployed still leaves nearly a million without work. However, the Government is now making a drive, by arrangement with the Trade Unions, for the training of many thousands of workers in Trade Training Centres, particularly for engineering.

The "Instructional Centres" seem to have been almost dropped. Our Movement has never opposed Trade Training Centres, but we do oppose the conditions under which the unemployed attend, also the danger of using them afterwards as cheap labour. We consider that better allowances should be paid to trainees; actually a wage should be paid and a guarantee that they will not be used to undercut trade union standards at the completion of training.

A trainee is not eligible, while training, to become a member of a trade union, but it is important to establish a branch of our Movement in the Centres, so that trainees will then have the necessary organisation for dealing with any grievance which occurs in these Centres. In some of these Centres our Movement already has been alive and have won many concessions and improvements and after training we have been able to put trainees in touch with their respective trade union and thus protect them against employers who seek cheap labour.

In conclusion, we would mention that if the war continues, it is possible that a vast new army of unemployed, consisting of broken men from the battlefields, will be returned to civilian life; also, after war we shall be

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What About it?

In San Francisco there is a system run by a woman which offers complete weddings to business girls who, without Church or family background, have the same yearning as society belles to wear a bridal veil. For a small sum the prospective couple is provided with a hall, flowers, music, minister, bride's trousseau and bouquet, six prop bridesmaids (gowned), and a photograph of the whole business.

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American men look at women when they think the women are not aware of it; Englishmen do not look at them at all; but the Frenchmen look at them thoroughly and intently.

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A Famous Arabian Proverb.—

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He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is simple.—TEACH HIM.

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool.—SHUN HIM.

He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise.—FOLLOW HIM UNTO THE END.

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A ship is always referred to as a "She" because it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder.

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The only good luck many great men ever had was being born with the ability and determination to overcome bad luck.

were this year crazier than ever and when a warder

Having read the previous column and done my weeding, I have repented somewhat and added these hints to make amends.

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First-Aid Class, 7.30, at Woodcroft Hall.

Veterans' Club—Continued.

Mrs. D. King (chairman) said she felt greatly honoured to the Club in asking her to remain as their chairman, although since the war duties elsewhere made it impossible to attend the meeting as in the past, but the Veterans were for ever in her thoughts and she was always only too pleased to be of assistance to them whenever needed.

Mrs. E. Cole (treasurer), responding to a vote of thanks, said that working for the Veterans was one of the great pleasures in her life, and wished the Club many, many, happy anniversaries.

Entertainment was provided by the Watling Association Variety Concert Party, directed by Mr. Wilkinson, followed by the Watling Association Choral Society under the leadership of Mr. A. I. Jones.

Mr. George Nosworthy kindly provided the Veterans with liquid refreshments during the interval.

Our thanks are extended to the following lady helpers: Mesdames Williams, Luffman, Fanthorpe, Brixie, Sewell Harris, Bull, Townsend, Roblou, Litter, Nyberg, Richardson, Lake, Hewins and Dongworth; also to Mr. C. Fanthorpe (steward), Mr. Wickens (lights), and Mr. Lord (curtains), for the valuable help.

E. E. COLE (secretary).

N.U.W.M.—Continued.

faced certainly with the greatest unemployment problem this country has ever seen. Therefore, it is essential to remain organised in the present situation so that no time will be lost in swinging into full activity again when the moment is favourable.

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Random Jottings By CENTURION.

Surplus Vegetables

Vegetables must not be wasted. What can we do if we have more in our gardens that we can use ourselves? It may be possible, under a scheme being worked out by the Ministries of Food and Agriculture, to arrange for the collection and marketing of vegetables through the wholesale trade. If this cannot be done, it might be possible to arrange exchanges between those who have different kinds of vegetables in excess of their needs. If neither can be done, it is better to give the vegetables away than have them wasted. If your immediate neighbours do not want them, there may be others on the Estate who would like them, and certainly the hospitals could make use of them.

The Watling Association offers you the facilities of its organisation and building to help you to ensure that your surplus crops are well used. If you can let them know beforehand that you are likely to have more than you need it will help them to organise the distribution, but if you only find out at the last minute just bring the things along to the Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, at any time. If you can give notice beforehand of your intention to do so, communicate with Mr. Harris, Watling Centre.

For Lady Handymen

Or those who wish to be. A group is starting at the Centre to help any ladies who would like advice on repairing woodwork, furniture, connecting electrical fittings, or doing other handy jobs. First meeting, Thursday, August 15th, at 2.30 p.m. All interested are invited to attend. If you would prefer an evening class, send in your name and address.

Young Blood

It was pleasing to see the name of the Association mentioned several times in the results of the Hendon Youth Organisations Sports. We hope that these youthful aspirants to Olympic fame will long continue to bring honour to themselves, and advertisement to us.

Ice Cream

The coming curtailment of the sale of Ice Cream except at week-ends will come as a severe blow to Wat-

ling people. It is a much-commented-on sight on a hot day to see the number of contented faces cheerfully licking cones and waters, and the ban will be lamented by both vendors and buyers.

Another Record

Mrs. "Billie" Dovey made a successful attempt on the women's 25-mile tricycle record and her new figures of 1 hour 21 minutes 49 seconds clipped nearly five minutes off the previous best. Congratulations, "Billie" Dovey.

Joys of Gardening

To many of us this year has been the first attempt at vegetable growing, and we are now beginning to reap the results of our labours. All who suffered backaches and at times impatience, are now experiencing the joy of eating one's own produce; and what joy even the meaneast result can give.

—And the Sorrows

Gr-r-r—there go, my heart's abhorrence!

Water you damned flower-pots, do!

If hate killed men, Brother Lawrence,

God's blood, would not mine kill you!

What? Your myrtle-bush wants trimming?

Oh, that rose has prior claims—

Needs its leaden vase filled brimming?

Hell dry you up with its flames.

—Robert Browning.

Library

The library has been opened for two months and there are now about forty members who borrow books. We believe that those who are taking advantage of this section are well satisfied, and we would urge more people to try our reading matter.

Peace and Quiet

With long hours at work, one gets little opportunity for mental rest, but fortunately Watling is situated with the country almost for its back garden. To those that have a cycle and even to those who have to rely on Shank's pony, it is possible to get into the green fields and country lanes very quickly. To do this occasionally is well worth the physical effort needed, and to tired and anxious minds nature is a good physician.

Vicar: "Perhaps London won't be bombed after all."

Old Lady: "What! After all the expense we've been put to?"

Cigarettes for Troops

The Watling Association Variety Party are producing a Grand Concert on Friday, September 6th, at St. Alphage Hall, Montrose Avenue, for the benefit of The W.A. Soldiers' Cigarettes Fund. I hope all our members and friends will support this activity, as all the proceeds of the concert will be for our members serving in the Forces. Whilst writing, I should like to know if there are any more members, or members' Husbands, Sons or Daughters, who are serving and whose names and addresses I have not got. Please let me have them so that I can write to them.

DICK LODGE.

First-Aid for Animals

If animals are hurt during an air raid and require immediate attention, they can be brought to Watling Centre immediately the raid is over and the R.S.P.C.A. will arrange for a veterinary surgeon to attend to them on the spot.

Club and Section Secretaries

are asked to get in touch with our new Sub-Editor of Club Notes:

MR. HEWINS,
53, Wolsey Grove,
Burnt Oak.

Many readers are interested in the activities of the various sections at the Centre, and Secretaries can take full advantage of the "Resident" for letting the people know what they are doing.

Love and Peanuts

One of our members (not unconnected with the Bowls Club) has a grouse. The porchway of his house seems to be an ideal trysting place for lovers, and our bowls man, being a sportsman, doesn't mind a bit. After all, he says, courting couples want to be alone sometimes, but when he goes out in the morning to gather in the milk he strongly objects to finding the place carpeted with peanut shells.

Up in the Morning

I wonder how many readers get up at 7.30 in the morning to do the physical exercises as broadcast by the B.B.C. Personally I like the natty tunes which accompany the exercises. I always listen to these whilst I am having my breakfast. But the exercises seem rather original to me. They invariably start something like this: "Stand with your hand on the mantle-piece. Now raise your left leg and swing it straight out . . ." These exercises seem rather complicated to me, and on my way to work I sometimes recall them, and these thoughts run through my head: "Stand with your leg on a chair." "Which leg?" "Oh any leg." "Now put your right arm behind your back, stretch your left leg up as far as it will go until it touches your left ear. Take a deep breath and swing your body round. Right round. Stretch your neck up--farther

still. Now put your head between your knees and roll over." It all sounds absurd to me, and if that doesn't strangle you I don't know what will. Anyway, you listen to-morrow morning at 7.30 and see what you make of it.

A.R.P.

The Warden's Post at the Centre has now taken up its new quarters. The stay has been to our mutual advantage, resulting in many new friendships springing up, and we can look back on the past months with pleasant recollections.

First-Aid Cabinet

There is a fully-stocked First-Aid Cabinet just inside the office at the Centre and members are entitled to make full use of it should it be necessary. Mr. Torrance and Mr. Lake are both qualified First-Aiders and will be pleased to render assistance at any time.

Money Talks

American seamen have offered to sacrifice their pay to take British children to the United States. The American seamen's offer was telegraphed to the headquarters of the National Child Refugee Committee in New York. The telegram read: "The Union deplors the situation in which only the children of wealthy English families are brought to this country."

Cycling. Rambling. Tennis.

Any members of the Watling Association who would like to join the above sections of the South Stanmore Association should enquire for details at Watling Centre.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

AUGUST, 1940.

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 4. Outing.
 11. Members' Meeting.
 18. Outing.
 25. Members' Meeting.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for
 Worship, 11.0 a.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
- Tuesdays** —Women's Physical Training Class, 3.0 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Choral Society, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 7. Social.
 14. Olive Schreiner. Miss Henriques.
 21.
 28. Gardening. Mr. Worthington.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Home Nursing Class, Woodcroft Hall,
 7.30 p.m.
 Learners' Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Y.H.A., 7.30 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
 Amateur Variety Party, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Members' Socials, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

- Thursday 1.—Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, 2.30
 Sunday 4.—Fellowship Meeting. Poetry Readings
 by attenders, 3.30 p.m.
 Tuesday 6.—Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m. Gold-
 beaters Parent Teacher Group, at Gold-
 beaters School, 7.30 p.m.
 Monday 12.—Odd Fellows, 8.0 p.m.
 Thursday 15.—Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, 7.30
 p.m.
 Tuesday 20.—Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
 Monday 26.—Odd Fellows, 8.0 p.m.
 Thursday 29.—Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, 2.30
 p.m.
 W.A. Council, 8.0 p.m.
 Friday 30.—Helpers' Social, 8.0 p.m.

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WATLING WEEK No. 12 ACCOUNTS

PROFITS OF ACTIVITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Searchlight Dance	26	14	0
Constituent Bodies' Social	3	2	10½
Children's Entertainment, June 8	3	6	11
Grand Social	1	13	7
Children's Competition	1	1	7
Caledonian Market	4	7	4½
Social Whist, June 10	1	16	3
Baby Show	1	10	10½
Juvenile Dance Competition	6	1	11
Grand Dance	1	4	0
Social Whist, June 12	2	16	7
Grand Whist Drive	3	11	0
Whist, June 13	0	18	6½
An Evening's Drama	2	14	3
Children's Entertainment, June 15	2	6	9
Social, June 15	1	16	7½
Bright and Breezy	3	12	6½
Gay Girlies	0	19	6
Donations	43	0	0
Draw for Watch	15	11	0
Social for Expenses	0	9	10½
Special Sale and Miscellaneous	1	14	11½
	130	11	0

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Printing and Publicity	2	17	6
Postage	1	7	2
Miscellaneous	0	1	8
Engraving estimate (account not yet in)	1	0	0
	5	6	4
	£125	4	8

DONATIONS.

Mrs. Price, £1; Sir Charles MacRae, £1 15.; Mrs. Wills, £1 15.; Misses Prince, 10s.; Mr. G. D. Herbert, £1 15.; Mrs. Piercey, £1 15.; Capt. J. de Havilland, £5 5s.; Mr. E. P. Sturge, £1 15.; Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones, 10s. 6d.; Mr. J. W. Laing, £10; Mrs. Fox's Collection, 4s. 6d.; Anonymous, £20 5s. Total £43.

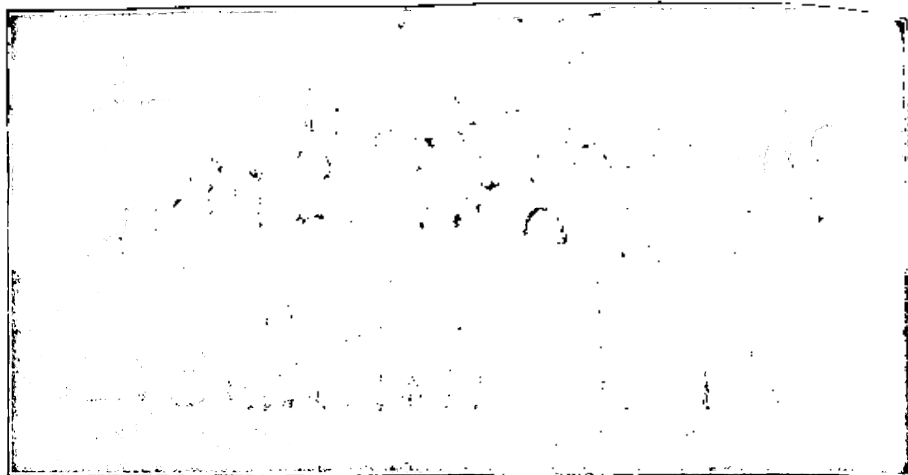
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WATLING WEEK No. 12

June 6th—16th



"WATLING STARLETS" AND "MOGGIES."

We take great pleasure in presenting this report on Watling Week No. 12, which has proved a success both socially and financially. The week had a grand opening when over 200 dancers attended a Searchlight Dance on Thursday, June 6th, at St. Alphage Hall, organised by Mrs. M. Grey-Skinner. The Mayor of Hendon (Councillor A. A. Naar) was welcomed by our President, Mr. A. I. Jones, and declared the week open. A bouquet was handed to him by Mrs. Skinner for the Mayoress (who was unable to attend owing to canteen duties). Mr. Jack Radley was M.C. and music was supplied by the Mayfair Trio Dance Band. Numerous prizes for spot dances and elimination items were awarded. Refreshments were arranged and served by Mrs. W. H. N. Shakespeare, assisted by Mesdames Jordan, Goodrich and the Misses Jordan and Travers; Stewards, Messrs. C. C. Smith, C. Deacon, C. J. Roblou and Sewell Harris.

Many humorous items were introduced by a joint committee of organisations attached to the Watling Association at a special social evening held at the Centre on Friday. A "Full House" notice was put up quite early in the evening, and a great crowd of people settled down to enjoy a mixture of dances, games and competitions. M.C.: Jack Radley. The popular radio feature, "I want to be an actor," arranged by Mr. Raymond Dyson, of the Canons Park Play Guild, produced a crowd of would-be actors from the audience. Those chosen after a preliminary audition were: Mr. Len Webber (hero), Mrs. E. Kerrison (heroine), and Mr. Lawrence Atler (villain), in a play "The Stolen Plans," read from script.

The joint committee of representatives of constituent bodies which organised the event included Mr. A. T. Lord (Chairman) and Mr. G. W. Nyberg (Burnt Oak Men's Adult School), Mesdames Theobald (Hon. Treasurer) and Thomas (Women's Adult School), Messrs. Todd and Dennington (Young People's Adult School), Miss M. L. Barrett (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. R. H. Burton (Youth Hostels Association), Messrs. H. E. Callaghan and L. H. Fitzgerald (Watling Orchestra), the Misses Rose Howard and Ivy Gammon (Watling District Girl Guides), Miss Bayes and Mr. F. G.

Smith (Society of Friends), and Mr. W. G. Fisher (Burnt Oak Oddfellows).

Music for the evening was provided by the Watling Orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. L. H. Fitzgerald, with Mr. H. E. Callaghan at the piano assisted by Mr. Harold Wilkenson.

An excellent children's entertainment was given by "The Watling Starlets" and "The Moggies" (Black Cat Circle), organised by Mrs. H. M. Gay, at the Centre on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Charles Wheeler officiated as compere and Mrs. Marie de Lattin was accompanist at the piano. Steward: Mr. C. C. Smith. Those taking part were: Dot Dring, Barbara Judge, Doreen Heritage, Joan Bicknell, Iris Linger, Catherine Heritage, Doris Bicknell, Peggy Pratley, Betty Fitz, Edna Crick, Winnie Culverhouse, Joan Thompson, Pamela Hatfield, Barbara Taylor, Peggy Gunterson, Violet Knowles, Audrey Clarke, Jenny West, Joyce Bouchard, June Kinnaird, Violet Jones, Miss P. Redwood and Mrs. Bicknell assisted as Wardrobe Mistresses. The Hall was full to capacity and to avoid disappointing many people who were unable to obtain admission it was arranged that another entertainment would be given by the children on the following Saturday afternoon.

A grand social for Watling Association members and their families was held at the Centre on Saturday evening. Mrs. L. Nyberg M.C. Music supplied by Mr. C. Wood (piano), Mr. E. J. Cole and Mr. A. W. Cole. Once again the Hall was packed.

A Juvenile Talent Contest held at the Centre on Sunday evening attracted a large number of entries and preliminaries had to be run off. The event was organised jointly by Mr. Sewell Harris and Mr. A. I. Jones, who also officiated as compere, assisted by Mrs. Jones. The adjudicators were Miss Gwendoline Harries, L.R.A.M., and Miss Barrett, B.A. The presentation of awards was made by Mrs. Pugh, wife of Councillor T. Pugh, who was also present. The result was as follows:—Singing (under 12 years): 1, Irene Sweet (85 marks); 2, Esme Taylor and Anne Hilton (72); 3, Rita Richards (70); 4, Catherine Heritage (60); 5, Barbara Judge (60); 6, Josephine Sharpe (63); 7, Florrie Sharpe (61).

Singing (12 to 14 years): 1, Esther Goldberg (81); 2, Odette Ell (80); 3, Myra Gray (78); 4, Jean Horne (70); 5, Delia Brown and Pamela Vincent (75); 6, Hetty Linder (72); 7, Joan Faux (70).

Elocution (under 12 years): 1, Betty Vincent (84); 2, Irene Goldberg (72); 3, Peggy Suckling (67); 4, Jean Yeoman (60); 5, Fay Beddard and Irene Sweet (64); 6, Anne Hilton (59).

Elocution (12 to 14 years): 1, Natalie Frankel (89); 2, John Ross (87); 3, Ralph Redstone (86); 4, Elizabeth Pollett (85); 5, Leila Platman (79); 6, Hetty Linder and Gilda Cohen (78); 7, Pamela Vincent (71); 8, Vera Stebbings (61).

Trumpeter (special prize): Kenneth Anslow (92). Pianoforte: 1, Joyce Turnham (83); 2, Florrie Sharpe (78); 3, Roy Muir (72); 4, Kathleen Moore (69); 5, Joyce Bouchard (59).

Spelling Bee: Edgware School tied with Woodcroft School. Accompanist at piano: Marie de Lattin.

A Jumble Sale, organised by Mrs. G. Lodge, and assisted by Mesdames Littler, Roblou, Cole and Williams, at the Centre on Monday afternoon, brought a large crowd of bargain hunters. And a special Social Whist Drive in the evening also attracted a large gathering of players. Mr. O. E. Torrance was M.C., assisted by Messrs. F. Williams, C. Fanthorpe and C. R. Deacon.

County Councillor Mrs. Grey-Skinner presented the prizes at the Watling Week Baby Show held at the Centre on Tuesday afternoon. The event was organised by Mesdames E. Cole and L. Roblou, assisted by Mesdames A. I. Jones, Lee, Gay, Piercy, Littler, Wickens, Williams and Miss Piercy. The judges were Dr. Margaret Colls and Dr. Allan Morley. The results were as follows: Best Baby in the Show: Jennifer Ann Hatchley, 69, Dryfield Road. Best Watling First Baby: Diana Sheila Thornton, 108, Littlefield Road. Under 9 months: 1, Valerie Ann Hines, 14, Maple Gardens; 2, John F. Farrah, 80, Wolsey Grove; 3, Michael E. Maish, 292, Watling Avenue. Over 9 and under 18 months: 1, Jennifer Ann Hatchley, 69, Dryfield Road; 2, Diana Sheila Thornton, 108, Littlefield Road; 3, Michael John Ryan, 14, Kirton Walk. Over 18 months and under 2½ years: 1, Barbara Ann Moore, 272, Watling Avenue; 2, Michael Leonard Cole, 132, Goldbeaters Grove; 3, Iris Joyce Bolton, 21, Blundell Road. Under 9 months (open): 1, Barbara Taylor, 70, Deans Lane; 2, David Huxley, 5, Orchard Grove, Oakleigh Grove; 3, Arthur J. Bouttle, 63, Deans Way. Over 9 and under 18 months (open): 1, Daphne Fortescue, 106, Beverley Drive; 2, Bryan Abell, 69, Camrose Avenue; 3, Sheila Rose Auth, 104, Hale Drive. Twins: 1, Catherine and Margaret White, 161, Hale Drive; 2, Ann Lillian and Olive Rosalie Christie, 24, Oakwood Drive; 3, John Howard and Alan David Bantick, 43, Abbots Road.

Three local schools of dancing competed for the Watling Association Perpetual Challenge Cup at St. Alphage Hall on Tuesday evening. The event organised jointly by Messrs. C. J. Roblou and C. E. Fanthorpe. Adjudicator: Miss Helen Wills, Fellow of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, and Member of the Royal Academy of Dancing, who awarded the trophy to the Stella Maris School of Dancing. The other contestants were the "Young Hilyons" Dancing Troupe, sponsored by Mrs. Hilton, who, when living on the Watling Estate, was a hard worker for the Watling Association,

and pioneered the "Young Watlers" Concert Party, which gave many shows in aid of the Association Building Fund. Also the "Broadfields Park Steppers," a new troop to this district. A medal awarded by County Councillor Mrs. Grey-Skinner for the best individual dancer was won by Lois Gibsone, a pupil of the "Broadfields Park Steppers." The trophy was presented by Mrs. E. Cole and the medal by Mrs. L. Roblou. At the Centre the same evening a Dance and Fox Trot competition, organised by Mr. C. Deacon, brought a large crowd of dancers. Mr. J. Newman, manager of the Savoy Cinema, Burnt Oak, kindly consented to judge the Fox Trot competition. The winners were Miss Flossie Hedger and Mr. Charles Freeman.

Wednesday was a full day for keen whist drive players. A special social drive organised by Mrs. Crowe for the afternoon brought a good crowd, and a drive with a top prize of £5 in the evening overflowed the Common Room and more tables had to be arranged in an adjoining room. Mr. O. Torrance officiated as M.C., assisted by Messrs. Frank Williams, C. Fanthorpe, C. Deacon and T. Judd. A further whist drive on Thursday afternoon still maintained a large number of players. Mrs. Crowe M.C.

On Thursday evening the Watling Guild of Players presented a three-act mystery comedy, "Such Things Happen," by Wilfred Massey, at the Centre, to a large audience. Those taking part were Lydia Roblou, Edith Cole, Alice Jackson, Florence Baldwin, Irene Thomas, George Smith, Fredrick Lake, James Sampson, Sidney Cobb and Ernest Cole. The play was produced by Mr. Sewell Harris and the stage managers were Messrs. C. J. Roblou and G. H. Spicer. Music was provided by Mr. Harold Wilkinson at the piano. Mrs. Spicer acted as prompter. Mr. C. Fanthorpe, curtain, and Messrs. J. Roblou, jun., and Eaton assisted with make-up. The play proved a real tonic for the war-time "blues."

The annual dinner and dance for members of the Watling Association was held at the A.B.C. Restaurant (lanc Pritchard's), Burnt Oak, on Friday. There were about 100 people present. Mr. A. I. Jones presided, accompanied by Mrs. Jones. Among the visitors present were Alderman J. J. Copestake (Chairman of the Hendon Education Committee) and Mrs. Copestake, Councillor T. Pugh, County Councillor Mrs. Grey-Skinner, Rev. K. M. Davie (Vicar of St. Alphage), Mr. S. H. Horsman (Chief Superintendent of the Watling Estate), Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones (Hon. Solicitor). After the loyal toast, received with musical honours, the toast of the Watling Association was proposed by the Rev. K. M. Davie, and in response by Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg. A toast to the visitors was given by Mr. F. Williams and in response by Alderman J. J. Copestake. Pioneers of the Watling Association were embraced in a tribute paid by Mr. A. I. Jones in a toast to "absent friends." The evening wound up with dancing, music by the Harmelodians' Dance Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Harold Wilkenson, with Miss Dorothy King as soloist. Mr. Jack Radley officiated as M.C. Another splendid entertainment was provided by the Watling Starlets and The Moggies at the Centre on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Charles Wheeler officiated as compère and Marie de Lattin was accompanist at the piano. A bouquet was presented to Marie de Lattin by Dot Dring, on behalf of the children in appreciation of their instructress. Bouquets were also presented to the two leaders of the troupes.

Saturday evening's social and whist drive for members of the Watling Association again attracted a large crowd. Mrs. L. Nyberg officiated as M.C. and music was supplied by Mr. S. Huckle (at the piano), Mr. E. G. Cole (saxophone), Mr. J. Green (guitar) and Mr. F. P. Cole (drums).

The final event of the week was a "Bright and Breezy" social held at the Centre on Sunday evening, when the Hall was packed with a family gathering. Fun in plenty was provided for the people. A short skit, "The Awkward Squad," was staged by the Watling Choral Society, with Mr. F. H. Lake as the sergeant-major, and raw recruits Mesdames L. Nyberg, Richardson, Lake, and Mr. G. W. Nyberg, who were put through their paces midst roars of laughter. Also the organising committee forming the "Crazy Gang" gave their version of "Evacuee children attending school," which caused roars of laughter. Those taking part were Mrs. L. Nyberg, Messrs. E. Sewell Harris, A. R. Lodge, C. J. Roblou, C. R. Deacon, G. W. Nyberg and F. H. Lake, with Mr. E. E. Cole as schoolmaster.

Entertainment was also given by Joan and Doris Etwell (piano-accordion duets and songs), Joan Buzec (swan dance), Barbara Judge (songs and tap dancing) and Wally Scott (comedian). Mr. J. Radley was M.C. Marie de Lattin accompanied at the piano.

To round off Watling Week, and in support of the Building Fund, the "Gay Girlies Concert Party" gave a splendid concert at St. Alphage Hall on Friday, 21st June. Mr. Jack Radley was compère. The first part of the concert was staged as a pantomime, "A Woodland Tragedy with a Happy Ending," and the remainder, songs and skits. Those taking part were: Mesdames L. Nyberg, Lake, Taylor, Hicks, Griffy, Richardson, Guy, Preston and Mrs. Durant (pianist).

This finishes the report on the events during Watling Week and now the Watling Week Committee take great pleasure in announcing that they exceeded their aim to raise £100 by a further £25. The net sum raised was £125 4s. 8d. The accounts set out in detail may be read in this journal. In closing, the Watling Week Committee wish to thank the people of Watling for their splendid support. The stewards, canteen workers, and others who assisted us during the week. The local traders for their support. The people from whom we received donations, and the organisers and M.C.'s of the various events, and as organiser, my personal thanks to the Watling Week Committee for their splendid teamwork in preparing the programme and assisting throughout the week.

E. E. COLE.

A Casual Call

After many months' interval I again paid a visit to the Watling Centre, and was greatly surprised to see the activities still going on there, in these perilous days of war and uncertainty. The impression I got was such that I re-joined the Watling Association that very evening. Although we are all doing our various national duties, it is most necessary for the work of the Association to go on, especially the social type of work. We must all at some time have a break, and there is no doubt that the Centre is the place to get it. The Saturday evening's Free and Easy Social, as one may call it, for members to let themselves go is quite a stimulant after a week's hard going. Then there is the

Choral Society, so well on the way to perfection, as well as various other branches, where one can have an hour or so free from the thoughts of war, etc. All these are for the benefit of Watling people of all classes, so that no one should feel lonely or get that left-out-of-things feeling, as there is something for everyone, the young, also the not so young, and that covers a lot these days, so let's get that get-together feeling helping others and ourselves at the same time. Here are a few of the organisations which function at the Centre for you.—

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Folk Dancing

Whist Drives

Women's Physical Training

Women's Neighbourhood Guild

Watling Guild of Players

Amateur Variety Party

Weight Lifting

Boxing

and many others.

Remember these are all open to you as members of the Association, with the monthly issue of The Watling Resident, all for 4d. per month, so don't let us hear any more of gloominess or depression. Remember it is up to us all to keep cheerful and help defeat the common enemy. The Watling Association will help you to do this. So roll up, friends, and make August the record month for new members. May I make an appeal to all Secretaries of Branches of the Association. If they will kindly get into touch with me, and inform me of any news, or of anything they wish to be known in The Resident, I shall be pleased to do my best to state it for them, so don't forget, let the people know what you are doing so that they can come in and help.—

WILLIAM H. HEWINS, 53, Wolsey Grove, Burnt Oak.

TO MEN.

I always thought freedom was free movement, to be lazy or energetic, as one wished—but one Sunday, at the invitation of a friend, I went to Burnt Oak Men's Adult School. You will ask, "What has this to do with freedom?" Just this: That at Adult School meetings they have what I realise to be the greatest freedom of all, the right to express your thoughts in speech. Just think how different Europe would have been to-day if the German people had refused to let one man think and speak for them. Soon peace will be in the world again. What will it be like? We do not know, but if you come to the Adult School on Sunday at 9.30 a.m. your plan may be the one the world wants. Come next Sunday at 9.30 a.m. and listen to our speaker and join in the discussion that follows.

A.E.W.

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Your Rations

A hotel manager in a letter to a newspaper suggests national hotel menus during the war. A typical one, he says, would be:—*Breakfast*: Porridge, bacon and egg, toast, tea or coffee. *Luncheon*: Soup, steak and kidney pudding, vegetables, fruit tart or milk pudding. *Dinner*: Grapefruit, fish, cold meat and salad, ice cream.

A jolly good bit of grub. Very sweet, very tasty. But why confine this menu to hotels? Why not make it available to all? After all, who has a better right to a good substantial meal than the people who are the backbone of the country—the mothers, children, engineers, mechanics, butchers, bakers, factory workers, and all people who work to keep the country going? Rationing is very essential in wartime. It is also just as essential in peace time. It should be a national duty to see that all people, whether they visit hotels or not, have good food and the right kind of food. In the past the amount of food a family could eat has been governed by the amount of money coming into the household. If there was unemployment in the family, then the family went short not only of food, but of other essentials, in spite of the fact that in the family were skilled artisans who by their labours contributed largely to the country's prosperity, and yet maybe around the corner was a person unskilled and doing no work, but possessing the means to enjoy a six-course meal at any hotel or restaurant he liked, because he had shares in a brewery or an armaments factory. And we wondered why our sickness record was high. A man cannot give of his best and carry on doing a full day's work on a diet of bread and margarine. The curing of disease is a difficult matter, the prevention of it a relatively simple one, but a high standard of health can be maintained amongst all classes of the community if this sadly-neglected question of the food supply and the nation's diet is tackled in a scientific and common-sense way. The diet of the ordinary labourer should be just as carefully considered as that of the bank manager. We all have to eat to live, and as we have not yet reached that æsthetic state of culture where we can subsist on grass, we should see that no one is deprived of the means of obtaining good food. We are, however, glad to know that a committee has at last been set up to find the best kind of food to grow in this country so that the people can have meals which will provide all the vitamins and energy they require.

F.H.L.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Watling Association Choral Society has now changed its name to the Watling Association Mixed Choir. This was done to save any misunderstanding on the part of prospective members. To some people

"Choral Society" might sound highbrow. It might conjure up visions of church music and Bach cantatas. Actually our choir has a good mixed repertoire of part and glee songs.

The Choir has already given several brilliant performances, and it is hoped soon to give an open-air concert in the grounds of the Centre. At the moment the Choir is very well balanced, but vacancies still exist for soprano, alto, tenor and bass singers. So all those people, ladies or gents, who have a voice at all are advised to develop it at the very instructive and helpful practices given by Mr. A. I. Jones at the Centre every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Come and sing the blues away.



The Garden Path

Good and well-kept paths greatly increase the enjoyment of a garden, and well-chosen edging is an added attraction.

The main path should never be less than two feet in width. Four feet is a good average width. This will allow for the easy passage of the wheelbarrow and other garden implements. It will also allow two people to walk abreast up and down it, an amenity that is often overlooked.

The three most suitable surfaces for the path are gravel, broken paving stones, and bricks. But the construction of the surface is a comparatively small item in path-making. Drainage and foundations are important parts of the process, and if they are carefully attended to the path should last for many years. It will not only serve its primary purpose as a means of communication, but will also be a great help in draining the garden.

In the matter of drainage something depends on the nature of the soil and the lie of the land. If the soil is light and porous the rough stones, bricks or clinkers used as the foundation will provide sufficient drainage, but if the soil is heavy and retentive clay a pipe drain is advisable. This may run directly below the centre of the path. If the ground is very heavy and the path is to be a wide one there should be a pipe line on both sides. The pipes should be three or four inches in diameter and should be laid one and a half or two feet below the surface. They should slope gently towards the outlet, which may be into a garden main drain or into a ditch or pond.

Coarse clinker or rubble, rammed firm, should be laid over the pipe, or at the bottom of the trench, to a depth of about nine inches, and above this four to six inches of coarse gravel, and finally on the top fine gravel, broken paving stones or bricks, according to your choice.

It is very important when constructing the path to eradicate all perennial weeds, especially those with long creeping roots, from the soil at the bottom and sides of the pathway. If this is not done all sorts of weeds will soon make their appearance through the new path and will be very difficult to get rid of. If these perennial weeds do make their appearance they can be got rid of

by some weed-killer, but it takes three or four years to completely exterminate them by this means.

Crazy-paving is attractive and popular, but it must be well laid, care being taken to avoid any risk of the flat stones getting loose and rising up when walked on, which is both unpleasant and troublesome. The foundation, made in the same way as in the case of the gravel path, should, if possible, be covered with a layer of concrete in which the stones can be firmly and evenly laid. The spaces between the stones should be filled with sandy loam so that rock plants such as saxifrages, thyme and other creeping plants may be grown there.

If a brick path be decided upon, follow the same method as in the case of the gravel path in regard to the foundation, substituting a layer of mortar for the top layer of sand or ashes, and lay the bricks lengthwise in the mortar. Choose a good hard variety of brick that will not crumble by the action of frost.

In all three cases it is important to get the foundation as solid and firm as possible, and full use should be made of the roller in the process.

The foregoing notes are largely based on a chapter entitled "Paths and Edgings" in "All about Gardening," by Mr. J. Coultts, Curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

What to do in August

Flower Garden.—Sow anemone seeds, single or double-flowered, on a sunny border. Give the dahlias plenty of water at their roots; disbud them frequently and remove all shoots from the base.

As soon as the rambler roses have done flowering cut out the shoots that have borne blooms so as to allow the sun and air to reach the new shoots which will bear next year's flowers and ripen them before the cold weather comes.

The pruning of climbing roses should be left until next March or April.

Take cuttings of bedding plants such as fuchsias, heliotropes, calceolarias and geraniums, rooting them in pots or boxes.

Seeds of antirrhinums, larkspur, pansies, polyanthus and valerian may be sown out of doors now.

Fruit Garden.—Remove bodily any misplaced shoots of apricots, tack others to the wall and see to the gathering of the fruit before it becomes unduly ripe and is attacked by the wasps and birds.

Fig trees carrying good sized fruit will mature them better if the points of the bearing shoots are pinched out. All suckers should be removed from the base of the trees.

Cut out the old loganberry canes which have borne fruit and tie the new ones into position. If you want some new plants bend over some of the young shoots and bury the tips in the ground. These tips will throw out roots and the new plants can then be cut away and planted.

Gather the earliest pears and apples. You can easily tell whether they are ripe by lifting one or two fruits gently in the hand. If they immediately come away they are ripe. If tugging seems necessary they are not ripe and should be left on the tree a little longer.

Vegetable Garden.—Turnips are a valuable crop for autumn and winter. They are more acceptable towards the end of the year than in the summer. Sow the seed now in prepared ground in drills half an inch deep and

fifteen inches apart. In a week after sowing the seedlings should be showing through. Thin them carefully as soon as they are big enough to handle, and before they get spoilt by overcrowding, until the plants are six inches apart.

Make a sowing of onions about the middle of the month on ground that has been well cultivated. Some thinning of superfluous seedlings may be necessary, but do not take out too many as some are sure to disappear during the winter. Make a final thinning in the spring, when those taken out can be used as spring onions for salad.

Bend over the summer crop of onions so as to help them to ripen and a week or ten days after this has been done lift the bulbs and place them in some dry and sunny position. There is nothing better than the gravel path for this purpose. When thoroughly dry tie them in bunches and hang them up in some dry and frost-proof place.

Make the first earthing up of celery now, a second in September, and a third towards the end of October or early in November.

Remove all side shoots from the outdoor tomatoes so as to restrict each plant to one or two stems.

Hitch Hiking.

These notes are to be read with the tongue in the cheek. I write on a short but exciting experience; I am hoping to go hitch hiking next week, but I may be unlucky and fail to get a single lift.

In that case I shall solemnly recant and take back all the assertions that follow.

Famous hitch hikers, apart from American students, rarely come to Great Britain. It is too small for the record breakers. They are those who go from Paris to Constantinople on 2/6, or from Berlin to Vladivostok, or, as one man I heard of, from Brazil to Canada.

But for our purpose Britain will do. After all, it is the finest countryside we know.

There are certain false ideas to clear up about hitch hiking.

1. Hitch hiking is popularly associated with begging. The hitch hiker is thought of as standing by the roadside cadging a lift from the bourgeoisie. Nothing could be further from the truth. The hitch hiker is an integral and self-respecting part of the countryside. He has many qualities, but above all he is the hail-fellow-well-met type. In fact he hails everything that passes, especially if it is on four wheels. The world would be poorer without the hitch hiker, just as he would be poorer without the chap that gives him a lift.

2. There is also the popular idea that hitch hikers are a peculiar breed, a set apart, like gypsies or the people who ask the hostel warden if there is anything else after they have done their hostel duty. It is true that some are born hitch hikers. On the other hand, some achieve hitch hiking while others have hitch hiking thrust upon them. Car bandits and baby snatchers are probably quite well intentioned. Their main crime is that they thrust hitch hiking upon their victims.

The boys whose greatest delight is to attach themselves to the tailboard of a lorry, either by sitting on

until the driver notices or by attaching their bicycles, may be said to be born hitch hikers.

But for most of us hitch hiking is to be achieved, like learning to swim or to ride a bike (that is much more difficult). It needs application, but once learned never forgotten.

This, then, roughly is the procedure:—

1. You should equip yourself after the manner of a real hiker, untidy enough to belong to the country, but clean enough not to offend the car driving fraternity.

2. Walk with determined step on the left hand side of the road. Never use the pavement, even if there is one. If you do you will never stand a chance. Some authorities recommend a limp, but its success is not proved.

3. Select your proposed victim with care. Don't hail a four-seater which already has six occupants, a portable canoe and a pram. You are unlikely to be successful if you do.

4. After having seen what is coming continue until the "lift" is about fifteen yards behind. Then, still walking, turn your head, fasten the driver with your eye and then signal clearly by holding out the left hand with the thumb in the direction of your destination. *Getting the eye of the driver is more important than waving your arm.*

5. You will know if you are successful by the screeching of brakes. Hurry up to the driver's seat and, with an appealing look, make your request.

6. Private cars are more comfortable than lorries as well as faster. On the other hand, lorries are often going a greater distance.

7. The driver may want to talk. If so, encourage him. The time will pass more quickly for both of you and the conversation may be mutually of advantage. In any case, you can always talk about the Y.H.A. Progress and propaganda is the motto of the hitch hiker.

8. And if he invites you home to tea, accept. Failure to do so indicates lack of generosity on your part.

L.J.C.

The War.

Europe under Hitler's heel.

What had become to be described as a "phony" war developed in a month into a veritable holocaust. With an utter disregard of their losses, the Germans began their great onslaught in the middle of May and, with a ruthlessness and a relentlessness unparalleled in the annals of warfare, they pressed on and on. The neutrality of Holland and Belgium, which had been so precious maintained by those countries for fear of giving offence to Germany was as wantonly outraged by Hitler. Caring naught for the sanctity of treaties, caring naught for his pledged word, he devoured those countries as he had devoured Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark and Norway. "Collective Security," which might well have stemmed the march of the German Fuehrer, was never given a chance.

The Fate of France.

The climax was reached with the collapse of France and now, in the words of the "Economist," "The French people, the freest, most intellectual, most cultured people of Europe, are to pass under the tyranny

of a ruler whose chief aim since he achieved power has been to banish liberty, degrade reason and destroy civilisation. The eclipse, however temporary, of France means more to Britain than the military loss of an ally. We lose part of ourselves when France's liberties are trampled underfoot. We know that our reeling Western society has taken one further step towards the abyss of annihilation when the mechanised columns of a slave State can crush out the resistance of a nation whose very name is incorporated in the idea of enfranchised liberty. We grieve with France in this her darkest hour and with all the more resolution we devote ourselves to the task of securing Germany's defeat and her liberation."

The French Revolution.

Alas! the Fourteenth of July which commemorated the fall of the Bastille in 1789 and signalled the liberation of France was this year not a day of rejoicing but a day of mourning. "To-day," says the "Sunday Observer," "that human holiday is dead. Overwhelming disaster has struck it out of the annals . . . Not only is there no national fete to-day. In this terrible Summer there is no France."

The French Fleet.

The terms of the Armistice came as a great shock. The French fleet was to be surrendered for the ostensible purpose of being disarmed. But who can doubt that once that powerful weapon had been placed in Germany's hands, Hitler would have used it against Britain? "This was the most unkind cut of all." The British Government were therefore compelled to take dreadful action against the French fleet. The task was painful in the extreme and no Englishman would

regard the engagement at Oran as a victory. We heard the news with sad and aching hearts and Mr. Churchill, himself, described the episode with much feeling and distress.

The Battle of Britain.

And now that the Battle of France is over all eyes are turned on Britain.

"Be not deceived, there will be no wall of adamant, no triple flaming sword to drive off those lawless assassins that have murdered and pillaged in every other land. Heaven has made with us no covenant that there should be joy and peace here, and wailing and lamentation in the world besides. I would counsel you to put on a mind of patient suffering, and noble acting; whatever energies there are in the human mind, you will want them all; every man will be tried to the very springs of his heart, and those times are at hand which will show us all as we really are, with the genuine stamp and value, be it much or be it little, which nature has impressed upon every living soul."

"Were ever words better fitted to fit the thoughts of the nation to-day?", asks the "Manchester Guardian." They were spoken a century ago by Sydney Smith in a sermon on "Invasion," and are quoted by that paper from Sir Bruce Richmond's anthology, "The Pattern of Freedom," recently published by Faber. Mr. Churchill has shown unmistakably that the British Commonwealth stands "four-square," and as the "New York Times" writes, ". . . England girds herself with the support of her loyal Dominions and Colonies, such help as our own resources can give her, and the strength of her own high courage."

K.A.S.

BALD FACED STAG?

Simple Cycling For Ladies

Outlined by MRS. BILLIE DOVEY,
Raleigh Sturmev-Archer Demonstration Rider.

I must first assume that you have been wise enough to obtain a bicycle. If you haven't, then you should report to Pegley's in Watling Avenue without delay, because even if you have never ridden a bicycle in your life before you are almost certain to need one very shortly. Fares are up again, roads are free from the traffic congestion of pre-war months, so that even the most timorous can cycle with confidence.

Many readers may be about to take to cycling in a half-hearted manner. Newcomers are uncertain what kind of bicycle they ought to buy, so let us go wholeheartedly into this cycling game.

To Ride Comfortably should be your aim, and consequently you must seat yourself on a leather saddle. Avoid any others because they lack ventilation, and depreciate with age, whereas a good quality leather saddle improves with use. No longer need ladies straddle themselves across high sit-up-and-beg bicycles—its the low light and lively lightweight these days weighing just over 30 lbs. all on. You will recognise this type of machine easily—it has no curly bent frame tubes.

Tyres are important, and my tip is to have your wheels suitable for either $1\frac{1}{2}$ or even $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch covers. So many women cyclists are easily upset by road shock, and complain that their bicycles are unsteady on bumpy road surfaces. Without being unduly pessimistic, I do not think road surfaces will improve for some years, instead it will probably be a case of gradual deterioration. Later on, ladies, you will be glad you chose those fat tyres!

A Few Don'ts! Don't carry gas mask or shopping basket on the handlebar—it's far too dangerous. Instead, have a basket fitted to the front handlebar if you cannot get all your shopping or library books into a saddle bag.

Don't prop your bicycle on one pedal in the kerb when there's lots of space against the wall;

Don't forget to oil the chain, pedals, hubs and bottom bracket—lubricating oil would prevent hundreds saying cycling is such "hard work . . ."

Don't hurry about when you have no need to—cycling is best enjoyed at your natural riding pace.

Don't use your bicycle for just going to and from work. Make the most of that day off with a jaunt out into the country with a few sandwiches in the bag.

Your Wartime Bicycle is incomplete if it is not fitted with a change-speed gear or a dynamo set. Ask for a demonstration of the new Dynohub lighting set when buying your new machine. It is a revelation in cycle lighting!

It has been glorious weather these past eight weeks, and touring cyclists must have been the first to have cursed the sequence of events that have prevented full enjoyment of them.

But we are carrying on, cycling in order to maintain fitness on the home front. It was good news to hear that our worthy Editor was well again, and better still was it to see him one sunny Friday morning soon after 8 a.m. pedalling his way along the Barnet By-Pass.

I feel sure that steady cycling will prove of benefit to him. With food rationing so important, the one thing you may hold against cycling is that it gives you such a good appetite, and makes you sleep so well that you didn't hear the siren!

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR THE AMATEUR.

(No. 4).

Let us now turn to the various kinds of films available to the Amateur and learn the best for our different purposes.

At one time, when roll-films came into general use, there was but one class of film, which certainly did give us pictures, but ones which would not to-day bear comparison with modern efforts. If one remembers the first silent ciné films and compares them with the photography of the present-day ones, some idea can be obtained of the advance made in the photographic world.

The chief qualities which films (and plates) possess in various degrees, according to the purpose for which they are to be used, are as follows: speed (or sensitivity), latitude in exposure, contrast, colour-sensitivity, freedom from halation, and fineness of grain. One other feature, which is rarely mentioned or thought of, is also possessed by all films in more or less degree, and this is called "Resolving Power." This is the ability to record fine detail, and helps to make good enlargements, but must not be confused with the term "fine grain," although the fineness of the emulsion grain has much to do with the resolving power. Where miniature cameras are used, from which the usual practice is to make enlargements of at least 10 diameters, it is very important to use films of high resolving power. This also applies to the photographing of minute details, and such subjects as stars.

Latitude in exposure has already been remarked upon, and is the same thing as the quality of range of scale of gradation, that is to say, the ability to record both the brightest light and the deepest shadow, as well as the intermediate degrees of brightness, correctly in a negative.

Contrast, or vigour, in films can vary quite a lot, and is purposely altered in the different kinds according to the work required of them. In taking photographs on dull days or in bad lighting, a contrasting film is an advantage. Those plates used for copying drawings, faded photographs and the like, are the most contrasting of all, and those used for portraits usually the least contrasting. Press photographers use contrasting plates, as they are best for the "half-tone" blocks which illustrated newspapers use.

Colour-sensitivity is very necessary to good pictures. Generally speaking, the "ordinary" (and cheapest) film is hardly sensitive at all to pure yellow or red, or a combination of these two colours,—these colours usually turn out black in the print. The orthochromatic (or isochromatic) films are a step well in advance, as they are equally sensitive to yellow and green, and more or less sensitive to red. But the film which is sensitive to the whole visible spectroscopic is the Panchromatic, and for this reason is the best for artificial light, which nearly always contains a high proportion of red rays.

Edgware Section (W.M.D.A.) Cyclists Touring Club.

Turning over the runs lists for the past few months, it is really a source of satisfaction to note that the Section's fixtures have been well varied, while the number of members maintains a remarkably good average. Breakfast runs in June and July had attendances in excess of bookings in both cases, and the Hardriders' runs have been fully as successful as those of last year, when they were first started. The Wednesday evening Club meeting at Watling Centre continues to attract its crowd of regular adherents, providing a means of circulating news of any last-minute changes made necessary in the fixtures.

Nearly two hundred cyclists gathered together at Burnham Beeches on the 14th of July to celebrate the District Association's annual event, Ladies' Day. Marguerite Wilson, looking remarkably sunburnt, Mrs. Billie Dovey, Mrs. Duhaume and many other women who have made their mark in the sport of cycling, were there and took part in all the fun and frolic. Games and competitions followed in rapid succession during the afternoon, and Edgware members still did their duty in the matter of carrying off their fair share of the prizes. Burnham Beeches caters normally for those who have to find their amusement by mechanical means that have a lesser attraction for cyclists than non-cyclists. One of the novelties, however, consists of a roundabout made up of antiquated bicycles linked in tandem round the circular board track. Under the swift feet of Marguerite Wilson and a full team of collaborators that strange contrivance was propelled in a manner that made one think of cyclones and earthquakes. Happily the drum brake at the centre had been made more effective for the occasion, and it was just possible for the attendant to bring the whirling crowd to a standstill again once more. Happy days and sunny.

AMATEUR VARIETY COMPANY.

Since the war began the Variety Company have been on the move giving performances at various places. These shows have been much appreciated as they have brought bright entertainment and good cheer to troops, the British Red Cross Society and other sections of the public. Further shows are being rehearsed, and we hope to be able to continue our war programme of varieties.

LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS.

The Local Platoon needs many more ex-Service men who are prepared to give their time to assist in the defence of important points, essential in the defence of the neighbourhood. Volunteers will be supplied with Denim Overalls (tunic and trousers), Forage Cap, Steel Helmet, Gas Respirator and other equipment now under consideration. Many men may have only a few hours to place at our disposal, and may have hesitated to offer "the widows mite." If they are ex-Service men, and therefore only in need of refresher instruction, they can, even for short spells, ease the duties and responsibilities of those already serving. It is a case of many hands making light work. Many young men have volunteered, but until the Platoon has a working establishment of experienced men, we are not able to enrol all of these willing lads, although greatly appreciating their keenness to help and learn. With fuller strength, the as-

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sistance of the military will be more effective, and make possible a standard of efficiency which would be to the advantage of all living on the Estate, and concerned in the defence of the locality.

Applications for enrolment can be made at Parade at Orange Hill School every Thursday at 8 p.m., or any evening at 2, Albany Court, Montrose Avenue, between 7 and 8 p.m.

The Watling Association Bowling Club.

As a new member to the Bowling Club this season, may I take this opportunity of saying how greatly I appreciate the welcome that has been given me, by all members. Having had a few years' experience at the game, I was greatly surprised at the progress made by the majority of members in the short time that the green has been available. In the unavoidable absence of the Captain last Saturday, I felt highly honoured at being asked to Captain a team that visited Carreras B.C. at Stanmore, and by some very keen and interesting bowling, in which every man pulled his weight, we emerged winners by 9 shots. Now, a point I cannot understand is why a bowling green, placed in the centre of an estate like ours, is allowed to remain idle the best part of the week. Some nights only about six bowlers turn up for a game. There are still two months of the season to go, so if any residents of the estate feel they would like a game, come along if you can bowl, you will have a keen game. If you cannot bowl, I shall be delighted to try and teach you to. For good fellowship, good comradeship, and good sportsmanship, you will find the brotherhood of bowlers hard to beat.

W. R. MILLS.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION.

Shorter Hours

With a slight relaxation of hours of working more should be seen of those who have been kept from us recently. The greater amount of leisure time should prove beneficial to the health of the community, and might help to remove the deserted appearance of the Centre on some nights.

Juveniles

We are sorry that Mrs. Lord has felt it necessary to relinquish the position of Juvenile Organiser, and we would like to thank her for the fine service she has rendered to Watling Youth.

The Right Spirit

After a year of war the Centre still plays an active part in the life of Watling, which speaks highly for the keenness and comradeship of its members. With the Autumn almost on us, and the days becoming shorter, it is hoped that more people will be finding the blessings of community in a troubled world.

She's Done it Again

Last month we were pleased to announce that our cycling contributor had smashed the women's 25 miles tricycle record. This month, using a Bath Road course, "Billie" Dovey set up new figures for 50 miles. Long may she (in the words of a Cabinet Minister) continue to "go to it" and let us have the pleasure of recording her successes.

Watling Youth

A Conference for leaders of youth activities operating on the Estate was held at the Centre on the 12th August. It gave all who are interested an opportunity of meeting their co-workers, and it was encouraging to find that so many organisations are managing to continue, in spite of loss of leaders. The future of the community depends on the correct spirit being given a chance of developing in the young people, and we believe that every encouragement should be given by parents and others for the extension of this work.

Self Expression

The Variety Party and the Guild of Players are probably two of the most active of our groups, and although working in different spheres, they both give opportunities for individual expression and team work. The added attraction of these undertakings is that the enjoyment is not confined only to the members, but is shared by the audiences to whom they are playing, and we are fortunate in having two such excellent bodies of entertainers.

Scoutmaster Marries

The marriage of Mr. Eric Lord to Miss Florence Cann gives us much pleasure to record. Eric Lord has taken a great interest in the young people on the Estate, both as Scoutmaster of the 14th Hendon Troop, and in the Young People's Adult School Movement, and we wish him every happiness in his married life.

Demolition Squad

The activities of certain young men in pulling down the brick building attached to the billiard room caused quite considerable interest from passers-by. They must be complimented on the ardour with which they tackled the job, and no doubt they found much pleasure and satisfaction in the achievement.

Winter Comes

And what shall we do in the evenings? Or other spare time? Some possibilities are suggested on the centre pages of this issue. We hope you will read these through with care.

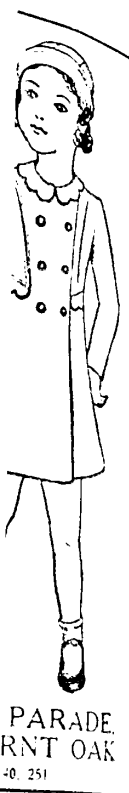
Don't Laugh

"Good humour is the best sauce to appetite," says a dietician. Therefore, if you want to make your rations go a long way, discourage frivolous remarks at the meal-table.

About A Bout

It has been suggested that we have open-air wrestling at the Centre. Don't we get enough with the deck-chairs in our gardens?

A little boy was asked to write an essay on the "International Situation." He wrote: "From 1914 to 1918 there was a world war; ever since then we have had two minutes peace every year."



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What! No Eggs?

Butterflies are pretty things, but the white variety, which lays the myriad yellow eggs on our cabbage plants to hatch out in the sun into caterpillars, is another story. We watch with apprehension a fine, hearty cabbage gradually turning into an imitation of a piece of lace, and we curse caterpillars, butterflies and all. If chickens were as prolific in their egg-laying as butterflies our egg problem would be solved.

Juvenile Organiser

We are glad to see that the position of Juvenile Organiser has been filled, and we wish Mrs. Durant, who holds the new post, every success. We understand that this good lady has some experience in this kind of work. She is also a member of a choir and pianist to the Gay Girlies Concert Party.

Mr. Flack

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Flack, a respected and loved member of the Veterans' Club, who passed away on Saturday, August 3rd. A wreath in remembrance was sent by the members of the Veterans' Club.

Mrs. Wallace

One of the first members of the Veterans' Club died on Tuesday, 20th August. A floral tribute was sent by the Veterans' Club.

POETS CORNER

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And everyone who goes that way
Look up and gaze with admiration,
Who feeds the giant population
Of this brave and mighty nation,
To final victory.

PEACE.

Peace, stretch forth thy hand,
Bring final peace to this thy land.
When wars are ended we hear thy voice,
And every nation will rejoice.

But kings will quarrel and break thy peace,
Who fight for gold and land and might.
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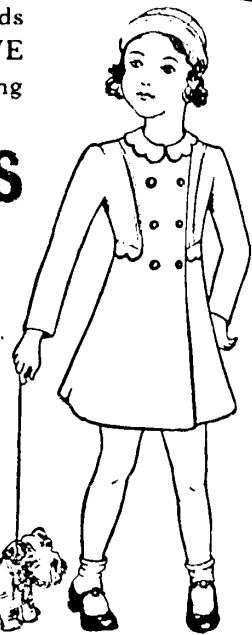
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LET 'EM KNOW

The codfish lays a million eggs,
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BALD FACED STAG?

Freedom in Pawn

The conference on Civil Liberties on 21st July was enheartening, because it was good to know that such a large number of people were prepared to leave their gardens and families on a brilliant Sunday afternoon to show their concern at the filching of freedom, from whatever quarter it threatens. The delegates included those from Trade Union branches, political parties, pacifist societies, Co-operatives and two Borough Councils, and in all it was stated that over three-quarters of a million people were represented, in the discussion on a series of comprehensive resolutions on the Press, Trade Union rights and the preservation of democratic privileges.

Mr. Frank Owen, editor of the "Evening Standard," speaking on a resolution on the Press, attacked stupidities which he complained had been committed by the Ministry of Information. He criticised the "lamentable and lunatic" attempt being made to shut down the Press, which in one case had threatened a paper with prohibition, and which in all cases had threatened the abandonment of the voluntary system of Press censorship. The Press, he argued, was as responsible as, and much nearer the ear of the people than the Government. Panic, he said, was more prevalent in Whitehall than in Whitechapel. It has since been announced that the proposals to vary the present system of censorship have been abandoned.

Other speakers, particularly Lord Strabolgi and Mr. Victor Gollancz, dealt with the indiscriminate and illiberal treatment of political refugees. The qualification for internment appeared to be not whether the person had pro- or anti-Fascist sympathies, but whether he

or she had any interest in politics, and cases were cited in which no regard had been paid to the merits involved.

In the section dealing with the rights of Trade Unionists and professional workers, the repeal of the Trades Disputes Act, 1927, which had been passed to "bottle up" Trades Unions, was called for. A warning was made against the increasing practice of public bodies to victimise employees by reason of their political or religious convictions, and a school teacher referred to a circular which had been sent to headmasters inviting them to single out those on their staff whose attitude was not considered sufficiently "loyal." This, it was pointed out, left a clear field for spying and petty prejudice.

While there was general agreement that restrictions were to be expected in wartime, they should be, as Mr. Gollancz said, "hedged about with safeguards."

The conference was as eager to discuss as it had been intent to listen to the speakers, and from the accumulated evidence of efforts being made to suspend and destroy the freedom established over ages of struggle one got a depressing picture of the dangers inherent in conjuring up Satan to cast him out. One thing emerged: we can only hope to preserve the democratic spirit if we are alive to every attempt, whether from without or from within, whether pre-conceived or unintentional, to destroy it.

Our freedom is in pawn, and through the E.P.A. and similar wartime developments, we have lost the pawn-ticket. We must not, at any cost, forget the writing on the ticket: on one side is written, "Your Freedom is in Danger: Defend it with all your Might," and on the other we are reminded, "The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance."

L.J.C.



"The Flower-Patch"

This is to introduce, if you have not already come across her, Mrs. Flora Klickmann, the editor of "The Woman's Magazine," who is also an enthusiastic gardener. She has written several books about her wonderful and very beautiful garden, including "The Flower-Patch Among the Hills" and "Flower-Patch Neighbours."

Most of us have only small gardens, but Mrs. Klickmann's must be a large one. But she writes about her Flower-Patch in such a vivid and racy style that we feel to be sharing its beauty, joy and interest with her; it is a great pleasure to do so. If you can, get her books from the free library, and you will enjoy them and feel almost as if the garden were yours.

The exact situation of the house and grounds is not stated, but they are evidently in the Wye Valley, one of England's famous beauty spots, that lies between Ross and Chepstow. Tintern is mentioned as the station, and those who have visited the ruins of the Abbey will long remember its beauty of form and situation.

Tintern Abbey may have to yield the palm for beauty of situation to Bolton Abbey, in Wharfedale, but the beauty of the ruin itself "has no rival among English shrines." In its lower reaches the Wye is tidal. The view from the top of the Windcliff (970ft. above sea level) is one of the loveliest river views in England, especially when the tide is up. Above Tintern the river flows for some distance through a narrow valley, with woods and limestone crags on one or both sides. Between Monmouth and Ross is the famous Symonds Yat, from which there is another glorious view.

It is in the midst of scenery such as this that the Flower-Patch is located, and Mrs. Klickmann spends there all the time she can spare when her editorial duties do not demand her attendance at the office in London. The contrast between life in London and life at The Flower-Patch must be very marked.

It covers a large area of land, and the whole estate, garden beds, orchards, fields and woods, with "the cottage" itself, are all on the side of a very steep hill, with no level ground anywhere except where a path has been cut into the side of the hill. There appear to be several of these hillside, horizontal paths, which form a series of terraces.

The limestone crags form ideal rock gardens. Several streams flow through the grounds, affording plenty of scope for water-loving plants. Herbaceous borders abound, and are a blaze of colour for many months of the year.

One is tempted to make many quotations, but a single one must suffice. On the top of the bottom wall "some well-meaning person once planted a cutting of flowering currant, a monthly rose, a small lilac, a bit of sage, a root of horse-radish, and a few oddments like that. Nature generously added a good deal more, in the shape of ferns to fill up the crevices in the stones, herb-robert, evening primroses, foxgloves, wallflowers, honesty, columbines and the blue wild geraniums, all of

which seed themselves, and continue to feel quite at home there.

"Then began a race as to which could get the biggest share of the earth. The flowering currant and the lilac tried to elbow each other out of the way, but finding this impossible, chose the wiser course, and shot upwards. Today they are huge pyramids of colour in the spring, first the rose-coloured currant, followed by the pale mauve lilac. The monthly rose at first seemed likely to be swamped by its companions, but now it is doing great things, because I took its part and dealt with its neighbours, so that it shan't be smothered. In return it gives me blossoms for the major portion of the year.

"Meanwhile, the sage was quietly, but steadily, forgoing ahead. No one troubled about it at first. A sage bush seemed of no account. The foxgloves and other biennials soon found themselves ousted from the top of the wall; but, nothing daunted, they dropped their seeds among the stones of the wall and on the path below. Now the wall and the path are fast becoming a flower border! Still the sage went on."

Eventually the sage became enormous, and had to be cut down to six feet by three, and a herb garden was established in the ground surrounding it.

What to do in September

Flower Garden.—This is the month for taking cuttings of violas and pentstemons, two of the most useful plants for the flower garden. They are most satisfactory when raised each year from cuttings, but a cold frame is needed. Make up a bed in the frame and cover the surface with sand or road grit. Make it reasonably firm and dibble the cuttings in at two inches apart. Keep the frame closed for a week or two, and when it is seen that the cuttings are rooted give them more air. Keep the frame quite cool during the winter. In April plant out the rooted cuttings where they are to bloom.

Spanish and English irises make a delightful display in June and July. Plant them early in the autumn, or they will not thrive satisfactorily. The Spanish should be about two inches deep and four inches apart; the English four inches deep and eight apart.

Chrysanthemums that have been planted out during summer should now be lifted and potted in large flower-pots, seven or eight inches in diameter. When in the greenhouse keep it closed for a few days if the weather is dull. The less air that is admitted the more quickly will the plants recover from the check caused by moving.

Fruit Garden.—The pruning of peach and nectarine trees may be carried out at any time during the winter, but the work may most conveniently be done now. This will enable the shoots that will bear fruit next year to be fully exposed to the light and air and therefore become well ripened. If the pruning is done correctly the tree, when finally pruned and attached to the wall or fence, will be almost a perfect fan shape. All the branches should originate near the base of the older ones, so that the tree is rejuvenated annually.

Vegetable Garden.—Outdoor tomatoes that are still green at the end of the month should be gathered, as they are not likely to ripen further if left any longer on the plants.

Seedling vegetables such as winter turnips, spring cabbage, spinach, parsley and lettuce for the winter, should be thinned out as becomes necessary. This advice also applies to onions.

Editorial

THERE IS NO GOING BACK!

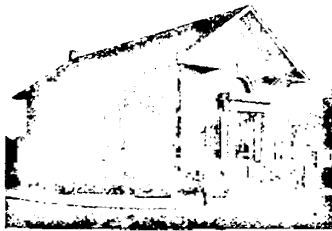
Most of us, I suppose, have at some time during the past twelve months looked back wistfully at pre-war days. As we have thought of those whom the war has taken away we have recalled comfortable memories—a cricket match, perhaps, a Christmas, or a holiday. Then we have been inclined to say, "When we get back to those days . . ." and plan for the future in terms of the past. But this is so much day-dreaming, for there is no going back.

We have said good-bye, not temporarily but for always to the rather easy-going days before the War, when we considered the British Empire a piece of characteristic and inviolable world furniture, and our present system as near perfect as could be expected. To be realists we must look not backwards to the pleasant past, but to the forbidding future. The distinction is vital: it is the distinction between wanting peace and wanting to be left in peace. We have wanted to be left in peace and find ourselves in the midst of war. If we try to put back the notice on our door "Not to be disturbed" we shall fail just as miserably.

And if there is no going back, to what then are we going forward? We believe that the future is of necessity a revolutionary one. An outworn and discredited system has conjured up war to achieve its ends and it cannot survive. The war will of necessity bring us face to face with Revolution—a Revolution, the symptoms of which seem likely to be "blood and tears and toil and sweat."

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Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30:—

- Sept. 1.—Mr. D. SAYER.
- Sept. 8.—Mr. P. O. RUOSS.
- Sept. 15.—Group-Captain P. J. WISEMAN.
- Sept. 22.—Mr. J. FENWICK ADAMS.
- Sept. 29.—Mr. W. H. CURTIS

LITTLEFIELD ROAD.

DEAR EDITOR.—From cover to cover our magazine presents to me a very colourful picture of human activity, and it is refreshing to know that there are so many public-spirited folk among us in these troublous times to quietly and successfully organize such a comprehensive programme as was embodied in our most recent "Watling Week." That I missed every scrap of the entertainment offered by local artistes, both in music and drama, is my loss, and provides me with the reminder that in allowing myself to fall into a rut I have missed the bus.

Generally speaking, I believe it is true to say that each generation contributes its portion towards the progress of civilization; judging from the few words written by Mr. Davis, I should say he has made his contribution according to his ability, and has been among the first to resent any approaches made against principles cherished by him. Principles held dear because they were calculated to serve as an uplift to himself and his fellows. There are two passages from Mr. Davis's letter which I would like to remark upon here, for the single purpose of bringing to our friend's notice, the disturbing fact that people of the past two generations have done a good deal of confused thinking. The two passages referred to are as follows:—

(1) "I have read of what occurred at the Tower of Babel, and think that a repetition of that event would be useful in these days." (2) "If capitalist employers were allowed only to possess a certain amount of wealth, the balance could then be used to give their workmen better wages, and even then they could still have a decent bank account to carry on with."

Strange as it may sound, I received such an answer from a certain political party "Which has Fascist sympathies" as our friend Mr. Davis gives us in an attempt to demonstrate that the capitalist system can be worked amicably for all; indeed, the political party, in its answer to my enquiry, concluded with the identical phrase, except that the word "National" is inserted before "Socialist" and read: "Could only be put into operation by a National Socialist Government." We of the older generation have done what we could to advance our fellows, but we must allow those youngsters who have read and studied further than we have, to contribute towards progress, unhindered by our confused thinking.

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SUMMARISED PROGRAMME FOR THOSE OVER 14

For details of groups marked * see next columns.

SUNDAYS.

- 9.30 a.m.—*Men's Adult School.
- 11.0 a.m.—Society of Friends Meeting for Worship and Children's Classes.
- 12.0 noon.—*Weight Lifters.
- 3.0 p.m.—Goldbeaters Night School Club.
- 3.30 p.m.—*Fellowship Meeting.
- 7.30 or 8.0 p.m.—*Free and Easys, Dances, Lectures.

MONDAYS.

- 2.30 p.m.—*Women's Adult School.
- 8.0 p.m.—Whist Drive, *Folk Dancing, Odd Fellows, *Girls' Dressmaking Group, *Boys' Club, N.A.S.O.H. & S. Painters and Decorators.
- 8.15 p.m.—*Poor Man's Lawyer.

TUESDAYS.

- 10.0 a.m.—*Birth Control Clinic.
- 2.30 p.m.—*Dressmaking Class.
- 3.0 p.m.—Women's Physical Training Class.
- 8.0 p.m.—*Mixed Choir, Dance, *Weight Lifters, *Girls' Club, *Parent-Teacher Group.

WEDNESDAYS.

- 2.30 p.m.—*Women's Neighbourhood Guild.
- 4.30 p.m.—*Veterans' Club.
- 8.0 p.m.—*Young People's Adult School, Whist Drive, Leavers' Dance, *Guild of Players, British Legion Benevolent Committee.

THURSDAYS.

- 2.30 p.m.—Whist Drive, Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, *Veterans' Guild, *Women's Handyman Group.
- 8.0 p.m.—*Boxing Club, *Weight Lifters, *Y.H.A. Group Comrades.

FRIDAYS.

- 8.0 p.m.—*Orchestra, *Table Tennis Club, *Amateur Variety Party

SATURDAYS.

- 2.30 p.m.—Blind Club, Transport and General Workers' Union.
- 8.0 p.m.—Members' Socials.

SUNDAYS.

First in the month, **Fellowship Meetings**, 3.30 p.m., arranged by Adult Schools and Society of Friends. Secretary: Mr. J. Austin Bayes.

Sept. 1.—Rev. L. W. Hibbs, "No man can serve two masters."

Second and Fourth in the month, **Free and Easy**, 7.30 p.m., for members of the Watling Association who are over 25. From 8.0—9.0 there will usually be a talk and discussion; before and after this there will be music and a social time with Mr. J. Radley as M.C.

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Sept. 8th. The W.A. Mixed Choir.
Sept. 22nd. The R.S.P.C.A., Inspector C. H. J.
Oct. 10th. Two Talks: "So this is L. J. J."
"So this is L. J. J."

Other Sundays it is planned to arrange a series of **Public Lectures on Current Economic and Political Problems**, starting with one on "What Happened in France."

FOLK DANCING GROUP.

Mondays from 8.0 to 10.0 p.m., starting September 10. New dances will be learnt as well as old ones enjoyed, so that both beginners and those more advanced can be sure of an enjoyable evening. Admission, 3d. members of the Watling Association; 4d. to others. Leader: Miss Joyce Pryor.

DRESSMAKING GROUP

for girls under 21 who want help in making their frocks. Held at 13, Gunter Grove, under the leadership of Mr. Sewell Harris, at 8.0 p.m. on Mondays, starting September 30th.

WOMEN'S HANDICRAFT CLASSES

(arranged in conjunction with the Middlesex Education Committee, which provides the teachers).

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Dressmaking.—Meets Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. Teacher: Mrs. A. Rainbow. First meeting, September 10th.

Classes in **Millinery, Cookery and Upholstery** can be arranged if sufficient numbers enrol. If you want to join send in your name to Centre at once.

Women's Handyman Group meets on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. to help ladies who would like hints on repairing woodwork, furniture, connecting electrical fittings and other handy jobs.

PHYSICAL TRAINING CLASSES

For **Women**. Tuesdays, 3.0 p.m. The chief purpose of the class is to provide "Keep Fit" exercises for married women. Fee, 3d. a week; 2d. for members of the Watling Association. For **Girls over 16**. See Girls' Club.

For **Men**. A class will be arranged if there is sufficient demand.

MIXED CHOIR.

This meets on Tuesdays at 8.0 p.m. under the leadership of Mr. A. I. Jones. The programme includes a variety of music, part songs, glees, etc. New members will be welcomed. Subscription 2d. a week for members of the Association. Hon. Secretary: F. H. Lake, 4, Littlefield Road.

POULTRY CLUB.

It is proposed to revive this club, which had just got under way when the war started. Anyone interested in solving the war-time problems of the poultry keeper, novices and old-timers, experts and beginners will be welcomed. Send your names to the Secretary, Poultry Club, Watling Centre, to get a notice of the first meeting.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Meets every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. except during the school holidays. Each meeting usually includes a short social time, a talk on some subject of interest and a time for questions and discussion.

FOR ALL AGES, 1940-41. WATLING AND EVENING ACTIVITIES

unless otherwise stated. If you want to take part in any of these activities, but not at Watling, notify the Secretary, Watling Centre

Sept. 4th	Dalgarne Community Centre, Miss Jenkinson.
Sept. 11th	Talkies of Canada.
Sept. 18th	Exhibition of Members' Garden Produce.
Sept. 25th	I Want to be an Actor.
Oct. 2nd	Winifred Holtby, Mrs. Fawell.
Oct. 9th	Current Events, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
Oct. 16th	Toy Symphony, Miss Fraser and friends.
Oct. 23rd	Economical Dishes Without Meat, Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
Oct. 30th	Social.
Later	To be arranged.

THE WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

is open to all members and associate members of the Watling Association. It meets at 8.30 on Wednesdays and at other times for additional rehearsals. New members are invited to join both for acting and scenery, property and costume making. Subscription, 2d. a week. Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. A. Smith, 57, Abbots Road.

GIRLS' CLUB

Meets at Woodcroft School on Tuesdays.

7.0—8.0.—Juniors under 14.

8.0—9.0.—Games and Social Time for those over 14.

9.0—10.0.—Physical Training for those over 14.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Lord, 23, Colchester Road. Instructress: Miss S. Wood.

Net Ball, Tennis and other activities on other days are included as activities of the club.

WRESTLING.

A group is being arranged to cultivate this art day and time to suit those who want to join. Send names to the Secretary.

ADULT SCHOOLS

Three Adult Schools, affiliated to the National Adult School Union, meet at the Centre for study and fellowship, and will welcome new members.

The Men's School meets on Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

Sept. 1st	Photography, Mr. A. I. Jones.
Sept. 5th	Olive Schreiner, Miss Henriques.
Sept. 15th	Experiences of a Trade Union Leader, Mr. T. Pugh.
Sept. 22nd	Federal Union, Mr. F. H. Lake.
Sept. 29th	Business Meeting.
Oct. 6th	Caricature, Mr. R. R. Carter.
Oct. 13th	The Boy Scout Movement, Mr. Wakeling.
Oct. 20th	Obstacles I Have Met, Mr. Lord.

The Women's School meets on Mondays at 2.30 p.m. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Theobald, 28, Littlefield Road.

The Young People's School (B.O.Y.P.A.S.) meets on Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m.

GOLDBEATERS PARENT TEACHER GROUP

is held in connection with Goldbeaters School on the first Tuesday in each month. The group is primarily for the parents and teachers of Goldbeaters School, but others who wish to attend will be welcomed. Each meeting starts with refreshments and a social time from 8.0 to 8.30 p.m. This is followed by the speaker of the evening and discussion.

Sept. 2nd.—War-time Meals. Miss McKerchar.

WATLING ORCHESTRA

Fridays, 8 p.m. Practises weekly for its own enjoyment and in addition to other activities performs two or three times a year for the pleasure of members of the Watling Association and their friends. New members will be welcomed. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Graham, 134, Princes Avenue, Kingsbury.

YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION (Hendon Group)

Meets on Thursdays at 8.0 p.m. for discussions, games, social time, and to plan rambles, cycle rides and visits to hostels. Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. J. Clark, 39, Barnfield Road.

BOYS' CLUB

The club caters for boys of 14 years old and upwards, and aims to provide opportunities for healthy activities and the useful occupation of leisure time. Main activities: table tennis, general indoor games, outings to places of interest. Subscription, 2d. per evening. Meets on Mondays at 8.0 p.m. Leader: Mr. S. Jones.

WEIGHT LIFTERS CLUB

Meets on Sundays at 12 noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.0 p.m., for physical training and to practice the art of weight lifting. Subscription, 6d. per week. Secretary: Mr. Day.

POOR MAN'S LAWYER

Sits at the Centre every Monday, except Bank Holidays, at 8.15 p.m., to advise those who are in legal difficulties and cannot afford a lawyer. Those with accident claims and insurance difficulties, lapsed policies etc., are specially recommended to make sure of their position.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Meets Fridays at 8.0 p.m. Subscription, 3d. per week.

THE VETERANS' CLUB

Open to all Watling residents over 65 years of age. Meets on Wednesdays at 4.30 p.m. for a talk, tea, games and entertainments, and most other afternoons at 2.30 p.m. for games and conversation. There is no subscription to the club.

BOXING CLUB

Meets on Thursdays. From 6.0 to 8.0 p.m. instruction is given to junior members under 14; from 8.0 to 10 p.m., to senior members. Secretary: Mr. Day.

AMATEUR VARIETY COMPANY

Meets on Fridays at 8.0 p.m. to rehearse for the purpose of putting on variety concerts at the Centre and elsewhere. Subscription, 2d. a week. Director: Mr. H. J. Wilkinson.

BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC

Is held from 10.0 to 11.30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month under the auspices of the North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14

Starting the 2nd week in September.

Mondays	...	Choir.
Tuesdays	...	Acting and Reciting.
Wednesdays	...	Games and Handicrafts.
Thursdays	...	Folk Dancing.
Fridays	...	Knitting, Painting & Drawing.

Each group starts at 5.30 p.m. Subscription 1d. a group per evening.

It may be possible to arrange **Carpentry** and other groups if they are wanted.

Old Father Thames

My wife and I arrived at Oxford at half-past five. We journeyed there by coach on a brilliant day, and after leaving our little suit-case at the house to which we had been recommended, we set out to look round that ancient city. We entered first the courtyard of Christ Church College. Here and there were small groups of students willing away a leisured hour in conversation. Others, sitting by themselves or pacing the quadrangle, were absorbed in books, and at almost every window could be seen scholars with books propped up at the side and legs dangling over the window-sills. Feeding their minds, they were letting the sun feed their bodies.

We then strolled through beautiful Christ Church Meadow. One could not help being struck by the peacefulness of the scene. Yet the scene was not altogether pastoral, for running through the meadow is the River Cherwell, and on it were many punts gracefully moving up and down stream. The twittering of birds, the gentle laughter of girls and their quiet voices coupled with those of their male companions were all that disturbed the stillness of the surroundings. Soon afterwards we made our way to Oxford's renowned High Street, meandered round the many colleges and then went to our home for the night. The church and college towers tolled the hours of the night, and no doubt the spirits of Oxford's famous sons were then about.

As omened by the red sky of the evening, the following morning broke with glorious sunshine. At 9.20 we boarded the steamship "Goring," at Folly Bridge. At 9.25 the ship's telegraph signalled "Stand by" and on the stroke of 9.30 "Slow Ahead." We were on our way to Kingston.

Slowly we moved past the College barges—Merton, Balliol, Brasenose, Pembroke, Magdalen, Corpus and the others—names that are household ones the world over.

Again the ship's telegraph rang out, "Half Ahead" and then "Full Ahead." Silence and solitude prevailed. How different from the journey by road. One could commune with oneself, commune with nature, or commune with the past. Reveries. Yes, that was the chief note of that delightful river trip. For there was abundant material for it. Rich in political history, rich in ecclesiastical history, and rich in social history, the Thames has few to surpass it. Gliding along it one lived in two worlds, the past and the present.

Abingdon, some eight miles from Oxford, was the scene of several engagements during the great Civil War, and so harsh was the treatment meted to prisoners that Abingdon Law was synonymous for ruthless cruelty. Now, Abingdon is a quiet market town, and its church and bridge mirrored in the peaceful water of the Thames seem the very negation of anything cruel. Littlemore, nearer to Oxford, was Cardinal Newman's parish. The ruins of a Benedictine Abbey can still be seen at Reading. Windsor and Hampton Court are well-known; so is Eton. As the writer in Salter's admirable "Guide to the Thames" says:—

"It is a curious reflection that a typical great English career might run its complete course without ever leaving the river. 'Eton and Oxford' are the proverbial commencement of such a career. Political success at Westminster; the rewards of office in Whitehall; royal honours at Windsor; and the crowning tribute of a nation's respect in the great Abbey, would all be beside the river's banks."

There is, too, Magna Charta Island, by the meadow of Runnymede. It was there that the Charta was wrested from the hands of King John, and the place is, as Goldsmith says, "still held in reverence by posterity as the spot where the standard of freedom was first erected in England."

Of the scenery on the river there was much that was enchanting. Nuneham Hill, with its fine woods and spacious park; the twin hills of Sinodun, the silent sentinels of the river; the famous Streatley Hills, and Hart's Wood. The picturesque stretch between Henley and Windsor, with its famous regatta course, the suspension bridge at Marlow and the magnificent Hedsor and Clivedon Woods can never be forgotten. It will be remembered that only recently a service was held at Clivedon to commemorate the first presentation of Thomson's masque of Alfred, containing the national song "Rule Britannia." In political circles the "Clivedon Set" is, or perhaps one should say, was, a by-word.

In the course of the journey to Kingston we passed no fewer than twenty-five locks. Most of them take their names from their places, but the names of two or three, like Day's and Boulter's, recall the time when the locks were built by private enterprise, and each proprietor exacted tolls for his own pocket. Temple Lock takes its name from the Knights Templar of old. The gardens of the locks were a picture. The lock-keepers must be second Mr. Middletons. They vie with one another in making their gardens attractive, and that they succeed is shown by the profusion of flowers in every one of them. Each is laid out with consummate skill; a glance at any reveals the hands of an artist, and of an individual artist at that. For each garden is unique; no two are alike. But, unlike in design, they are alike in their beauty. There is no doubt that the lock-keepers are gardeners first and lock-keepers second.

The captain and crew of the boat must also be paid a tribute. When off duty they were always willing for a chat, and they enlightened us considerably. When on duty they displayed an alertness which was demanded by the tortuous windings of the river. It was fascinating to watch the helmsman take the vessel into a lock and to note the nice judgment he showed not only in taking her in, but, when in, in estimating the right moment to ring to the engine room the commands "Reverse Engines," "Stop"—a tricky business. Only a practised hand could do it so well. The name of our boat, the "Goring," lent itself to the hilarity of the children bathing at different places. We were often asked where our medals were and what we had done with our Iron Cross.

How can I sum up all the pleasures of the trip? Let the writer of the introduction to Salter's "Guide to the Thames" do it for me:

"On the Thames, if there is no majesty, there is no monotony. Old abbeys, churches and bridges alternate with riverside houses, gardens and houseboats, and modern towns with others of a 'storied past.' Long level reaches of placid water and then a tossing weir, meadows, hills and woods, and then an ancient village, follow in quick succession.

"Succeeding each as each retires,
Wood-mantled hills and tufted spires,
Groves, villas, islets, cultured plains,
Towers, cities, palaces and fanes."

Need I say that we were sorry to disembark at Kingston and to hear the final message of the steamer's telegraph, "Engines Done With"? K.A.F.

Men's Adult School

We had some fine meetings in July—I think the most interesting was about Japan. In this we had a very good speaker, and some splendid talkie films, showing us the development of Western ideas, planted in a background of the Orient. Of course, if you speak of Japan, John Chinaman must crop up—well, he certainly did here, we learnt more about China and her ways, than of Japan, it was in China that our speaker had lived for many years, but allowing for that, many of us could not agree that John Chinaman was unprogressive and just living for himself, and was easily tempted by "easy money"; this, many of us thought, does not tally with China's powerful resistance against a foe with modern weapons and a well-organised army and air force. If the Chinaman could be bribed, why then doesn't Japan use this method of warfare? Perhaps some of our readers can answer this for us? Although we did not agree on many points raised by our speaker, I feel that this splendid talk and films deserved a larger number of men to listen; that is where our male readers can help, by coming along on Sunday mornings at 9.30 to swell our numbers. Once you come and see how in formal our meetings are, and feel the friendly atmosphere, you'll wonder why you never came before. What do we meet for? The best answer to that, I believe, is to find, understand and put into use a practical Christianity.

A HIKE TO ELSTREE.

August being a holiday month it was suggested that we take a lesson in the country, and on a bright Sunday morning we met with our ladies at the Centre, and off we went past Scratch Woods, with the sun streaming down on us. A stop at a cottage for a drink; then we turned in at a gate to lunch al fresco in a field of new-mown hay. An air raid warning found us enjoying our picnic in the shade of a wood. Soon the "all-clear" went, and we continued our ramble through the glorious countryside on to Elstree village, where we had welcome cups of tea and home-made cakes. Refreshed, we once more ambled on past Elstree Reservoir, round by Stanmore and so home, tired, but with the memory of a pleasant journey in cheerful company. Subjects discussed were: (1) Why not plant fruit trees along all by-pass roads; it would help the food supply and enhance the beauty of the countryside in blossom-time. (2) Would it be desirable to live on the same estate as your factory or works was situated. (3) Cheap family holidays as a national project. Cookery.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

Our School is proving a source of great encouragement and help to us during these dark and anxious days, and members find much consolation in the human comradeship found at our weekly meetings. These are to continue during August, when we are to be given a series of lectures on Home Nursing by two nurses from the Hendon Division of the British Red Cross Society, the first—explaining the functions and care of the digestive system—having been delivered on 12th August.

A number of proposed outings have had to be cancelled, but several of our members accepted Mrs. Heaf's invitation to visit her, in June, at her home in Berkhamstead, and spent a very happy afternoon.

Considerable benefit has been derived from recent talks by competent speakers. Mrs. Thomas, our President, spoke on Psychology; Miss McKye described the work done by London Girls' Clubs, and Mrs. Perkinson informed us of the valuable services placed at our disposal by the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Mr. Croker visited us again, and after giving a short summary of the life of Karel Capek, afforded much pleasure, besides causing us to ponder deeply, by presenting a vivid word-picture of the "Insect Play." We were given cause to wonder if we are really very much different from the insects in many respects. Isn't it true, that we allow ourselves to descend to the level of the lower species of life by refusing to exercise more fully those higher powers of intelligence, so freely given to us, of clear thinking and love of our neighbours and the desire to help, instead of to dominate him, whether in relation to individual or nation? This constant subjection to our baser instincts inevitably leads to moral and physical ruin, and has undoubtedly contributed to the terrible upheaval in the world today. When will man effectively make use of his wonderful powers, which raise him above the animals, to bring harmony and peace to a troubled world?

A Housewife's Council has recently been held, when members exchanged favourite recipes, all of which were most helpful, especially Mrs. Durant's recipe for home-made bread. The following, for **War-time Gingerbread**, may be helpful, requiring neither sugar, eggs nor rationed fat, and being very nice to eat as well as "good for you": Mix 1 lb. each of white flour, wholemeal and fine or medium oatmeal with 2 teaspoonfuls of salt, 4 teaspoonfuls bi-carbonate of soda, 2 teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar; add ½ lb. each of sultanas, chopped figs, dates and chopped nuts, the grated rind of a lemon or an orange; warm 1 lb. black treacle with fat from ½ lb. of beef suet melted down, and mix well with the juice of orange or lemon, 1 teaspoonful mixed spice, 1 oz. ground ginger, ½ teacupful vinegar. Mix well with dry ingredients, adding 1 pint sour milk, pour into two meat tins and bake for 1 hour.

Members continue to knit warm garments for men in the Services, and further socials have been held, the proceeds from which having added considerably to our Comforts Fund.

VETERANS' CLUB

Two coaches left the Centre on Wednesday, July 24, filled with Veterans bent on having a good day out. It was the Veterans' Club annual outing. A halt was made at Windsor for an hour, and then the party proceeded on their journey to Maidenhead, where they spent the remainder of the day. Tea was provided at the Old Farmhouse Hotel, and on the return journey the Veterans enjoyed a trip through Burnham Beeches. The weather turned wet in the afternoon, but this did not damp the spirits of the old folks. They were out for a day's enjoyment, and nothing was going to stop them.

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Will the revolution result in a lapse into a super-tyranny, as it well may, in which the human spirit is all but destroyed, or will it lead to a throwing over of the old order for a new society in which the common people can inherit what is theirs and for the first time go forward unencumbered by divisions of man against man! As, so often, the choice is with the common man. He may go forward or he may slide into the abyss. But one thing is certain: he cannot get back to his complacency of pre-war days.

L.J.C.

WATLING ASSOCIATION MIXED CHOIR

A very successful concert was given in the club hall of John Keble's Church, and the choir received a great ovation. Under its conductor, Mr. A. L. Jones, the choir filled up two hours with good entertainment, including part songs and individual items. Mr. Singleton, baritone, rendered some well-liked songs, Mrs. Dimond gave character sketches, Mr. Foley cornet solos, and Mr. Wakeling, tenor, two selections. The hall was made for singing, and both the audience and the choir enjoyed the programme. In fact, the choir have been invited to oblige again in the near future.

An open-air practice is arranged to take place in the grounds of the Centre, when members and friends will have an opportunity of seeing the choir at work. The choir's work is not confined to the Centre, for it performs for charitable purposes when required. The next outside concert will be given at Wesley Hall, and following this, a performance at Harrow for a Blind Club. Anyone interested in singing, man or woman, can still join the choir. Practice, Tuesday evenings, at the Centre.

WATLING POULTRY CLUB.

The Poultry Club actually started last year, but owing to the Secretary being called up for Military service the Club unfortunately fizzled out. Now we hope to re-form the Club. On the 21st August a lecture was given by Mr. Worthington, Middlesex County Poultry Instructor, on an unusual method of housing and keeping poultry in the back garden. Mr. Worthington also exhibited a couple of two-month-old White Wyandotte cockerels, and pointed out the way he picks out the pullets and the cockerels at about this age.

Providing enough support is found, we have several experts who will come along and give us the benefit of their experience.

Any poultry-keeper who wishes to join should come along to our next meeting on September 5th, at 8 p.m. at the Centre.

E.A.W.B.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

Meets every Tuesday at the Centre at 7.30 p.m. New members welcomed.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION GROUP.

Last year, you will remember, some very helpful discussions took place at the Centre on Monday evenings, and an interested group of young people took part in them.

It is proposed to recommence this Group in September, and all interested young people should give their names to Mr. Harris at the Centre. A meeting will then be arranged, and those attending will be invited to make suggestions as to the subjects they would like to discuss. This will be a grand opportunity for young people to give their ideas on subjects of general interest. **You are the citizens of the to-morrow. You can help to mould your own destiny.**

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BOXING.

The Boxing Club will start on the 1st Tuesday in September and from then on the club will meet every Tuesday and Friday evening. Our club has put up a fine show in the past and we have a reputation to keep up. So come on Watling boys and keep your name on the Boxing map.

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB

That cycling is a sport of never-failing vitality has been more fully demonstrated by this war than ever before. While admitting with gratitude and admiration the part that women are playing to keep the clubs alive, it is to the most useful and active kind of young men that we have to look for support in the ordinary way of things—the kind of men that the national effort has roped in either for Active Service or else for the making of war supplies, Sundays as well as week-days.

This particularly applies to racing, and yet we have the spectacle of entries for road events having to be returned by the score because there is a limit to the number of competitors that can be pushed off at one-minute intervals in the early hours of the morning. It is the remarkable influx of youngsters under military age that is making the difference.

Apart from racing, Edgware Section's programme has been kept pretty full, and the attendances are not very much below those of peace-time. The August Hardriders' Run to Petersfield had quite a number of new adherents anxious to put their new lightweight mounts to the test. It was a breezy day, too, and the going none too easy, but the newcomers to the "long-run" cult acquitted themselves quite well.

One aspect of this Edgware Section feature may call for consideration in the course of the month. On a long run it is not practicable to wait for members who have collected mechanical trouble or who cannot stand the pace. Because of their length, Hardriders' Runs are often over country unfamiliar to inexperienced clubmen, and not many people carry efficient maps of Surrey, Sussex and Berks, say.

It is to be sincerely hoped that some of the younger members do not get badly lost and stranded in these days of hush-hush whereabouts. If they do, it will have to be taken as all part of the day's fun—although it is not so funny at the time to find yourself absolutely in a fog as to locality and 50 miles or more away from home. It has to be done at least once, however, in order to be able to say that you have had a cycling adventure, and the fun comes afterwards when you are clipped by fellow-members.

A.G.F.

Cycling Still Unrationed!

By *Ra'eigh Sturmev-Archer Expert*, MRS. BILLIE DOVEY.
Who advises "Resident" Readers to become Riders.

I will not suggest that you go and buy yourself a bicycle immediately, but please let me warn you that delivery will soon be in the region of 15 weeks, unless Messrs. Pegley's fine stock contains the model you want. As with many things, so with bicycles, export trade has to come first. Watch those fares pretty closely, and make up your mind soon about a new bicycle, or else you may have to be content with the best second-hand machine you can find!

One for the Sidecar!

All cycling club riders living on the Estate will have heard of Flossie Uren, of the Southern Ladies Road Club. Secretary and founder member of that keen all-ladies cycling club, she has ridden hard in road time trials and national records for long distances such as Lands End to London, Liverpool to London, and on tandem, too.

A postcard recently announced the arrival of Valerie, followed by a letter from the proud mother, who states that she does not expect it will be long before her infant is introduced to the road. The hospital staff stated the child to be absolutely perfect (she weighed 8 lbs. at birth), which all seems to point to the fact that cycling is an excellent sport and pastime for ladies, and the theory of harmfulness is one without the slightest foundation. Flossie Uren, of Kingston, has proved that!

A Little Patience.

Friend George recently borrowed our tandem in order to take the lady of his choice out cycling, since

she, poor girl, has no bicycle. Another friend did the very same thing, and I believe these two experienced male riders have two very nice lady cyclists in the making.

But they must have a little patience with us women awheel, for I can remember well in my own case how I used to practice "real" cycling early each morning before catching the stuffy train to the office. Cyclists, generally, are not born—they are made, and it's their own effort and perseverance that makes many of them so much better than most. Menfolk, when taking a girl out riding, please do not persist, when riding side by side, in having your front wheel half-a-wheel ahead of hers. This "half-wheeling" business spoils things by making "her" feel she is not keeping up with you, and is the quickest way of making any woman want to give up cycling with you.

This Year's Holiday for Her.

Mrs. R. du Heaume, of High Wycombe, rides tandem regularly with her 14-year-old daughter, "Bubbles"—mother, by the way, often takes the back seat. She told me recently of the fun they get when people say: "Look at those two girls on a tandem"! Mother rode over 200 miles in 12 hours many years ago, and has toured and cycle-camped in many parts of the country.

A certain gentleman recently asked me if I would be good enough to help his daughter. She was having no *real* holiday, but wanted to go out on her bicycle daily, and was in difficulties about a map. If the sunny summer holds out his daughter will, to my mind, enjoy a *real* cycling holiday, for I have loaned her maps and plotted tourlets which include Ashridge Park, Whipsnade, the Chess Valley, Coombe Hill, Ivinghoe Hills, Chiltern Hills and surrounding country, which avoid the main roads.

Rationing won't bother her, either, she will most likely take sandwiches, and enjoy them in the open, with the smell of honeysuckle sweetening the air. She will ride home along lanes full of the smell of new-mown hay and clover blossom.

LAWRENCE STREET ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Much hard work and attention must have been given to the plots by the members of the above Association, many of whom live on Watling Estate. Any Sunday evening one may see quite a number of people walking through the allotment field with their wives and friends, admiring the fruits of labours, which has been well rewarded this summer by the splendid condition of the plots.

I felt sure the judges were having their work cut out to decide who were going to be the winners of the plot-judging this year. The plots were judged a few weeks ago by the Secretary of the Hendon Allotment Association and another gentleman from a neighbouring Allotment Society. The winners were as follows:—

1, H. W. Rayner (plot No. 25); 2, C. R. Middleton (81); 3, D. J. McLennan (17); 4, P. G. Rayner (26); 5, D. Sharpe (28); 6, E. W. Pollard (85); 7, R. O'Brien (27); 8, L. Liomin (84); 9, J. Seagar (29); 10, J. B.

Crab (12); 11, A. Howard (22). Certificates of Merit were awarded to the following: H. W. Webb (16); F. T. Kirkham (53); H. Hogarth (73); W. Thomas (46); H. Warboys (66). The first prizewinner's plot has been entered in the "Daily Express" Allotments Competition for the large money prize.

It is good to know that all the plots on this seven-acre fields are all under cultivation, as already mentioned, at least half the number from Watling. So there again, we are doing our bit in the Digging and Growing for Victory.

By the time this gets to press, the prizes will have been presented, the distribution having been on Saturday, August 17, our worthy president, J. W. Lang Esq., kindly consenting to attend.

W. W. HEWINS.

National Unemployed Workers' Movement

Despite the Government's advice to "go to it," there are still many without work. This wastage of potential effort is occasioning concern and adds point to the request for the removal from the Government of Mr. E. Brown, former Minister of Labour, and one of the many "men of Munich" who still remain in the Government.

The new Unemployment Insurance Bill will bring 400,000 new workers into the scope of the U.I. Acts through the raising of the wage limit from £250 to £470 per annum from 2nd August, 1940. Contributions will increase as from 5th August, 1940, by 1d. weekly for workers, employers and State under the general scheme and by ½d. weekly under agricultural scheme. Such increase in contributions is not necessary, but is an indication that the Government anticipates mass unemployment after the war. Remember two months ago? £60,000 surplus in the U.I. Fund, and £37,000 of which was handed over to the National Exchequer for war expenditure. The Bill also proposes an increase in Benefit Rates, 3s. for men and women over 21, and 2s. for persons between 18 and 20, but no change is made for those between 14 and 18. The regulations as operated by the Assistance Board remain the same with the severity of the Means Test.

The Restriction of Employment Order, 1940, makes illegal for employers in certain industries to engage workers other than through the Employment Exchange, advertise vacancies in the Press or other means. Therefore workers can only obtain work notified them by the Ministry of Labour. The effect is to nullify workers bargaining power, restricted right to seek work with higher wages or leave previous employers should unfavourable conditions warrant. Now that circumstances present advantages to the workers' campaign for higher wages, the Government steps in to assist employers by thus restricting freedom of movement. Employers, on the other hand, retains the right to dismiss employees on any pretext.

Hon. Secretary,

W. LEWINGTON.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION.

Two Talkies

If you can come to the Free and Easy for Members on October 13th, be sure you are there by 8.0 p.m., so as to see the whole of the two talkies which are being shown that night. If these prove a popular item, it is hoped to have more. One is about Edinburgh.

Afternoon Socials

If those who are free in the afternoons would like more in the way of socials, during these days when we have so many night raids, will they please send their names to the Centre, so that arrangements can be made.

Blackberries

It has been a wonderful season for these, as for other fruits. I heard of one man and his daughter who picked 18½ lbs. in 3 hours. What is your record?

Lemons

The answer is a lemon, at least it used to be, but now we have difficulty in finding an answer, as lemons are so scarce. Time was when lemons were three a penny—and it wasn't so very long ago either.

Melons

Wine-flavoured melons are the invention of a New York lawyer. An absorbent cotton wick is run from a bottle of port, cognac, etc., to an incision in the stem of a ripening melon, and sealed to it with grafting wax and cellophane, so that none of the flavour is lost.

Poor Man's Lawyer

For the present this service will be provided on the 1st and 3rd Mondays only at 6.30 p.m., at the Centre, instead of every Monday. Please make this known.

Watling Suspect

A well-known young member informs me that, returning along Orange Hill Road after seeing a fellow-member of the opposite sex home from a public shelter at 4 o'clock in the morning, he decided to exercise himself by running. Imagine his surprise, when having travelled a short distance, to find himself brought to a full stop by three very menacing bayonet points, and a very terse request to present his credentials. Fortunately he managed to convince his questioners that he was not an espionage agent or had any intention of committing sabotage, and was allowed to proceed. He tells me, however, that he intends to confine all athletic activities in future to the daytime.

Books For The Troops

From time to time we receive requests from members in the Forces for books. If any members have any that they have finished with (condition unimportant), they would be doing a great service by leaving them at the office. The general need is for light literature, but anything readable would be appreciated.

Sing Hey-Ho

Recently people walking past the Centre were surprised to hear strains of music, and there was considerable speculation as to the cause. Upon enquiry it was found that the Watling Association Choir were making full use of the fine weather to have an open-air practice, and passers-by were treated to a feast of singing from our very talented singers.

Hooliganism

We have received complaints that the shelters in St. James's Convent have been misused by some people, and that a certain amount of wilful damage has resulted. It is hoped that the perpetrators are not members of the Association, and we would like to remind everyone that the shelters are not public property, but are only opened by the kindness and courtesy of the school authorities. We hope that this consideration for your safety will be respected.

HENDON S
PUCC

Thought For To-Night

" From Witches, Warlocks and Wurricoes,
From Ghoulies, Ghosties and Long-leggity Beasities,
From all things that go Bump in the night,
Good Lord deliver us."

A Cornish Litany.

On With The Show

The Watling Amateur Variety Company gave an excellent performance on 6th September at St. Alphage Hall in aid of our Soldiers' Cigarette Fund. Before the final curtain, however, an Air Raid Warning was sounded, but the actors, true to the tradition of their calling, continued with the show.

Hold All

It has been suggested that more pegs for coats and hats be provided at the Centre. The umpire in our Cricket Section is prepared to hire himself out for a small consideration.

Tell 'Em

Readers will render us a service by mentioning "The Watling Resident" in their dealings with our advertisers.

'Sright

In Watling Park a stranger addressed a young soldier sitting on a bench. "Is it true," he asked him, "that the air here is simply miraculous? A friend of mine told me that when he came here he was hardly able to walk and now he can run if need be." "Oh, that's nothing," said the soldier. "When I came here I could not walk, I could not sit up, I could not even speak a word. And now I am perfectly fit." "Just fancy. How long have you been here?" "I was born here," said the soldier.

There'll Always be an England

Workmen have recently been busy along the Barnet By-pass, strengthening the stakes in trees to prevent the wind blowing them over.

Keep it Going

The value and strength of a Community Association depends upon the degree in which membership actively participates in its work.

Don't Worry

That German aeroplane has got to get across the Channel. Then it's got to cross our coast. Then it's got to find your county. Then your town. Then your village. Then your street. Then your house. And if he drops a bomb on it, you might not be in.

Community Underground

The wailing of the "Banshee Howl" nearly every evening has resulted in a considerable curtailment of activities at the Centre, but for many people the wailing only results in a temporary cessation of fellowship. With the Air Raid Shelters quite close, it is not long before the threads are picked up and a state of good tempered understanding continues until the all clear is sounded or sleep intervenes.

H.S.A.

The closing of Mr. Bishop's H.S.A. group marks an epoch in the life of the Estate. It has been one of the long standing services for local residents and many contributors owe Mr. Bishop a debt of gratitude.

It is urgent that there should be a local group on the Estate and it is therefore hoped to start one at the Centre in the near future. The first contribution night will, if all goes well, be Friday, October 4th, and after that contributions can be paid in every Friday between 7.0 and 9.0 p.m. Arrangements are not quite complete at the time of going to press, but if there is any change it will be notified on the board outside the Centre.

POETS' CORNER

THE QUEST.

O dark and dreary world,
From which such misery springs,
Where human souls once pure are soiled
By life's unholy stings.

Where can we your offspring find
In our wandering quest,
A place of peace to all mankind,
Where all are welcome guests.

Give us light, we are so blind,
Lead us from our daily sins,
Yet stay, a voice of another kind,
Is heard above the din.

'Tis the voice of a child,
Kneeling at his mother's knee,
Untouched, untroubled, by worldly care,
Opening his heart in simple prayer.

There is our lesson, brethren all,
There is the peace we seek,
Then when we hear the eternal call,
We will answer, oh so meek.

G.H.C.

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I wonder what your thoughts are while you spend each night in your shelter or in a downstairs room? Do you ever meditate on the outcome of the present struggle and plan the world anew? Can we turn fashion events so that the common people of every country will reap the benefit of the wealth they labour to produce? Many are the problems confronting those who would make a better world, but each one must face those problems in his own way. I will endeavour to deal with some of these problems in this and subsequent articles and if you do not agree with the conclusions I arrive at, write to the Editor. One of the first things which recent air raids should make clear is that, war (that is, the use of armed forces) as an instrument of national policy, must go. If we cannot accept this position, then no new structure of society can survive, because a free and happy life is only possible if we can trust our fellows, whatever their nationality.

Replace that trust with fear and our lives are cramped and miserable. Modern war is not the result of a policy, but is part of the general scheme of government. All countries have based their policy on the bombing plane and the tank. Is there not a better way? This war may give us victory. Are we making ourselves fit to use this victory in the way we might imagine Christ would use it? I believe that the application of practical Christianity is the only hope for the future.

J. W. PRATTEN.

MR. PUGH'S EXPERIENCES

To many of us, the last few days and nights have been somewhat disturbing. A case of "wait for it" and then—"there she goes!" But this has only roused the spirit of the members of the Men's Adult School to greater things. Would you believe it, we had one of the largest attendances last Sunday for some time, and the School was well rewarded, as our speaker, Mr. Pugh, was a real tonic. We will not attempt to discuss here his subject, "Experiences of a Trade Union Leader," but to take a tip from his statements about himself. In starting his talk, he apologised for what might be (but was not) a poor speech, the reason being lack of sleep, for, not being a hero, he could not sleep through anything. Despite this, he still retained his sense of humour.

A.E.W.

FEDERAL UNION

This proposal for world citizenship sacrificing national sovereignty for a Federal government opened up vast problems too boundless to be tackled in one morning's discussion. Nevertheless, the subject bravely opened by Mr. F. H. Lake was judiciously weighed up by the Men's School with a suggestion that we dissect the subject of Federal Union and make a separate lesson of each part such as Politics, Sovereignty, Capitalism, Economics, etc., as it would be affected by Federation.



Activities at the Centre

When the serious bombing of London first started it seemed best not to keep the Centre open during black-out period air raids. Now that the raids have been going on for some while and it is evident how much people miss the opportunity of being together and doing things together it is proposed to modify this arrangement. It is important to give people as much liberty as possible in making up their own minds what they shall do, as long as what they do does not endanger other people.

Having people running in and out of the Centre during an air raid might lead to unpleasant consequences for others, so the Common Room will, as in the last few weeks, close directly there is an air raid warning after the beginning of the black-out. If, however, there are organised groups which want to continue their activities in spite of the raid warning they will be able to continue the use of their rooms up till 10.0 p.m., when the whole Centre will close if the all clear has not sounded. This means that people in these groups must decide for themselves not only whether they wish to run the risks of staying at the Centre, where there is no air raid shelter, but also whether they are going to run the risk of going home at 10.0 p.m. whatever may be happening or dropping.

No public dances will be continued after the raid warning, but members' dances and socials will continue, like the other groups, if the M.C. is willing to go on.

It is hoped that these arrangements will enable some who desire it to join in activities with others without inconveniencing others who do not want to run the risks involved.

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB

EDGWARE SECTION.

The Section's fixtures continue to be quite well supported when all the adverse factors are taken into consideration, and until the middle of last month (September) it was not found necessary to make changes in the programme.

Simple common sense, however, dictates that runs should be arranged so that it is possible for members to be home again before the "band starts playing for the night." The Harriders' run to Hurstbourne Tarrant that should have taken place on the 22nd was cancelled, and the ordinary run for the same date to Rotherfield Peppard was cut down to make the lunch destination Henley instead with tea at Rickmansworth in place of Maidenhead.

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Another War

By LEO.

Ants

Nests of ants are found in spring, and these pests sometimes get indoors or in cupboards. During the summer they will come into larders. The kinds of ant most likely to be found in houses make their nests under garden paths, and the entrances are to be seen in the form of holes in the ground. A good way of destroying the ants in the nest is to pour a strong solution of alum and water into the holes. Allow two ounces of powdered alum to each pint of very hot water. Insert one end of a small tin funnel in each hole, and then pour down some of the liquid, repeating some hours later. Where the ants' nest cannot be discovered, brush the larder window ledge, under the door and any cracks in the floor frequently with the alum solution. Another method is to use powdered camphor moistened with methylated spirits, or cork moistened in creosote. Place either in cracks and corners and the ants will be banished. A further method is to spread some ground rice on a plate and put in an oven. The ants are very fond of ground rice, but it is fatal to them on account of the fact that, when eaten, the grains swell inside the alimentary tract of the insect and destroy it.

Spiders

Catch that spider on the ceiling over your bed or on the wall, easily this way. Quickly twist a piece of paper any size into a cone. Then, holding it by the twisted end at arm's length, carefully touch the spider with the far edge of the paper, and he will drop into the cone—a captive. Toss the paper with its prisoner quickly out of the window. This plan never fails. A bee, or wasp, buzzing on the window-pane can be helped out in this way.

Insects

will avoid your rooms if you fill a bowl with boiling water and then add a few drops of lavender oil. This also gives to the rooms a refreshing fragrance.

Vermin

"Many wives and mothers might be glad to know that a little quassia chips (2d. from the chemist will last ages) dissolved in boiling water and when cool rubbed into the seams of men's khaki clothes, will rid them of any vermin they are liable to carry home with them."

Beetles

Sprinkle powdered sulphur freely in their haunts and they will soon disappear.

Mosquitoes

will breed in any pool of stagnant water. Cover all water-butts with airtight covers and fit a tap to draw off water. Put a tablespoonful of paraffin on the surface of the water; renewing from time to time. Do not leave any old tins, etc., about, in which small quantities of water can lodge. See to all roof gutters; mosquitoes will breed in the little pools. Fill in, wherever possible, small pools of water. If this cannot be done, apply a small quantity of paraffin to the surface of the water and to the edges of the pool once a week.

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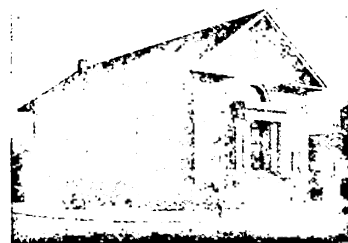
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Oct. 27.—Mr. P. O. Ruoff.

DAY NURSERY

To mothers of children under five years of age. If you have to go out to work and need a day nursery in which to leave your children, send your name and address to the Centre. Renewed efforts are being made to get this service established. If you don't need it yourself, have you any neighbours who do? If so, ask them to help themselves by sending in their names.

The Fascination of it

One of our members began to talk to us about a book he had been reading out of the Public Library, of which he had just begun to make use. The book was Aldous Huxley's "Ends and Means." In reading it he had been specially interested in finding out and summing up the writer's religious views and had come to the conclusion that Aldous Huxley disclaimed religion but really was religious. He was also very much attracted by his general outlook as to the many changes that should be made in our social, industrial and legislative life, and the kind of action that should be taken now and in the immediate future to bring them into being.

But the really interesting thing was to see how keenly this member was also measuring his own thoughts, experiences and conclusions, seeing where they fitted in and where they disagreed with the author's—a resident of Watling just standing up to Aldous Huxley and saying what he thought about him—and finding that some of his own views were strengthened, some modified, and some of them left for further cogitation.

The rest of us then, in turn, gave our own contributions to the discussion: each from the basis of his own experiences of life, and the individual philosophies more or less unconsciously built up therefrom, seeking a way out of the present impasse and as to what we and our fellows should do in the days ahead of us.

Reputation was expressed of any idea of a class war—along with a feeling of the unfair advantages following the possession of the "Old School Tie." Our attention was drawn to the fact that a right arrangement of industry would readily and adequately supply all the needs of everybody. We felt that Religion had some sort of application to the subject, but that it needed somehow to be different. That men of goodwill equipped with ability, knowledge and experience, and a sense of "Trusteeship" should feel the urge to work for a world in which all men should have full opportunity to function and develop to his best advantage.

[The above is an attempt to describe a meeting of the Watling Men's Adult School when the arranged speaker was unable to come, and we had to depend on our own resources. Look at our notices and you will see the sort of subjects we tackle. Come and join and you will find "the fascination of it."]

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Saturday afternoon runs tend as a rule to finish up late, but this is not entirely unavoidable, and there is always the excuse that the next day is Sunday if a heavy and continuous air-raid made return inexpedient. Taken as a whole, the Section finds it hard to accept the ruling that enemy activity should make cycling for pleasure impossible.

A. G. FRASER.

CORRESPONDENCE

DEAR EDITOR,

I have just read in my copy of "Watling Resident" the notice concerning the concert given by the W.A. Choir at John Keble Church, and feel disappointed to notice that Mrs. Preston, who sang "Smilin' Thro'," etc., is not mentioned. It gave me great pleasure to listen to songs sung so naturally and sweetly, and I am sure that every one of the audience enjoyed them as much as I did; in fact I enjoyed every moment of the concert, and I am looking forward to the next one given by the choir.

HELEN WAKELING.

The Green Grass

By F. H. LAKE.

Many of our readers will no doubt have heard the man on the wireless a little while ago speaking on grass as food. He had eaten it for years, he said, and urged us to make it part of our diet. A Random Jotting in The Watling Resident commenting on the grass round the Centre has stung a grass-eater into sending us the following letter.

The Meadows Lea,

Greenford.

DEAR SIR,

I read in Random Jottings in a recent issue of the Watling Resident a jocular reference to grass eaters and the long grass around the Watling Centre. As a member of the Antediluvian Cult for the Propagation of Herbage Mastication, I feel it my bounden duty to take up the challenge and reply to these loose remarks. On second thoughts I have decided to return good for evil and to offer to take you at your word. We will eat the grass round the Watling Centre, and what is more, we guarantee to clear every blade growing.

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A brief history of our early beginnings may enlighten you and raise your respect for a cult which will soon sweep the world. You will remember when King Alfred burnt the doughnuts—or was it rock-cakes?—anyway, he burnt some cakes, and when his spouse—that's his wife, you know—sat down to tea, she looked at the black lumps on the platter, picked one up and said, "What the —?"

"Them's cakes," said the King, absent-minded like.

The Queen gazed at him curiously. She knew he was worrying about the battle of the Wozza.

"Cakes?" she queried.

"CAKES!" roared Alfred vehemently.

"Cakes," whispered the Queen.

"Oh, go and eat coke!" said King A. in disgust.

Well, as you all know, coke wasn't grown in those days, and the queen wasn't taking that lying down. So, feeling peckish, she picked a peck—sorry, gathered a handful of grass, sat down on a log and thoughtfully started biting it (the grass, not the log). She made a charming picture of feminine grace as she reclined there silhouetted against the woodland glade, chewing and dribbling down her Royal frock. Suddenly her eyes lit up. She smacked her lips, spat on the ground, then walked with queenly dignity to her Sire, who still sat gazing intently at the cakes.

"Al, taste this," said she, handing him a bunch of grass. Without looking up, the king absent-mindedly took the grass and stuffed it in his ears. Realising his mistake, he transferred it to his mouth and began to masticate it.

"Crikey!" he exclaimed, all of a sudden like. Well, to cut a long story short, that started a long train of grass eaters right up to the present day, and so we have the Antediluvian Order for the Propagation of Herbage Mastication.

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To continue, this is our plan. The A.O.P.H.M. will assemble on Sunday morning, when the dew is on the lea behind the Rose garden. The team will be spaced out—four forwards and three backs, members of the Watling Association who feel they could tackle a bit of grass bringing up the rear, as gleaners. At the first signal—a clap of the hand—the team drop on their knees, digging their toes well in, chins close to the ground. At the next signal, a soft call "go to it" sets the team moving forward, chewing as they go, with an action similar to that of a lawn mover, up and down, up and down, and soon the green sward takes on that velvety appearance for which English lawns are noted.

A word of warning here. Should the Men's Adult School be having their lesson in the open that day, I would advise them to be ready to jump, as they might get a little apprehensive at us nibbling round their ankles. For, once they get started, I wouldn't be responsible for what they get up to (my team, not the Men's Adult School, who are, of course, the acme of respectability).

Well, to get on, skirting Room A, we advance with short sharp rushes, the succulent grass being literally torn from its roots and disappearing with lightning rapidity. We converge on the Hut and there, a brief pause to pick our teeth and clear our mouths of any twigs or pebbles which may have become entangled in our molars. Then a short interval for a cup of herb tea, and on we go. We now change our tactics, bringing the rear men to the front, so that they, straining at the leash, get a pick at the long grass. We nibble steadily onwards until our next manoeuvre—a sort of flanking movement—brings us to the front of the Centre, where we face the last stretch. This is the pièce de résistance, as here we find luscious nettles and weeds in abundance. It will be seen that the team is now gathering momentum, appetites whetted, jaws working rhythmically, the grass going down like ripe corn before the reaper's scythe. At this juncture I shall, no doubt, find it difficult to control my team, as grass-eaters at a certain stage become highly impetuous, especially when finding themselves nearing the end of their tether. They get a kind of anxiety neurosis when they find there is not much more grass to eat, and look around gnashing their teeth at anything that looks edible.

So I should advise all members to keep inside the Centre and watch the subsequent proceedings from the windows. At this stage I may need a little assistance, for as soon as my team finishes the course at the front gate they should be muzzled, or, failing this, perhaps the A.R.P. Wardens have a few spare gas masks, which could be popped on to the team to prevent them eating the front gate, the fence, or even the Organising Secretary if he happens to be about.

I said before, I will not answer for the team once they have got up steam. As you know, people who

drink too much beer see red and look green. A good feed of grass make one look red and see green.

It gives one a strength through joy feeling, and I fear for the Rose garden, which might be a great temptation to voracious grass-eaters. I would request, however, that before we start we be granted full grazing rights, and that the ground be cleared of all rubbish such as empty tins and suchlike, as grass is food, loaded with vitamins, but mixed with old boots the flavour is not so good.

DAN DELION.

Extracts from Travels in the North

BY CAREL CAPEK.

(First published in Britain in 1930.)

That is the strange thing about great literature; that it is the most national thing that a nation possesses and at the same time it is comprehensible and intimately familiar to everyone. No diplomacy and no League of Nations is so universal as literature; but people do not attach enough weight to it; and so they can always still hate one another, or be like foreigners to each other.

Copenhagen.—The Royal Guard in huge bearskins. I have seen twelve of them; they were an imposing sight. "Here," said our guide, pointing proudly, "you see half of our army."

"No policemen in the streets." "We can look after ourselves."

The big Carlsberg Brewery, from which most of the profit goes to the famous Carlsberg fund for the encouragement of art and science. God, if we at home drank for the benefit of art, there would be some statues and paintings!

And no beggars; the other day they only found sixteen people who had no roof over their heads at Christmas.

For a long time yet the conscientious pilgrim will remember the only Danish mountains which he climbed with groans and difficulty—they were the mountains of food!

Stockholm.—There are so many islands that every well-to-do Swede can afford his own islet, and his own motor-boat, and can bathe from his own shore.

In the peasant dwellings . . . what creativeness . . . what naive pleasure of things painted and carved, hammered, embroidered and woven! From the Fiji Islands right up to the Arctic Circle it is really the same: man is here not only to make a living but to image the world and create things for their beauty, and for his own pleasure.

Working-class quarters built concertina fashion so that one person might not see right into his neighbour's windows.

"Dogs without muzzles, girls without paint, streets without policemen, bathing huts without keys, gates without bolts, cars and tricycles in the streets with no one on guard. A world without eternal fear and distrust."

Norway. In the fjords. Over there, through the day the people have to tether their children, so that they cannot fall from those perpendicular walls into the sea. You can't believe the different places where people live. Each mountain has a different face and thinks by himself; I tell you, Nature is a tremendous individualist, and to everything she creates she gives character; but we human beings haven't enough understanding of that.

Only it is good that we give each mountain a proper name, as we do human beings.

A fjord is, how shall I say it? In short, it is no longer of this world, and it is impossible to draw it, describe it, or play it on a violin. . . . It is all rock and below is the smooth water in which everything is reflected. And on those rocks eternal snow is lying, and waterfalls hang down like veils; that water is transparent, and green like emerald, and . . . like infinity; and these mountains are quite unreal, because they do not stand upon any shores, but on a bottomless mirage.

Hammerfest, the most northerly town in Europe. I tell you the most northerly sign of life is business; and human progress will not cease until on the North Pole there will be a wooden shack with postcards, tobacco, and knitted gloves; and one or two cashiers will find a livelihood there as well!

A Nordic forest does not consist only of trees and expanses: it possesses something that is elemental and immortal. . . . It still has something more in it besides, something primeval and original like a geological formation. . . . Perhaps you may even destroy it, why not? but you couldn't make it, you couldn't create the Northern forest. One says a forest: it stands on millions of stems but it is one wall, one street, one extremely long green wave rolling south from the Arctic Circle for six hundred miles. . . . and on until the South man pushes with his cows and farms against the unchained element of the Nordic forest.

Well, what about it? We went to have a look at God's place, and now we travel home again.

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OLLA PODRIDA

Some trees have a wonderful way of protecting themselves from marauders and enemies. One could almost imagine they had minds.

Holly

is perhaps the best example of this. Have you noticed the difference between the lower leaves on a holly tree and those on the higher branches? The lower leaves have sharp spikes on them, but the higher ones have very few and often no spikes at all. This is nature's protection plan. In the winter, when most trees and shrubs are quite bare of green leaves, the holly and other evergreens attract the cows and other animals in search of greenstuff. The spiky leaves are seven or eight feet from the ground, just beyond the reach of the cows. And the cattle do not like pricking their tender nozzles with the spiky leaves, so they leave the holly bush alone.

The Rhododendron

is another example. It also is green during the winter when green food is so short. But it "plates itself with silica, so that anything that swallows it suffers from internal pains and avoids it ever afterwards." [G. Bramwell Evens in "A Romany in the Fields."]

Wedding Bells

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," and in the spring many flowers may be compared to wedding bells or chalicees. Among the former are the snowdrops, the little woodsorrel of the pine-woods, the wood anemones, the tall daffodils and bluebells.

The scientific explanation may be that these tubular flowers live under cold atmospheric conditions, but protect themselves by closing their petals, more particularly at night. Much of the warmth that would otherwise be lost by radiation is thus preserved by hanging their heads.

The chalice-bearing flowers include the buttercups and the marsh marigolds (sometimes called "king-cups"), which stand straight out of the green grass holding up their golden cups. You can almost hear them saying "Good health to bride and bridegroom."

Fishermen

Those who catch fish are like gardeners because of the great patience required in their craft. Here is a fisherman's grace, also taken from the delightful book of Mr. Evens already quoted:—

"Lord, suffer me to catch a fish
So large that even I,
In talking of it afterwards,
Shall have no need to lie."

What to do in October

Flower Garden.—The roots of dahlias should be lifted as soon as the frost has blackened the plants. Cut the stems off to within six inches of the base; shake the soil off the tubers and place them in boxes where they can be kept dry and where the frost cannot get at them. Place a little fine soil or sand over them.

Gladioli should be taken up as soon as the leaves begin to turn yellow. Cut off the stems to within a few inches of the corm; remove the soil and, when the plants are dry, place them in paper bags for the winter in a room or shed where they will be out of reach of frost.

Roses may be raised from cuttings. October is the month for starting to do this. In the course of a year or two they should develop into excellent plants. The vigorous hybrid teas are likely to be the most successful. Make a trench about ten inches deep, and in the bottom of this place a layer of very sandy compost on which the cuttings may rest. Fill up the trench with good soil. Choose cuttings from firm shoots of the summer's growth not less than ten inches long. The cuttings should be cut off just beneath a bud and placed in the trench at such a depth that two-thirds are beneath the surface. None of the buds should be removed from the cuttings. The soil should be made quite firm, especially at the base where the root will be formed. Place the cuttings six or seven inches apart and leave them undisturbed until next autumn, when they may be planted permanently.

Fruit Garden.—The gathering of fruit is an important part of the work in October. If hardy fruits are gathered too soon they shrivel prematurely and their full flavour does not develop. If, on the other hand, they are left too long on the trees, they are in danger of being blown down by the autumn gales and damaged. A rough and ready rule is to wait until the fruit begins to fall and then to gather the crop, though this may be misleading because the fruits may fall on account of being maggoty. A fairly reliable test of when to gather is to cut a few open and examine the pips. If these are black it is time to gather. If the pips are still white the fruit should be left on the trees a little longer. It will generally be found that apples and pears ready for use in the late autumn should be gathered about the middle of October and the late varieties towards the end of the month or early in November. It is safer to leave them on the trees for another week or two than gather them too soon. Another test is to lift a few fruits here and there so that the stalk is brought into a horizontal position. If the fruit parts freely from the branch it may be gathered. If it does not so part it should be left.

Vegetable Garden.—If you have more potatoes than you can accommodate in house or shed, make a "potato clamp." To do this select a piece of ground of a suitable size. The clamp may be either round or oblong; the latter is best if the quantity of potatoes is large. Dig a trench about ten inches deep all round the selected ground to act as a drain for surplus water. The earth from the trench should be placed on the ground chosen, thus raising it above the ordinary level. Place the potatoes on the raised soil in a tapering heap, taking care to exclude any that are unsound. When the pile is complete cover the potatoes with a layer of straw, and

on the top of this place a layer of soil about five inches deep. The outer covering of soil should be beaten down with the back of the spade so as to make it firm and smooth. At the top of the clamp some wisps of straw should be piled through so as to provide ventilation. Early in the New Year open the clamp for the purpose of picking out any potatoes that have gone bad. If any unsound ones are left in they will contaminate the good ones. Make up the clamp again when this has been done.

A Hitch Hiker Takes The Road.

The soaking drizzle which began almost as soon as I left Osterley on Saturday afternoon was a fore-taste of much that was to follow. I had walked three miles, somewhere beyond Cranford, when I signalled a traveller who took me as far as Maidenhead. He was affable enough and would have taken me to Abingdon, but Bath was my immediate destination and I dare not leave the main road. Almost immediately after, a Ford drew up and the driver, an A.R.P. warden with a voluminous knowledge of English cathedrals, took me as far as Reading. I was grateful for this, but all the same Reading is an awkward place to be dropped, and it was another forty minutes before I was clear of the town and got my next "break" as far as Aldermaston. The car was full with a talkative family going to visit friends, but I managed to get in. By contrast the next benefactor was a taciturn old farmer in a petrol-smelling, rakish (but nevertheless acceptable) old bus. Without a word he took me on to Thatcham.

So far so good, but not far enough. It was by now almost tea time and I was barely half way. I was considering the nearest hostel to make for when I got an Austin to, and he was going to Bath. Or, at least, to Radstock in Somerset, and I managed to persuade him to go through Bath rather than by way of Devizes, which would have been somewhat nearer. He was a little newsagent from Ilford, taking his second holiday in ten years, so he told me, to visit his evacuated son. He worked 16 hours a day, and no doubt had a fair measure of prosperity which he had not leisure to enjoy. I didn't doubt that he deserved his holiday.

Just by Silbury Hill, the mysterious artificial hill beyond Marlborough built by no one knows whom, we stopped for a sandwich, which entailed a quart bottle of Bass. I declined the offer of both sandwich and Bass, but when he produced his second quart bottle I began to feel a bit nervous for my safety. After all he was taking his second holiday in ten years and I couldn't afford to be the victim of his gaiety, particularly since he didn't know the road. Anyway, it turned out that the second bottle contained his reserve of petrol, which he assured me you could always get if you were in business. We went on towards Bath, and just by a large camp picked up an A.R.P. man who wanted a train connection at Chippenham. He was on unofficial week-end leave, as was the Australian R.A.F. chap whom we picked up soon after. We arrived at Bath at a quarter to seven, after more than five hours on the road. The first stage was completed.

I got away from the Youth Hostel early on the Sunday morning and found the Gloucester road deserted. At Cold Aston they announced the proposed formation of a Pig Club, a reminder of the war. After an hour

or so walking I was picked up by another airman going up to Hereford. Unlike the others, he was on official leave, but like them he complained bitterly of the camp—a place miles from anywhere. He took me to Gloucester, a disappointing place apart from the Cathedral.

Just over the Severn Bridge on the road to Wales I met Gurney who was on his way down with his wife to Hereford too. I got in his Hillman, and we were soon at Ross on Wye, where he dropped me. It was time to cut adrift from the road, and I spent the afternoon following the footpath down the Wye. The country here develops a beauty all its own. As the river winds downstream the meadows rise imperceptibly until suddenly they shoot up on the right bank in a wooded slope with the pink towers of Goodrich Castle at the top. To add to the picturesqueness herds of cattle huddled together in the shade up to their bodies in the river. Not that they were all so peaceful and inoffensive. One herd decided on a mass advance towards me, and when a sheep dog appeared barking from the gate in front they took it for encouragement, and accelerated. Action and not theory was called for, and I accelerated too. We all arrived at the gate together, and at the first attempt I missed my footing. The second attempt was more successful if less dignified, and I tumbled over head-first. The embarrassment was compensated for by the daftness of the beasts who looked glumly at me from the other side of the fence.

Without further incident I continued downstream to Warford, where I hit the road. A few minutes after a woman offered me a lift into Goodrich, which I accepted. I afterwards learned that she was one of the big landowners in Herefordshire. The two miles climb over from Goodrich to Welsh Bicknor Hostel were well worth the effort expended, and I came on the hostel by the banks of the Wye just before five. After an adequate meal I left the quiet Rectory that is the hostel, and climbed once more up above the Wye. The view is one of the finest in the country. On each side the river runs in the form of a huge horseshoe. Downstream it goes to the wooded valley at Symonds Yat, and upstream to the spire and cluster of houses that marks Ross. The sun was setting over the Welsh hills, and the sounds of "All through the night," appropriately enough, came up from a choir in Goodrich at my feet. This was a high spot in more senses than one.

There was six miles of road next morning before I reached the main Hereford road, but immediately I did, the first car stopped for me. Refusal indicates a lack of generosity, I had been taught by my hitch hiking tutor, so I got in. This time my benefactor was a local magistrate on his way to a police court hearing. Eight miles on we came to the court-house, planted solitarily on the roadside. My farmer J.P., in his knickerbockers, the crowd of country folk and the Hereford solicitor in his black coat and winged collar, made a curious group. I went on for another three miles beyond this outpost of justice before a commercial traveller on his way to Llandudno took me into the town. It was good walking on that high road, with the Black Mountains on the left and the Radnorshire Hills ahead. I got to Hereford by lunchtime. It is a pleasant place despite its industry (since this includes half a dozen cyder factories, perhaps it would be truer to say "because of its industries"), and its squat-towered Cathedral, which has some exciting Cromwell history, is

worth going a long way to see. The Herefordshire folk, too, are perhaps the most friendly I have met. Their "Good morning" is a joyous thing, not the mechanical utterance of other parts.

A little way out of the town a little electrically-driven van, such as bakers' roundsmen use, came along. In the ordinary way I should not have hailed it, but the driver poked his head out and asked me to jump in. "It will take a long time to go a long way," he warned me, but clearly not so long as it would take to walk. The fact was that he wanted company. He was an amiable electrical engineer, taking the van, which he had had on demonstration, to Worcester. I was heading for Worcester, and this suited me well. We proceeded uphill at 8 miles per hour and down hill at 25. It was the pleasantest journey on wheels I can remember. We slid along through the unassuming Worcester countryside talking of plays and ploughs, electricity and London. We picked up a youth looking for the next casual ward, and dropped him at Bromyard, the sleepest place in the kingdom. And as we went on the Malvern Hills grew on our right until just after four we were in Worcester, a clean little town that vies with Hereford. Its Cathedral, too, resembles that at Hereford, though it is more magnificent. I stood at the west end of the great nave and listened to the choir singing Evensong as one of the Three Choirs should, and as I went out on to the banks of the Severn, with the green turf of the County Cricket Club on the other bank, I was reminded by the guttural drone from the sky that all is not well.

The meander to Worcester had put me behind schedule, and since I wanted to get beyond Malvern for the night I took the road south with some foreboding. The road was quieter than I had hoped, and I had tramped three miles before I flagged a lorry going down to Wiltshire. He was a cheerful lad from Burton-on-Trent, taking tiles down to Chippenham, or nearby, and then milk to Salisbury, and then what-you-will, to where-you-will. We went through Tewkesbury, with its well-preserved abbey at the confluence of the Avon and Severn, and he dropped me a few miles outside Cheltenham. A Jowett belonging to a man whom I guessed to be the district school medical officer, brought me into Cheltenham, and offered to pick me up next morning to take me to Chipping Campden. It was a good deal against the grain that I took bus up to Cleve Hill above Cheltenham, where I was to stay the night. And as I looked back over the wide valley I could trace my day's travel, in imagination if not by sight.

(To be concluded.)

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Club Notes

Table Tennis

The Club meets on Thursday and Friday evenings at the Centre. On the former it sometimes has to share the Common Room, but on Fridays has a room exclusively for its own use.

Weight Lifters

Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8.0, and Sundays at noon.

Still Going Strong

Our Veterans' Club has met regularly each week despite Hitler's blitzkrieg in the air. Ofttimes a raid warning has been given just before the Veterans were due to meet, but this has not stopped them. Their attendances has averaged over thirty members each week. We have also had several new members during the past month. The veterans enjoyed two very interesting talks during September. "Catch-Words and Slogans" given by Miss Henriques brought forth a lively discussion from members of the Club, and the Rev. Blackmore gave a very cheering address and monologues which were much enjoyed by the old folks. The club will shortly affiliate to the National Old Age Pensioners' Association, a movement originally formed by the Rev. Paton. Its aims are as follows: To increase the Old Age Pensions to a minimum of £1 per week for men and women. The relative value of the pension shall not fall by reason of any rise in the cost of living. The pension without deduction shall be paid to the wife at the same time as her husband qualifies. Lower the age qualification to 60. Remove the stamp qualification. Provide suitable houses at rents which the pensioners can afford to pay.

Bowls Club

is just at the end of its second season, which has well fulfilled the promise of last year.

W.A. Mixed Choir

For the month of September the men are meeting on Tuesday evenings. Arrangements are being made for the women to carry on practice at convenient times as, owing to having to look after children during air raids, they may not be able to spend long periods away from home. However, we intend to carry on with our choir practice even if we have to meet at each others houses, and new members can still join and help to beat the black-out.

Guild of Players

meets on Wednesdays at 8.30 p.m. At present members are reading plays to choose the one for the next production, so this is an excellent time to join if you want a chance of a part.

Whist Drives

start punctually at 8.0 p.m. on Mondays (grocery parcels for prizes) and Wednesdays, and about 2.45 p.m. on Thursdays. They will continue in spite of air raid warnings at the discretion of the M.C.

Children's Activities

Choir, Mondays 6.30 p.m.; Games and Handicrafts, Tuesdays 5.30; Dramatics and Reciting, Wednesdays 5.0, Folk-Dancing, Thursdays 6.0; Knitting and Embroidery, Fridays 5.30. Subscriptions, 1d. per child per evening.

Keep Your Bicycle on the Road

Says Mrs. Billie Dovey, who advises immediate renewals and replacements.

Four months fine weather, and now we must get our bicycles ready for the winter. I have missed my two weeks' summer tour, but have nevertheless spent many cheerful hours a wheel. My husband, who likes his work, seems quite a "paleface" this year. Seven days a week and long days do that, but he has often "escaped" into the quietude of the countryside with the aid of his bicycle, though hardly ever long enough to get really sunburnt!

We said good-bye to Cpl. Bob Thomas, one of the champion Barnet C.C. hill climb team recently leaving for duty overseas with the R.A.S.C. His team-mate, Jim Dawson, is already out East with the Navy, whilst Ron Gunn (the fastest of the trio) works 80-hour weeks and more on important Government work. Cpl. "Bob" was having a last round-up of his friends on his bicycle.

The Fighting Cyclist—is the name to be given to a Spitfire wheeltolk are hoping to buy out of subscriptions. Some £500 or more has already been subscribed, and with trade interest growing, next time I write the Fund should have gone up in leaps and "pounds"! A most enthusiastic young club, the Northern Paragon C.C., in which I am very interested, I notice collected no less than £5 6s. 5d., a considerably better effort than most clubs. They have been riding regularly, so well, in fact, that 27 members sat down to a club tea one sunny Sunday evening last month!

The Edgware Section of the C.T.C. appear to be as lively as ever, but what has happened to the many other local clubs, I wonder. Remember the club notes we used to read from the Northern C.C. and the North Western Road Club, not forgetting the Hendon Clarion, Crusader C.C., among others.

Road cycling time trials have been well supported, often more than the limit of 100 entries being received.

But we really must prepare to keep riding this winter.

Ready for the Road—that's the ideal condition for any bicycle, be the owner male or female. To-day's great need is to have at our elbow cycle traders who can offer adequate repair and replacement service. This need I claim is now more important than in peace-time, because so many menfolk have not the time to attend to their machines as they would like to. Womenfolk seldom want to "fiddle" with chains and the such, but they nearly all like riding their bicycles! Two names are immediately brought to mind by their many advertisements in this journal—Pegleys of Watling Avenue, and Rex Judd of High Street, Edgware.

A further increase in fares is again probable, the purchase tax will virtually reduce your purchasing power, supplies will not get much easier or goods cheaper, and so on without closing in a purely pessimistic strain could I urge you to "Go To It" right now in the matter of all things cycling. Buy a new chain now for later on, new tyres, a good cape and saddlebag, a dynamo, batteries if you need them, and don't forget a nice can of oil! And also a padlock.

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BALD FACED STAG?

The Last Page

If you have a contribution such as a novelty idea, or item of interest for this "Last Page," please let us have it.

Which is the most long-lived animal and the most long-lived bird?

Answer: The whale, the eagle, the swan and the crow.

The whale has been proved to live up to 500 years; the birds up to 100.

Trees are the oldest living plants.

"Men always want to be a woman's first love. Women have a more subtle instinct: What they like is to be a man's last romance."—OSCAR WILDE.

Every Londoner uses about a shilling's worth of water in a month.

The words "Silent" and "Listen" are spelled with the same letters. "Facetious" contains all the vowels in their proper order.

Every Chinese is some sort of craftsman by nature.

Two Hints

Hint to mothers who get a headache trying to plan dinners every day: Once a week, for about fifteen minutes, let the family sit down and plan the menus for dinners for the week. Result: You can do your shopping a day ahead, and no worry as to whether they will like it.

Two large-sized split key-rings fixed on the metal part at the base of the handle on your suitcase (one each end) is an excellent idea for disposing of your umbrella. Slip the umbrella through the rings.

ANOTHER ONE

Where there are no electric bells fitted and you have an invalid in the house, try an ordinary bicycle bell. You will find this can be heard all over the house.

The four chambers of the heart hold only two ounces of blood—yet more than 8,000 gallons are pumped through these chambers in one day.

The Gospel of St. Mark is considered to be the most trustworthy account of the personality of Jesus.

A unit of electricity will:—

Light a 60-watt lamp for sixteen hours.

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Run a small bowl fire for two hours.

Operate a refrigerator for one day.

Drive an electric fan for thirty hours.

Operate an all-mains wireless set for about a week.

A prison governor was noted for his reforms, especially on the sports side, but in spite of his efforts the prisoners remained sullen and very discontented.

One day he said: "I've given you tennis, football, billiards and concerts—what do you want?"

At once the prisoners shouted: "Give us a cross-country run!"

A process of making synthetic wool from casein, a by-product of skim milk, has been announced by scientists of the American Agriculture Department.

The new fibre, the Department states, has a chemical composition similar to wool. It is described, says Reuter, as faintly yellow, closely resembling the best grade of thoroughly washed and carded merino wool.

A fully-equipped duke costs as much to keep up as two dreadnoughts; and they are just as great a terror and last much longer.

Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.—BERNARD SHAW.

A THOUGHT: We sometimes see a fool possessed of talent, but never of judgment.

A professor of psychology at the University of California, has drawn up seven questions a person should answer before marrying. Here they are:

1. Am I happy in the presence of my intended mate?
2. When not with her, am I persistently wishing I were?
3. Would I be not only willing, but glad to spend my life with her, sacrificing all activities not compatible with married life, for her?
4. Is she the woman I would choose as the mother of my children?
5. Do I love her just as she is, with all her faults included?
6. Do we have similar interests and cultural background, and are we both on the same intellectual level?
7. Do I like her family, and, if not, is it certain that I shall not have to associate with them.

If the answer to any one of these questions is "No," then the Professor says the prospective groom should reconsider the situation.

A THOUGHT.—Ideals are like the stars—we never reach them, but like the mariners on the sea, we chart our course by them.

"Keep Your Bicycle on the Road"—continued

If you cycle to and from business, find a good cycle man nearby to attend to your steed while you work. Remember that three out of every four new bicycles now go overseas to help our export trade figures. The U.S.A. is an increasingly important market for British bicycles. It seems, then, that if you keep your present bicycle in good trim by wise and immediate replacements you will be performing a most patriotic action, and at the same time cheering the hard-working cycle dealer, who now has so few new bicycles to offer you, but will gladly put your "old warrior" into good shape this winter.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION.

An escape.

We must congratulate our Organising Secretary, Mr. Sewell Harris, and his wife on their escape in a recent bombing attack. Let us hope that this experience will be the worst that they and Watling will have to endure during the war.

Walls of Watling.

Council houses and their alleged jerry-built construction have been the subject of much criticism, but no one can deny that they have stood up well to the recent bombing. It is true that windows and doors have been blown off, but then these fittings would be blasted off any house.

We Sympathise.

The sympathy of the Watling Association is extended to all those people who suffered in the raid. Some of whom lost best part of their homes.

Swap ?

Children's games in this country are just as much an institution as the games of grown-ups. For instance, collecting cigarette cards is a popular pastime with children and the "season" seems to last all the year, whereas tops, skates and other games enjoy a brief spasm and then die out for a while. The pursuit for conkers holds sway in the autumn and the conker season is now finishing, the last bouts having been played and the "sixers" and other conquerors consigned to some unknown quarter.

The vogue at the moment is the collecting of fragments of shrapnel, anti-aircraft and otherwise, which are now scattered about the countryside, and a process of swapping goes on amongst the young folk. There is many a brisk deal done in the exchange of two pieces of H.E. for a bit of "Molotov Bread Basket."

Of course the joy of the connoisseur is to pick up a nose-cap.

Post Haste.

A Watling woman has two sons serving in the Forces. One in England and one in Palestine. She sent them both a letter on the same day. The son in

Palestine wrote and thanked her for his letter. The son in England has not acknowledged his yet.

Whist.

Many people do not feel inclined to go out to whist drives in the evenings just now, but there are some who do. The Social Whist Drive at the Centre is being resumed on Monday evenings at 8.0 p.m. prompt. The Members' Social on Sunday afternoons is also, in future, to include ten hands of whist. The social starts at 3.0 p.m., whist at 4.0 p.m.

What of the Future ?

The Burnt Oak Men's Adult School is devoting its November meetings to this subject, which might also have been called "The New Order." We all want something new and better, but do we know what we want? All men are cordially invited to attend these discussions on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. at the Centre.

Poor Man's Lawyer.

Now another Saturday afternoon event.

Questions of the Future.

Do you remember when onions were a shilling a pound and lemons were sixpence each?

"Daddy, what is your birthstone?" "The grindstone, my child."

Dressed for the Part.

Air raids affect people differently. As soon as the siren goes some people immediately fly for the dugout, whilst others, less affected, carry on as usual.

Some people feel more comfortable in their shelters during the night. Many others have removed their beds to the ground floor of their houses.

There are many who defy the raids and go to bed in the normal way.

It's all a question of mentality and our chemical make-up. Since the war began many people have slept in their clothes for nights on end. Some people are reluctant to take off their clothes whilst raids are in progress. After all, a man feels pretty helpless without his trousers. And most of the womentalk seem to have more confidence when they are dressed. As one woman said, "I'm all right as long as I've got my corsets on. It gives me Dutch courage."

The Free Registration of Addresses and Enquiry Bureau, 24, The Boltons, London, S.W.10.

Very many people have left their houses, flats and lodgings, hurriedly on account of bombing or other war reasons, and their relatives and friends have therefore lost contact with them, not even knowing whether they are casualties or safe.

The service which the Bureau offers is prompt and free; its aim is to allay anxiety.

People having to change residence, for any reason whatsoever, have merely to send a postcard to the Bureau giving names, former addresses, and the addresses to which they have removed.

Anyone wishing to know the present address of a relative or friend has only to send a reply-postcard to the Bureau, with the name and former address of that person. On the reply portion of the card should be written the name and address of the enquirer. To guard against any possible mistakes, all names and addresses should be written in block letters.

Be Sure You Read
NEW DEVELOPMENTS
Important Article on page 10.

Impressions After Bombs.

Residents on an estate recently bombed in a London area air raid, agree that the first impression after the raid was the joy and relief of hearing the familiar voices of neighbours in the blackness of the night—and later to know that no one was seriously hurt. There were no deaths and only fourteen people were sent to hospital, with minor injuries and shock.

The second impression was the really dreadful nuisance of sightseers. Quite early in the morning they started and they came in hundreds for several hours. They stared into the broken homes in undisguised curiosity. They tramped through the mud and clay to view the crater and carried the mud back into the streets, there to be picked up on the residents' shoes and trodden into the houses and combined with fallen plaster into a particularly potent stickiness. Never were the residents more glad to see policemen than when, a few hours later, the area was roped off.

The quick efficiency of the post warden and his assistants was deeply appreciated. On all sides there was praise for the speed and willingness with which the estate superintendent and staff set to work. Roof tiles were replaced and windows patched and all the most necessary repairs were accomplished very quickly. "A really good job," as someone expressed it.

But the outstanding impression of all—and this was heard on all sides—was the extraordinary kindness, helpfulness and hard work, on the part of the clergy and their helpers. Here were people who had learned the lesson that he who is greatest must be the servant of all.

H.H.H.

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MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL—continued from page 11.

Peace and the new order? Is there anywhere in the world a plan that can be made workable at the end of this struggle to ensure a lasting peace, with equality for all? Some of us think there is, and many fine efforts and suggestions have been made. Wherefore, we are arranging a series of talks and discussions on some of the problems that will have to be solved before a new order can be set up in this world. Have you stopped to think how many things will have to be altered or changed? For instance, we are all naturally proud of our Navy; but can we keep it in the new order? Or must we have an international navy only? Then, again, should we give up some of the wealth in raw materials to other nations? How are we going to educate the future generations, must we forget Nelson, Wellington, Napoleon, and teach International Brotherhood? So these questions crop up. Our Adult School is discussing these problems in an effort to find a basis for a permanent peace. This may interest you, so we are giving the day and time of our meetings—*Every Sunday Morning at 9.30 to 11.* We shall expect you.

A.E.W.

EDITORIAL.

Scouts.

It is with some gratification that we learn of a wish to form a Scout Group attached to the Watling Association. This will fill a long-felt want, for, although we have previously provided accommodation at the Centre for Scouts, it has not been our proud boast to possess a real Troup of our own.

There is no gainsaying that Scout training, though not the only one, is an ideal method of instilling into lads a desire to become useful, independent citizens, with a code of honour which could wipe out half the restrictive laws of the country, were it only carried out by the whole nation.

There must be something about the movement, when men of every station of life voluntarily devote whole slices of their leisure to running Scout Troops up and down the country, with no greater reward than the knowledge that they are putting safely on the Road of Life thousands—nay, millions—of future strong, stable, industrious citizens, with their first thought for their neighbours.

Their honour, their friendliness and brotherliness (nationality or creed makes no difference), loyalty (even to those less fortunate than themselves), courteousness, thrift, their daily "good turn"—all these help to fill their minds and lives with worth-while ideals, so that there is no room for idleness, indolence, bad habits, selfishness, greed and such attributes which all students of social progress admit are the stumbling-blocks to real happiness.

No doubt this news will kindle the flame of Scouting in many old Scouts, especially those who have not forgotten that "once a Scout, always a Scout." This is one of the Association activities which has a marvellous future.

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Let's Talk it Over.

Although we claim to be non-party political some people who are unacquainted with our work have accused us of being Communistic. This is far from the truth as, although it is almost impossible to keep politics entirely away from our daily lives, we of the Watling Association do endeavour to keep any political party from influencing our policy. Our members are made up of all shades of religious and political colours, so that no section can hold predominance.

At the various activities at the Watling Centre many subjects of general interest are discussed, and we can usually provide speakers from our own members, often with unique experience of life and affairs, to open up the various discussions. These speakers are prepared to give their services free to any outside organisation which holds discussions, debates, or meetings on non-political subjects. Further particulars may be had from the Watling Centre.

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The New World.

The War is in its essence an appeal from reason to force. But we can't wholly put the blame on to the Dictators. In a democratic country the leaders are chosen by the people, and if these leaders by their policy lead the people into war, then the people are partly responsible. In this country at election time

we are free to vote for whichever candidate we fancy, but, in the past, many of us have not taken the business seriously. Many have not troubled to vote at all, consequently candidates get into Parliament who are ignorant of the conditions under which the mass of the people live. These candidates are more concerned with Party politics—what they know of Party politics—than they are with the people's bread and butter.

The Englishman is an independent being, sometimes too independent. Often he is dangerously apathetic over things which vitally concern him. He is so wrapped up in his own life and affairs that he forgets that he is a member of a community and that accordingly he should take a lively interest in the way he is governed and the people he has elected to govern him. It is in the people's power to prevent war. We must cast off our apathy and see that this terrible scourge does not overtake us again. When we win the war we must be careful not to lose the peace. We must see that the old gang does not get into power again. We elect them as our leaders and if we are not careful they become our masters.

This time we must see that the world is made safe for democracy. When the war ends we must not relax. The people must have a say in the peace. We can then start a campaign for a new world and put into Parliament men who have ideals, and we must see that they carry them out.

In the meantime we must get ourselves right. Before we can have a better world we must have a better people. Therefore it behoves all of us to try and perfect ourselves. If we are better, then we must make the world better.

F.H.L.

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Be a rumour-stopper.—Those who love their country sacrifice the luxury of being the ones to pass on the "news." Any patriot shoots a rumour dead on sight. Face the facts, but don't exaggerate them. Prepare to meet them instead. Faith, confidence and cheerfulness are as contagious as fear, depression and grumbling.

The secret of steadiness and inner strength is to listen to God and do what He says. God speaks directly to the heart of every man and woman who is prepared to listen and obey. His voice can be heard wherever you are—in the home, in the factory, in the air-raid shelter, in the first-aid post.

Forearm yourself by listening to God first thing every morning.—This provides a clear plan for each day and the power to work with other people in complete unity. In a time of listening God takes away fear and fortifies against uncertainty, hardship or bereavement; He gives foresight and cool judgment; He offers limitless reserves of energy and initiative.

A British General who has fought through two wars said this: "Telephone wires may be cut, wireless stations may be destroyed, but no bombardment can stop messages from God coming through if we are willing to receive them. To listen to God and obey Him is the highest form of national service for everybody everywhere."

—Issued by members of the staff of the L.C.C.

I passed by his garden, and marked with one eye
How the owl and the panther were sharing a pie.
The panther took pie-crust and gravy and meat,
While the owl had the dish as his share of the

treat,
The banquet once over, the owl as a boon,
Was kindly permitted to pocket the spoon,
While the panther received knife and fork with a

growl,
And concluded the banquet by . . .
From "*Alice in Wonderland*."

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Then again

There was a young lady of Riga
Who went for a ride on a tiger
They came back from that ride
With the lady inside
And a smile on the face of the Tiger.

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Youth Hostels Association.

It has surprised many people that the Hendon Y.H.A. Group still continues to function in spite of these last terrible weeks, but we live on, struggling against many difficulties for our existence.

The loss of nearly all our keen male members and the unwillingness of many others to come out because of air raids has caused a considerable reduction in our numbers at Thursday evening club nights at the Watling Centre. But the need to get away from London and its suburbs at week-ends and get some good refreshing sleep in the country is more important now than ever. We need to keep our bodies fit and strong to face the coming winter and the hardships it may bring.

A week-end spent at a Youth Hostel nowadays is, more often than not, a welcome rest, and enthusiasm for the Y.H.A. is still apparent. Witness the crowded hostels we have found in recent weeks. Many members, too, are using the hostels in the London Region on week-nights to get a good night's rest, going straight to work from there in the morning.

Although many of the hostels have been taken over by the Government, there are still quite a number open and we should give them all the support within our power. The important thing in this war is not to lose human contacts and if you are tired of staying home at nights and feel that you would like to join a club and have some sort of recreation for the week-ends, join us, and we will introduce you to the Y.H.A. You are as safe cycling or rambling as anywhere and you will find the increase in fitness and friends well worth while.

MADeline L. BENNETT.

Photography for the Amateur.

When dull days and long nights arrive, photography with the average amateur is a spent passion. The camera, if a folding one, is made to emulate the proverbial Arab's tent. If a box camera, then it is thrown into the cubby hole under the stairs (unless now used as a quick air raid shelter) and allowed to deteriorate until that first fresh spring day arrives round about next Easter.

Negatives of the past summer's exploits are scattered in various pockets, handbags, dressing-table drawers, and forgotten places, and, of course, prints are all lost—either given away or "borrowed." Generally speaking, there is hardly anything left in one's possession to remind one of happy occasions, or even to warrant that expenditure made on rolls of film and subsequent processings.

These long winter evenings are just the opportunity of retrieving our slackness and at the same time cutting some of the monotony of the long wait between evening meal and bed- or shelter-time.

Gather together all your negatives (and prints, if any), and pick out the best of them for re-printing and tabulating. Negatives should be stored separately in envelopes, and either numbered or otherwise enumerated so that any one of them can be found easily. Indexed albums are available for this purpose. When the desired prints have been made, they should be mounted, either on sheets of stiff paper and used as a loose-leaf folder, or on thin cardboard for insertion in a stiff "Exercise Book" cover as an album. The mounting can be done either by pasting on; by means of adhesive corners—coloured or transparent; or by a small adhesive stamp under each corner of the print.

There is also a method of slotting the mount for the insertion of the four corners, as in the manner of the usual picture postcard and cigarette card album. This and the adhesive corner system allow of the easy removal and re-insertion, or change, of print, without damage to either print or mount. If you decide to paste on, make sure you get a photographic mountant, as many ordinary pastes discolour the prints after a time. A title, or some topical remark, should be neatly written or printed under each print, and in the case of the removable method, it is a good idea to write some comment on the back of the print in order to preserve the spirit of the time when the snap was taken. Write in ink and blot immediately, so as not to mar the print.

Most prints are made with a white border, in which case dark mounts are the popular taste. This is a case where white ink could be used for naming. If a white mount is preferred, some people like to trim off the white edge in order to make the picture stand out from the background.

There is no reason why prints should always be mounted in the oblong or square shape. They can be cut round, oval, diamond of any other shape, according to the taste of the industrious artist. Landscapes and seascapes can often be improved by cutting out the sky entirely, following the line of trees, banks, horizon, etc., leaving the bottom of the picture square as printed. This often makes the scene stand out almost in stereoscopic perspective. Figures, whether individual or groups, could to advantage similarly be treated, but great care should be exercised in handling the trimming instrument, whether knife or scissors. It is not always

necessary to mount your pictures symmetrically—a little of the "higgledy-piggledy" style often makes the page look more interesting.

A point worth remembering is to mount your pictures in order of date, or in groups which would tell their own story—or help you, later on, to relate the story of that wonderful holiday to your less fortunate friends!

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

NOVEMBER, 1940.

REGULAR EVENTS.

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 3. Democracy. Mr. E. J. Marsh.
 10. The Fascist World Order.
 17. The New Declaration of Rights.
 24. What Shall We Make of it?
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for
 Worship, 11.0 a.m.
 Weight Lifters, 12.0 noon.
 Amateur Variety Party, 2.0 p.m.
 Members' Social, 3.0 p.m.
 Goldbeaters Night School Club, 3.0 p.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 8.0 p.m.
 Girls' Dressmaking Group, 8.0 p.m. at
 13, Gunter Grove.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Discussion Group, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 3.0 p.m.
 Mixed Choir, 8.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Girls' Club, 8.0 p.m. at Woodcroft School.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 6. Training, Rev. L. W. Hibbs.
 13. Poetry Reading.
 20. London's History and Romance,
 L.P.T.B. Lantern Lecture.
 27. Current Events, Mr. and Mrs. E.
 Sewell Harris.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Learners' Dance, 8.0 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Y.H.A., 7.30 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —H.S.A., 7.0 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Poor Man's Lawyer, 3.0 p.m.
 Comrades' Circle, 4.0 p.m.
 Members' Social, 7.30 p.m.
- #### OTHER EVENTS.
- Sunday** 3.—Variety Concert, 3.0 p.m.
 Fellowship Meeting, 3.30 p.m.
- Tuesday** 5.—Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
- Wed'day** 6.—Church Army Rummage Sale, 2.0 p.m.
- Thursday** 7.—Townswomen's Guild Social, 2.30 p.m.
- Tuesday** 19.—Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
- Thursday** 21.—Townswomen's Guild Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Garden Notes.

A Guide-book Holiday.

Many people have, from various causes, had no proper holiday this year. The garden may have received more attention in consequence; or there may have been less time than usual in which to work in it. We must beautify the ugliness of life to-day as well as produce more food if possible.

A good alternative to a real holiday is to re-read our favourite guide-books and thus revive happy memories of visits paid to places of beauty, quiet and peace.

One of the most attractive places for a holiday is the English Lake District, with its unique combination of lakes and mountains, crags and precipices, wooded valleys with romantic rivers and babbling brooks. The writer has visited the district many times during the past half century, climbed some of the highest mountains, and travelled over several of its wild passes. He has a well-worn copy of Baddeley's "Guide to the English Lake District," one of the "thorough" series of guides. It has been a faithful companion in fine weather and in wet. This guide-book is dated 1886. There have been subsequent editions, embodying many changes that have taken place since then.

Mr. Baddeley says of the Lake District, "Its characteristic claim may be said to be the thoroughly accordant blending of mountain, valley and lake in a succession of pictures whose variety is only equalled by their unity. . . . To the pedestrian who prefers beauty to excitement the small scale of the English lake scenery is an invaluable boon. It gives him that infinite variety which is, as it were, the 'salt' of his excursions. In a six-days' tour he can wander from lake to lake and from valley to valley and see so many utterly different views that he may think he has exhausted the district. The leisurely tourist, however, may roam for six weeks, or even months, and still find fresh scenes of beauty to delight his eyes. Only those who have spent whole days [in Switzerland] in ascending one long and crossing a snowfield in a gang, can thoroughly appreciate the charm of their native land in this respect."

There are sixteen lakes of varying sizes in the district and about as many tarns. There are ten waterfalls, eighteen passes and forty-four mountains, all described in the guide.

Two of the lakes deserve special mention, partly because they are less frequently visited, being more difficult of access, than those that are better known.

One of these is Haweswater, on the eastern side of the district. Its southern end is surrounded by high mountains. There is no road out, but only the mountain pass of Nan Bield. There was, until a few years ago, the secluded hamlet of Mardale Green at the head of the lake with a church, an inn, and a few houses. But the lake and surrounding land was acquired by the Corporation of the City of Manchester for its water supply (in addition to Thirlmere). A huge dam has been built at the northern end. This has raised the level of the lake and nearly doubled its size. In making this large reservoir the inn, the church and the houses have all been submerged or abolished. But the beauty and the grandeur of the eternal mountains, which still encircle the southern end of the lake, remain.

The other lake to be specially mentioned is Wastwater, on the western side of the district. Wildness is the pervading feature of this lake. The lower end is beautifully wooded, but "the woods only form a foreground; the middle and far distance is the quintessence of wildness, and it is perhaps the only scene of like character in Great Britain, if we except Loch Coruisk [in Skye] in which wildness is not marred by dreariness." The eastern side of Wastwater is dominated by the screes with their perpendicular crags towering above them and the small stones of the Screes sloping down to the shore of the lake. At the head of the lake is Upper Wasdale, a narrow tract of green fields and stone walls, in the midst of an amphitheatre of steep and lofty mountains, including Scafell Pike (the highest mountain in England), Lingmell, Great Gable, Kirkfell and Yewbarrow. There is a good road into Wasdale from the west, but no way out except by the passes of Styce Head and Black Sail, which can only be travelled on foot. Wasdale Head boasts of being at the foot of the highest mountain and on the shore of the deepest lake in England. It also "boasts of a church which, if not positively the smallest in England, is certainly the quaintest."

What To Do In November.

Flower Garden.—Divide or transplant hardy asters, hypericum, edging plants, perennials, sunflowers and phloxes.

Plant briars on which it is intended to bud roses next July.

See that standard roses are well staked and climbing plants securely tied to fence or trellis, to avoid the risk of their being damaged by the rough winds of winter.

Cover the Christmas roses with a bell-glass or a glass-topped box to promote early flowering and to keep the flowers clean.

The lily-of-the-valley plants will produce finer blooms if the surface soil is lightly forked over and a top dressing two inches deep of leaf-mould added.

Fruit Garden.—Prune the apple trees as soon as the leaves have fallen.

See that the loganberries are safely tied up.

The planting of fruit trees should be completed before the end of the month.

See that the grease bands on the apple and pear trees are still sticky, and add more grease if necessary.

Cuttings of red, white and black currants, and also of gooseberries, may be taken now. Plant them in firm sandy soil in a bed facing east.

Cob-nuts and filberts are easily grown. Plant some in odd corners.

Vegetable Garden.—Prepare the ground for future crops, especially onions, carrots and parsnips.

Cut down the asparagus, if this has not already been done, and dress the bed thoroughly with rotten dung.

A sowing of peas (Pilot is a good variety) may be made now if a good situation is available.

Broad beans may also be sown in a sunny border of good light soil.

Keep cauliflowers, lettuces and cabbages free from slugs and caterpillars, which have been such a plague this season.

Gather all dead leaves from brussel sprouts and savoys.

Warts, Boils and Bunions.

Warts.

Take a small piece of raw beef, cut as much from it as will cover the wart and steep all night in vinegar, then tie on. If wart is on the forehead, use strips of adhesive tape to keep firm. Apply each night for a fortnight. The wart will gradually die and peel off. This remedy will be found a perfect cure, even for a large wart, and leaves no scar. It will also cure corns.

If the milky substance from the stem of a dandelion is squeezed on to a wart, it will be found to be a sure and certain cure. This has been tried with great success for stubborn warts.

Get a lemon and cut into small pieces. Rub the wart with one of the pieces, then throw away. Never use the same piece twice. Repeat process frequently during the day, allowing the juice to dry on.

Boils.

At night, take a cupful of warm milk with a grated nutmeg in it.

Whitlows or Catherings.

Make a paste of flour and pure English honey and spread on a piece of lint, then bandage. Repeat two or three times a day till cured.

Styes on the Eyes.

Boil some fresh watercress until tender, then strain. When the liquid is cold, bathe stye with it three times a day.

Corns or Bunions.

Soak the feet in soda water, keeping the water hot as you use it for quarter-of-an-hour. Then rub on iodine. The first trial will bring relief and generally cures, though if of long standing may need two or three applications of iodine.

Now Blow!

Correct nose-blowing means not only completely unblocking the nostrils, but also protecting from bacterial infection all the neighbouring organs.

The ordinary method of nose-blowing is to take a handkerchief, pinch the two nostrils simultaneously between the thumb and first finger, and blow. This produces a more or less musical trumpet note, but only gets rid of a part of the matter filling the nose. After this operation the nose may seem to be entirely unblocked; but this is simply because a great part of the mucus has been driven inwards.

The good nose-blower does not worry about a handkerchief, but stops up one of his nostrils and blows the mucus out of the other straight on to the ground. Hygiene recommends this way, but good manners forbid it.

However, the same thing can be done with a handkerchief. Press the right nostril with the right thumb, and blow gently and steadily into the handkerchief. Then press the left nostril with the right forefinger and blow again. In this way there is no abnormal pressure in the nasal cavity, all the mucus is ejected into the handkerchief, and the noise of the operation is considerably reduced.

To sneeze correctly you must open your mouth wide, hold your handkerchief in front of it in order to prevent "spray" being scattered, and not be afraid of making a noise. (From Je Sais Tout, Paris).

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W.A. Mixed Choir.

Like many other activities which used to flourish at the Centre, the choir's attendance has suffered but we can claim to have held a practice every week, if it has only been two or three enthusiasts. If we haven't been at the Centre, then we have met at some member's house or else in the "Glory Hole," and if you don't know where the "Glory Hole" is don't ask Mr. A. J. J.

The Choir is now proposing to meet for practice on the last Sunday in each month at an hour which might suit the majority of members to attend. All those interested will be welcome.

Boys' Club.

A popular activity for boys will be functioning again in November when the Boys' Club re-commences on Saturday afternoons. All boys wishing to join the Club can obtain further particulars at the Centre.

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Reading in Wartime.

I received a letter some time ago from a friend who said "I have re-discovered the home fireside, and the pleasures that are there, with pipe and book. It seems that it takes a major war to bring us again to the realisation of what we can miss in our own homes." That passage made me think. There must be many folk like this man, many who are well educated, intelligent folk, but who during the last twenty years or so have used their homes merely as dormitories. It is a tragedy that it is so, but there it is. One moment's reflection by all of us, makes us realise that we have neglected our homes, and the comforts and the pleasures we can find there.

Today I have been along the South Coast, travelling with a Canadian soldier. He said "There are two things we have learned since coming over here. Your scenery is beautiful; we love it. I'm in billets, and they treat me like I was their own son. The home life in this country is something you have to live with to understand." I do not know that I am more insular than another, but that tribute by one of our overseas men made me feel proud. Especially that bit about being in billets and the home life. How often we have said that the Englishman's home is his castle and then raised Cain because there is a lousy picture showing at the local cinema!

The war brought the "black-out," and the "black-out" has focussed our attention once again upon our homes, the fireside, and those activities we can perform pleasurably within our homes. Of these pleasures one could write a book. Here I intend to speak only of **one** of these pleasures—reading. And that raises the question, **What shall I read in Wartime?** Well, what **do** you read at home, besides the papers? Are you like another of my friends, whose house begins to bulge with all the sixpennies published, which tell us why we are at war, what we are going to get out of the war, what the world is going to be like in the future when the war is done, and so on? If you are, then I think you are making a very big mistake. It is possible to so soak yourself in "war literature" that you become in time absolutely incapable of thinking of anything else except this war. That is bad for you yourself; it is bad for your immediate associates, and it is ultimately bad for the nation, for you are a part of the nation. No. Do not let us concentrate upon war literature to the exclusion of everything else. That we should read some of the publications goes without saying, but beware the catch-penny. Remember all those books whose only "justification" lay in the fact that the writer knew someone, who knew someone, who knew someone else who had dined with Ribbentrop! These are what I call **vampire** books. The reason is obvious!

I would like to suggest to you, one or two volumes which I have read myself since the outbreak of the war and which I have found to be "tonic" books. Tonic, in that they help me to preserve a steady outlook, and a faith in the finer things of life. They have helped me to forget for a while the present troubles, so that when I returned to those troubles, as return I must, I go back with a clearer mind and more active thoughts. And these books have nothing to do with the war at all.

First I would recommend to you **Gentleman of Stratford**, by John Brophy. Here we have a reconstruction of the Elizabethan times as they affected William Shakespeare. We see his life from the earliest days, steadily unfolding, until he becomes the great master of

the stage and finally dies a gentleman at Stratford, covered with honours in his friendships. The theme is tremendous. It has been handled with skill (I don't write with cunning, and I would have, but for the debased usage of the word "cunning"). William Shakespeare is alive and active, having his ups and downs as you and I have our ups and downs. He goes through and you forget the dry-as-dust boring fellow your teachers made of Shakespeare as you read this book, the biographical romance of **Our Will**, and you grow to love the merry, hard-working fellow who appears in his stead. Yes. Put **Gentleman of Stratford** on your book-list.

Then add **William and Dorothy**, by Helen Ashton. This is another biographical romance. It is the life story, written as a story, of Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy, whose devotion to her brother is one of the finest things in literature—and in life, too. Here you live at once among the Wordsworth country, meeting the great men and writers who were contemporary with Wordsworth. And you get to learn more about these folk as **human beings**, and not as aloof writers.

Yet another biographical romance is **So Perish the Roses**, by Neil Bell, and quite the best book Bell has written, and that is saying a good deal, for Bell is a sterling writer. This is another "brother and sister" story, and tells of Charles and Mary Lamb. One is at a loss how to describe this book, for it has all that makes a book great. Perhaps it is its utter simplicity, its sympathy and the relentless movement towards its tragic end that holds one so firmly. Whatever it is that holds the secret of its success, it is a success. Charles himself has come alive and we are of his company, and at times we wish to Heaven we could help him in his troubles. We are the ghosts looking in on a world of reality where laughter and tears, disappointments and triumphs run cheek by jowl together. This, beyond any shadow of doubt, must be added to your book-list.

To turn from these biographical romances, there is Howard Spring's **Fame is the Spur**. You will recall that Spring wrote **My Son, My Son**, which the film industry destroyed when they altered the ending. But they could not destroy the power of the original. **Fame is the Spur** must be read by all who are interested in the social problems of England. It is as stirring as is **The Dynasty of Death**, by Taylor Caldwell, in a different vein. The one treats of the influence of an individual upon society, and the other, Caldwell's book, tells the story of the ramifications of the armament industry. Read them both, and you will rise the richer in experience.

What else is there that you will find worth while? I suggest you add **His Majesty of Corsica**, by Valerie Pirie, to your list if you like historical books, for here is a story that stirs the sympathy. We all like an honest rogue. Then there is **Old Coda Fattling**, by Malcolm Elwin, something new in literary criticism. And enlightening, too, as the mirror of the age in which the selected writers wrote. Finally, should you think all this is too much akin to escapist literature, read **All in a Maze**, by Daniel George and Rose Macaulay. This is an anthology of Peace and War with selections from the earliest writers right up to the present day. And as you read those earlier works you know in very truth that there is nothing new under the sun!

In this list there is something for all tastes. These have been my book-friends, since the war began. I think you will find friendship there for yourself, too.

A.B.A.

WHAT WAS AND WHAT MIGHT BE.

By E. SEWELL HARRIS.

This is a description of France: "This scene of peace and plenty was suddenly changed into a desert; and the prospect of the smoking ruins could alone distinguish the solitude of nature from the desolation of man. . . . Strasbourg, Rheims, Tournai, Arras, Amiens, experienced the cruel oppression of the German yoke; and the consuming flames of war spread from the banks of Rhine over the greatest part of the seventeen provinces of Gaul. That rich and extensive country as far as the Ocean, the Alps and the Pyrenees was delivered to the Barbarians, who drove before them in a promiscuous crowd, the bishop, the senator and the virgin, laden with the spoils of their houses and altars."

This is not a description written in 1940. It was written by a great historian telling the story of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire, the end of a civilization, the time when the Franks conquered what yesterday was France.

Looking back now we can see what was happening. An empire in which the majority of the people "were slaves or unemployed or half-starved workers in the cities and on country estates" was falling and carrying with it to destruction the civilization which it had embodied. The people who wrote about it at the time did not see this. They seem to have thought that when the fighting was over they would be able to get back to normal, to re-establish their old ways of going on. They were wrong. The old order based on slave labour had gone, never to return. A new form of social life slowly developed.

What are **we** thinking **now**? Do we expect to get back to normal, do we want to get back to normal? to re-establish things as they were in 1938 or 1939 or 1920 or 1914? Or are we also watching the end of an epoch, the end of one kind of civilization with the possibilities of seeing another grow? History does not repeat itself, but we cannot go back. Things will never be the same, whether we want them to be or don't want them to be. A new order is coming. Does that fill you with hope? If so, what is your reason? Why are you hopeful? It may be worse than the old system. Are you working to make it better?

The old order has given us great possibilities. It has built up great stocks of machinery, dug great coal mines, produced great inventions. Knowledge of the world and the way it works has grown enormously. We can make vast quantities of useful things which were scarce or even unknown only a few years ago. We can give people leisure to enjoy these things, but we neither produce what we might nor do people have the leisure. The old order leaves us great possibilities, but it failed to pass these on to the masses. We may have wireless sets, but we don't have the opportunity really to live. Now in the end it has landed us in war, driven us like rabbits to our burrows, where we sleep at nights in fear of bombs, or, shall we say, like rats to our holes. What a civilization!

What about the new civilization? Germany and Italy have agreed that Japan leads it in the East. Japan has agreed that they lead it in the West. Is that what you want? All the possibilities of Europe turned to the benefit of one nation, life dominated by propaganda, spies at every corner to report to the authori-

ties if you say a word against them, books destroyed if they may influence you in any other direction, newspapers saying only what the Nazi powers wish, life ordered and controlled on every side, with poverty for the great majority.

Dictatorship need not lead to poverty, or at any rate to material poverty. The new order might be on the lines of Russian Communism. Is that what you want? The purpose is better than that of Fascism, but people still live in fear.

Can the new order take any other form? Many people feel there is something in British freedom which they would like to see maintained, that an attempt should be made to combine a decent standard of living for all with freedom of expression, and a really democratic form of government and the abolition of class distinctions.

After the collapse of the Roman Empire in the sixth century the new order grew very slowly, striking root first of all in the minds of the great men and women of those days. "These great men and women were not the kings and dukes or queens, but bishops and monks and nuns, who were the teachers and leaders of those days and who alone preserved the remains of traditional knowledge and the arts. They had no armed force at their command and no desire for personal wealth or power."

To-day things move more quickly. Communications, travel, inventions, production, are at an altogether different speed. So the new order may come much more quickly than it did then. Who will determine what it is to be and who will bring it to birth?

You and I can play our part if we will. It's up to us to seize this opportunity and get the kind of world that human beings need. If bad people get control it will be no use moaning then. Now is the time to think and act.

Next month I want to discuss the basic principles which I should like to see established in the new order and in later months how these should be applied, but what are you going to do about it? Will you send your ideas to the Editor, discuss it with your neighbours and workmates, come to the Centre to discuss it with others there? In what way are you shouldering your responsibilities for bringing in a better world?

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New Developments.

Some people seem to think that because people do not want to go out in the evenings the Watling Association has ceased to function. This shows how little they understand the idea of a Community Association. Dances and Whist Drives may catch the eye or ear, but they are not the most important part of the Association's work. A few notes on plans which have been made or are being discussed may make the matter clear.

There is a branch of the Citizen's Advice Bureau at the Centre, where many of the problems which war brings to the individual can be answered.

A group of the H.S.A. has recently been formed, and it is hoped that new residents in particular may find this useful.

The Centre has been accepted as an Emergency Rest and Feeding Centre, so that if there is a serious bombing incident in the adjacent part of the Estate, those whose homes are damaged can go there for meals, etc. It is hoped that arrangements will also be made for representatives of the billeting officer and furniture removals officer to be there if the number of families to be dealt with is large.

In connection with this matter the Association has used the experience gained in the incidents of October 8th to join with others in making representations which should ensure that another case is handled better, particularly as regards the speedy examination of damaged houses so that people may know quickly whether they have to get out, or can start clearing up the mess so as to stay on.

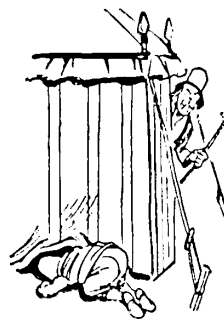
Plans are being considered for the establishment of a Soup Kitchen, or possibly a more ambitious Communal Kitchen should either of these prove necessary. It is also hoped to do something to get together the evacuees from London who are on the Estate. This is, at present, held up by the difficulty of finding out how many there are and where they are.

The Canadian Government has made a large gift of dried apples to Great Britain for distribution through social service organisations. A consignment is being secured by the Watling Association and it is hoped that Twopence a lb. will cover all the expenses involved.

A new Scout Troop is in process of formation. As time goes on other needs will arise in the Community and the Association will try to help to meet them. If you see something which badly needs attention, join the Association and help us to meet the situation!



CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION



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Burnt Oak Women's Adult School.

Continuing their lectures on Home Nursing and First Aid, the Nurses from the Hendon Division of the British Red Cross Society have explained the different classes of wounds and treatment in order to stop bleeding and lessen the effects of shock. Recovery depends so much on immediate correct attention. We were also shown how to apply splints and bandages, when we spent considerable time bandaging each other for various imaginary injuries—this demonstration by the way, took place in the passage, during an alarm period, away from the possibility of flying glass, carrying some of our thoughts sadly to those unhappy victims receiving similar treatment in earnest. We had also a very interesting lecture on the emergency treatment of premature births during air-raids, illustrated with diagrams. It is a pity more interest is not taken in First Aid during peace-time, a knowledge of which in the past may have been the means of saving many a life, limb or future ill-health. These talks have been made most enjoyable by the friendly personality of the Nurses, and we were very sorry when the series ended. As these splendid nurses refused to accept even their expenses, a contribution to the Red Cross was sent from the School funds, together with a collection from members present.

During October we were given a description of the life and work of Margaret McMillan, that remarkable woman with the dual personality of her great love for her fellows, especially little children and of the fulfilment of her greatest desire—that of instituting Nursery Schools—where the citizens of the future may be trained in clean habits and self-reliance, and built up healthy in body and mind. There are too few of these Nursery Schools, one of which is sorely needed in this district, where busy mothers may leave their little ones, knowing they are in capable hands, and efforts are being made in this direction.

Although there is so much strife and discord in the human element on this earth, doing its best to destroy itself, nature at least is fulfilling her duty and producing for us in abundance. Our gardens have yielded plenty of everything this year, some of which found its way, through members, to our Harvest Festival in October, thereby providing funds for our School. The sale of mystery parcels, brought by members and resold in the School, has also added to the funds. Two more socials have been held, so that we may continue to send parcels to our men in the Forces.

One of our afternoons was devoted to learning new hymns and renewing acquaintance with old ones, many of which are very beautiful.

We regret that Mrs. Thomas, our President, will be absent from the School for a while, having taken up hospital work, her position being filled by Mrs. Errington, whom we have warmly welcomed.

Realising that the future will need all our courage and co-operation, our Fellowship Meetings now take place at the Centre, at 3.30 p.m., on the first Sunday in the month, to enable as many as possible to be present, for during these very anxious days a closer companionship with our fellows is very comforting and little gatherings such as these, which Mr. Boyes takes

such trouble to make interesting for us, do cheer us up, certainly making us better able to face our difficulties. Do try and come to the next Fellowship Meeting—you will find it well worth the trouble.

Idealism and reality.

There are many people about who dislike the word "Idealism" because it is a vision of what might be. These people claim to have their feet firmly planted on the ground and are ready to face life as it is today. They argue that they are Realists, and are generally full of energy, doing all sorts of things intended for the good of the community. Their energy is not to be despised, but it is necessary to decide which problems demand only temporary solution, and work accordingly.

This can only be done if you have built up in your mind a fairly clear picture of the objective you desire. When dealing with communities this objective becomes an idealistic picture of what appears to be the ideal community.

The difference is at once obvious when various problems have to be faced. The very practical person rushes off to solve each difficulty in a sort of piecemeal fashion, without considering the effect on the future.

The more sensible way would seem to be to make each solution build the picture, in much the same way as a jig-saw puzzle is completed.

How does all this affect present-day events, when so many problems are merely temporary ones caused by the abnormal circumstances. We need to act swiftly to deal with all the suffering and misery that is going on around us, but it is still necessary to look ahead and ask: "Where are we going?"

What kind of conditions do we expect to have when the siren has sounded for the last time? What kind of conditions do you want for (1) The conquered peoples of Europe; (2) Our Empire; (3) Germany; (4) Ourselves? Perhaps you think these questions are not worth answering, and in any case your answer will not make much difference.

Unfortunately, large numbers of people use these excuses and completely forget the fact that dictators flourish in those countries where the mass of the people want their thinking done for them.

The reality is as it is, but the ideal is as we would like it. Let us dream our dreams of a better world, and start at once to work towards the goal.

J. W. PRATTEN.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL.

Men's Adult School A NEW ORDER.

1914-18—A land fit for heroes—a war to end war—yes, and we heard many other grand words at the end of the last war, but what went wrong? We were not prepared for peace, any more than we were for war. To-day, we are making another attempt to win a war, and no one will deny that the British Commonwealth is at present going all out to achieve this. Of the ultimate outcome, most of us have no doubt. Victory will be ours; but, will we again dance round the West End, drunk with victory, and leave it to the politicians to make the peace. I hope not. Our Men's Adult School have been discussing this question—What of the

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The Last Page

If you have a contribution such as a novelty idea, or item of interest for this "Last Page," please let us have it.

It was not the League of Nations which went bankrupt; it was civilization.

Chinese people do not greet each other by saying "How do you do?" They ask the one vital question of China, "Have you eaten?"

In China sometimes daughters have to be sold as slaves in order that the family may eat.

The average farm in China is about four acres.

"Viticulture" is the art of vine-growing.

Thirty-five secretaries are required to handle the correspondence of the Pope of Rome.

Grizzly bears can attain a speed of 35 miles an hour.

The Suez Canal is 100 miles long and 28 feet deep. In normal times about 6,000 ships pass through the canal each year. It takes roughly 18 hours for a ship to pass through. The maximum speed allowed is 10 knots an hour.

Napoleon had a passion for roast chicken, which he would demand at all hours.

Apes are terribly afraid of snakes, yet when they see one they seem unable to move away from it.

When ants go to war they also use poison gas, which some species can throw for a considerable distance. When this fluid touches an enemy the victim is paralysed and dies.

One species of ant carries an umbrella of petals, or leaves, when it rains.

The pituitary gland is an appendage on the lower side of the brain.

At the end of 1937 the world population was estimated at 2,134,000,000.

A house-fly will deposit from 120 to 150 eggs at a time, and she may lay five or six such batches during her life.

A well-known dog trainer, after much experience, has come to the conclusion that ambulance work on the field of battle is the best use to which dogs can be put in modern warfare, and the Collie ranks first for discovering wounded soldiers, with the Airedale a close second.

A captive balloon carrying a film camera is being employed by the authorities in Los Angeles to study traffic problems. The lens is focussed on a busy street, and experts obtain a record of how motorists behave.

Since the Japanese dislike fat men, other nations avoid sending corpulent diplomats to Tokio.

Small ad.: Young man, who gets paid on Monday and is broke by Wednesday, would like to exchange small loans with a young man who gets paid on Wednesday and is broke by Monday.

The last wild wolf seen in Great Britain was killed in Scotland in 1680.

How to say it!

Thank you for your words and your flowers: I can hardly tell them apart . . . There is so much to say, but your eyes keep interrupting me.—(C. Morley.)

In her diamonds she glistened like a chopped-up rainbow.—(Alvin Cook.)

She was the centre of distraction.—(Galsworthy.)

Gardening from day-break to back-break.—(F. W. G. Perk.)

An orator without terminal facilities.—(F. C. Kelley.)

In national affairs a million is only a drop in the Budget.—(B. Ruscoe.)

A countryman visiting a town saw for the first time a bunch of bananas. "Want to try one, Jim," asked his chum. "No, I don't think," Jim answered. "I've got to like so many things I can't buy, I ain't going to take on any more new likes."

Mark Twain, who hated to have to punctuate, once attached this note to his publisher in submitting a manuscript: "Gentlemen: . ! (& , . — : ; Please scatter these throughout according to your taste."

A new American idea in horse-racing: The horses are trotted out to the track, where each jockey is obliged to give up his mount and ride someone else's. Then every rider tries to come in first, thus enhancing his own horse's chance of being last. For the last three horses win!

A ROOF SPOTTER'S LAMENT.

(To the tune of "A policeman's life is not a happy one.")

When the siren calls you to the roof to spot for
Nasty planes
You stare until your eyes begin to run.
When it's raining and its galeing as upon the roof
you freeze,
Oh a spotter's life is not a happy one.

You gaze at the horizon and you squint up at the sun,
Whilst the planes are cruising round you all the time.
Is it theirs? or is it ours? the thought is always in
your mind;

If a bomb drops—well, you'll know it's ONE OF
THEIRS.

F.H.L.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS By CENTURION.

Building Fund and 7-30 Revue

It is surely an optimistic sign that folk are thinking of the Building Fund of the Watling Association.

A third Edition of the "7-30 Revue" is to be presented by the Watling Association Amateur Variety Company on Sunday, January 12th, at the Centre, at 3 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, children 6d. if accompanied with an adult.

Grand Christmas Pantomime

"The Gay Girlies" gave a concert on Sunday, 1st December, which included a short pantomime, "Cinderella." A large audience was entertained, and the receipts were handed over to the Watling Distress Fund, and this worthy cause benefited considerably by this effort.

The Youth Club

The numbers attending this latest venture of the Association has exceeded expectations, and the Treasurer informs me that there are now 70 members on the register. An interesting programme has been arranged which is both entertaining and educational, and should prove a useful outlet for the energies of youth in this district. See diary for programme.

H.P. Dog Licences

Six years ago the Tail-Waggers' Club introduced a scheme under which dog-owners may purchase their dog licences by affixing a 2d. stamp each week to a card, for 45 weeks.

The scheme still continues, despite war conditions, but to assist the staff of the Tail-Waggers' Club with the extra work this scheme entails, please let the Club have your completed stamp cards as early as possible—now if you can, so that they may get well ahead by the 1st January, 1941, when licences become due.

If you have not taken advantage of the instalment plan previously, or wish to become a "doggy" recruit, write for particulars to the Tail-Waggers' Club, Willing House, 356/360, Grays Inn-road, London, W.C.1, at which address the organisation is still carrying on.

Thank You, Charlie Chaplin

The other evening wireless listeners were introduced to the voice of Charlie Chaplin, that greatest of comedians, in snaps from his latest film, "The Great Dictator." What Statesman is able to rise to the level of this comedian in his final speech as the Jewish barber appealing to humanity to take courage, that truth and right will never be vanquished from our midst, that there is a call in the world today for the brotherhood of man—Well done, Charlie!

Next month "Centurion" is writing his impression of the film in the "Resident."

H.S.A. Group

The number of people who attend the Centre on Friday evenings to pay their H.S.A. subscriptions is very large. This Group is bringing many people here who would otherwise never have crossed our threshold, and we hope that it will be a means of recruiting new members to other activities of the Association.

Conductresses

We take off our hats to the young women who are taking over the duties of men called up on the London Transport, particularly those whose duties take them into the black-out hours. They have very quickly got into their stride in this new occupation and are carrying out a difficult job with perseverance and reliability.

Youth Organisation

Nobody walking through the Watling Estate can fail to notice the number of boys who have just left school walking aimlessly about the streets with apparently little to occupy their minds. These lads are the citizens of tomorrow; the generation from the ranks of which we must look for the leaders of that better civilisation which we hope to see. What hope is there of finding the men for this great task if we neglect them now? It should be the duty of each adult member of society to see that these young men have every opportunity for physical, mental and spiritual development by encouraging them to join one of the many juvenile organisations in the district. The youth movement is there ready to do its job—the rest is up to you.

Boys' Club

Last winter a Boys' Club was held at the Centre during one evening of the week; but owing to the blitz it has been found advisable to meet on a Saturday afternoon and at Woodcroft School, between 2.30 and 5 p.m.

Gymnastics and games, with occasional cycle rides, form the chief occupation, but as the Club grows it is hoped to develop other interests, such as travel talks, handicrafts and visits to places of interest. Any lad between the ages of 14-18 will be welcomed.

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Study Course

An interesting group has recently been formed under the influence of the Workers' Educational Association, meeting at the Centre, Orange Hill-road, to study sociology (the study of society), to examine institutions we know and to see how these same institutions vary in other periods and places. This course will concern itself with the study of the Family, Class, Property, the State, Justice, Custom and Law in England and in other modern and certain primitive societies. This will indicate how these institutions are related to each other, how they react to changes in social, economic and political life, and how they participate in effecting these changes. The lecturer is Miss P. C. Hurstfield, B.Sc.

The next Meeting of this Group meets at the Centre on January 5th, at 3 p.m., to which you are invited.

Photography

During the past month the Centre has been made camera-conscious. The Youth Club started the ball rolling with a demonstration of photography, in which a film was exposed, developed and printed in the same evening, the separate processes creating much interest from the members. Our President gave a talk on photography to the Women's Neighbourhood Guild on the 4th December and to the Men's Adult School on the 8th December. This talk took the history of the camera from its earliest days, and one of our members rightly suggested that the correct title of this talk should have been "The Romance of Photography."

Scout Belts

Have you noticed the increased use of the Scout Belt? There has been correspondence about it in the "Daily Telegraph." All kinds of uniformed people are wearing it, sometimes as a treasured possession or memento, but also as a way of declaring, "I, too, was a Boy Scout." I wonder how many of our readers could recognise one?

The Refugees

*From North, South, East and West,
Comes the sound of a muffled tread.
'T would seem that the whole world is moving
To an unknown destiny—
Babes with their lives before them,
Old men who dwell in dreams,
And hard, resentful women, whose hearts are dull with pain.*

*Whither goeth this strange army
Led by famine, death and despair?
And what do they fear on this fair earth that they must migrate?
'Tis not the thunder, flood or burning sun,
but man from whom they flee,
And from their hearts a cry goes up,
How long, Oh God, how long?*

*God, in His mercy, calls aside the frail and broken-hearted,
And leaves the stronger souls as whips to scourge the Christian mind,
There was no room at the Inn for Jesus
Two thousand years ago,
And still God's children clamour for the right to dwell in peace.
When will Thy kingdom come on earth,
When will it come to men?*

Margaret W. Croker.

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WATLING DISTRESS FUND

Sunday, January 22nd was the day chosen to collect for the Watling Distress Fund and it speaks for the loyalty and enthusiasm of the collectors that they should have gathered in full force on a day when the weather did its best to discourage many—but not for such a good cause.

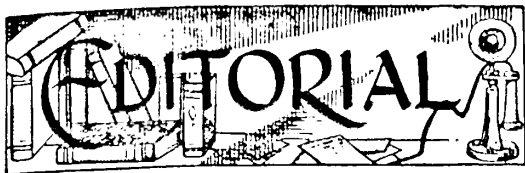
The result at the time of going to press is very good indeed, other collectors have yet to report the results of their efforts.

Our thanks are due also to the donors who have responded in such an excellent manner.

Below is a list of streets and the amounts collected to date:—

	£	s.	d.
Colchester Road; Norwich Briar and Kirton Walks	...	1	12 4
Littlefield Road	...	13	11
Montrose Avenue	...	16	3
Wenlock Road	...	9	6
Part of Deansbrook Road	...	12	3
Gilbert Grove and part of Watling Avenue	...	1	0 2½
Donations	...	10	6½
	£5	15	0

The final figures will be published in next month's "Resident."



"A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

I suppose it is one of the things that is "done" for an Editor to wish his readers a Happy New Year on the appearance of the first number of his paper or periodical in the New Year.

How often do we as individuals say "A Happy New Year," and say inwardly to ourselves, "that's done; I have been sociable and friendly," and let it go at that? Surely at this time and under these conditions we mean it all the more from our heart of hearts, and ask ourselves whether the birth of a new year is just the right time to remind ourselves that our wish is a wish to mankind, irrespective of colour or creed. If a boy is drowning in the river, we don't stop to ask what he is, or where he lives, but go all out to save him—so let each one of us look to put that "Happy New Year" into practice.

Thank you to all those regular readers and contributors who have helped so much to keep the "Resident" alive during the difficult times that have passed, showing as they do by their action a faith in the future of the paper and the return of "happier" times.

OUR EDITOR'S FAREWELL

DEAR READERS,

It is with regret we have to announce that our Editor Mr. F. J. Lake, has had to resign from office, a position he has held on the "Resident" Committee for the past eight years, owing to his work being transferred to Manchester. It has been a pleasure to work under his leadership, and he will be greatly missed by my Committee. He wishes me to convey to you, dear readers and to all contributors and friends, his appreciation for your loyal support.

I know you will join with me in wishing him the best of luck at Manchester, and trust that he will make as many friends there as he did at Watling.

And now I have much pleasure in introducing our new Editor, Mr. A. R. Croker. Although he is not resident on the Watling Estate he is well known to members and friends at the Watling Centre, and has always shown a great interest in the work of the Watling Association. He has taken on a big task in stepping into the shoes of our late Editor, but we know he will give of his best.

We trust that readers and contributors will give him the same loyal support as was given to Mr. Lake.

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST F. COLE,

Secretary, "Resident" Committee.

"OUR" ASSOCIATION

I was privileged recently to be invited to a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Watling Association and had, as it were, a "bird's eye" view of the business of the Association, and I was struck with the thought of "how many members were aware of the responsibilities carried by the officers of the Association?" Black-out conditions, to start with, automatically curtailed some of the activities, and consequently money receipts fell off; but, unfortunately, rates and taxes, lighting and heating bills, and the thousand and one other accounts had still to be met. The officers were still going out themselves in the black-out to be of service to any who put in an appearance.

Decisions of importance to the future life of the Association have to be made and acted upon, and these same officers deprive themselves of the comfort of their own fireside to be of service. This sacrifice of theirs is reaping its reward, as members are becoming braver and are increasing their attendance at the Centre at night, so they persevere in their service.

I am sure you will appreciate the work of these friends of the Association, who, to their own inconvenience, are serving you and taking responsibilities that many would shun. I am sure the Treasurer would feel his job had been well done if we all saw that our subscriptions were up-to-date, and the Secretary and leaders of the various groups would feel equally rewarded if we decided to be regular attendants at that group to which we were attached. Thank you!

"Visitor."

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

If you are lonely, or long for a little human warmth and friendship, why not attend the Fellowship Meeting January 5th? You will enjoy these happy little assemblies which take place on the first Sunday in every month, where peace and time for quiet meditation is to be found in an atmosphere of happy comradeship.

TEMPORARY REST CENTRE

The Centre has been a home from home for a number of people lately. We hope that all who have been our guests have been comfortable during their stay, but we sympathise with them in the disorganisation of their own homes, and we hope that their lot will be happier in future. (See page 7 col. 1.)

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WATLING AVENUE

TAKE COURAGE!

by K. A. N. SIMPKIN

"Every man hath two birthdays: two days, at least, in every year, which set him upon revolving the lapse of time, as it affects his mortal duration. The one is that which in an especial manner he termeth his. In the gradual desuetude of old observances, this custom of solemnising our proper birthday hath nearly passed away, or is left to children, who reflect nothing at all about the matter, nor understand anything in it beyond cake and orange. But the birth of a New Year is of an interest too wide to be pretermitted by king or cobbler. No one ever regarded the first of January with indifference. It is that from which all date their time, and count upon what is left. It is the nativity of our common Adam."

CHAS. LAMB.

"SOME," said Charles Lamb, "have wooed death," and there is little doubt that there are many such to-day who, overwhelmed by the calamities which have overtaken us, would welcome death as a happy release from this unhappy world. Standing, as we do, on the threshold of a New Year we wonder what it is going to bring forth. We have seen aggression stalk through the lands of Europe and Asia; small nations have been grievously smitten, and at last we have been forced to the bitter arbitrament of war, for which we were not prepared. It is not intended here to argue who was to blame for this unpreparedness.

It is enough to say that within less than a quarter of a century after the last war, when Germany beaten and disarmed, she alone of all nations was

adequately prepared for war. We can all recall the day of the signing of the Kellogg Pact. How far away that day seems now. Alas, it was just another scrap of paper.

But if the hopes built that day have tumbled about our heads, our faith in the future can and, indeed, must be renewed. We can draw confidence first of all in the words of David Clarkson in Miss Phyllis Bentley's novel, "Take Courage": "*Crescit sub pondere virtus*" ("Resistance grows beneath oppression"). This resistance is now gathering momentum.

Hitler is finding it no easy task to keep in subjection all those he has conquered. The Norwegians are giving him trouble and the Dutch are leading him a dance; even the French are beginning to show their temper. As for the Italians, they have got from the Greeks what they did not bargain for.

No one, of course, pretends that the task before us is easy. It should be pretty generally realised by now that it is a gigantic one. We have already had to give up much that we had been accustomed to. The New Year must necessarily see us give up much more. When every inch of shipping space is wanted, when almost every hand is concentrated on the war effort, when every minute of the day and every hour of the night is dedicated to the prosecution of the war there is little that can be left for peace-time appetites and peace-time pursuits. We must be content with the bare essentials. The variety and spice of life must await the coming of peace. But harder to bear than this will be the loss of life and the bodily harm which war entails. Yet how can it be otherwise?

Meanwhile we can take comfort in the beautiful words which Miss Phyllis Bentley puts into the mouth of Penninah Clarkson, in her book, "Take Courage": "And so I sit here, in the latter part of my age, at the door of my son's house—which he has built new, very fine and fair—and think on all these things, while my grandchildren play about my knee. And this I say: TAKE COURAGE. I have known trials so bitter that my whole course seemed darkened. But I have known joys too; putting one with another, I have found life too good to miss; I am glad to have been born. Again I have lived in times so troubled that I cannot think this nation has ever seen the like, or will ever see the like again. But the land has not perished, the sun shines, the rain falls, the sheep still feed on the Pennine Hills; women still conceive and bring forth and give their children suck; and while man lives, the hope of righteousness will not die. The strife is sore while it lasts; yes, it is very sharp and bitter, and wearying to the spirit, for it seems as if it will never come to any end; but if we keep a good heart and cease not to care for justice and truth, some day the storm will pass, and the nations rejoice in the sweet air of peace." The peace we hope will be lasting and just, and perhaps the nations will then abolish war as they have abolished duelling.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE



HAPPY NEW YEAR, Ovaltineys!

May the New Year bring you health and happiness. Keep the Seven Golden Rules of the League . . . drink delicious 'Ovaltine' every day . . . and be a true Ovaltiney in 1941—healthy, happy and helpful.

Boys and Girls who wish to join the League of Ovaltineys should write to the Chief Ovaltiney, 184, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7 and enclose a paper disc from inside a tin of 'Ovaltine' when they will receive an Official Rule Book and Bronze Membership Badge.

Painting Competition

How many children, I wonder, received a paint box for Christmas? quite a number I expect, so I have introduced this novel painting competition so that you can use that paint box, and your brains, to entertain yourself during one of these long nights we are now having and sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves.

Use as many colours as you like, don't rush it and spoil it; I have given until Thursday, January 23rd to be the last day to receive competitors' work and you may like to know that I am giving a small prize for the best and second-best entries. Of course, if I get a large number of you trying your hand, I shall have to give a third prize.

All children up to the age of 14, not over, can enter.

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Now read the letter below on the Children's Hour, it may interest you I think.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR . . .

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I have discussed with you in my note about the Painting Competition, what you might do during the long evenings; now what about that afternoon which sometimes seems to "hang" when school finishes so early?

At the Watling Centre there are activities which I am sure would interest you if you knew about them. Whether you are a girl or a boy there is something interesting to do,

Working and playing together in a team spirit is a fine idea, and one gets so much real pleasure from it. All the children's activities start at 4 p.m. and finish before black-out time. Look at this programme and make your choice; don't be shy; tell mother where you are going—and come. I should mention that a 3d. is the weekly contribution for each section. Here's the programme:

MONDAY: Games and Handicrafts.	THURSDAY: Folk Dancing.
TUESDAY: Choir.	FRIDAY: Knitting, Painting and Drawing.
WEDNESDAY: Carpentry.	

I hope next month to be able to report that you have taken action.

THE EDITOR.

"WHAT WAS AND WHAT MIGHT BE"

III.—IN GETTING OUR LIVINGS

by E. SEWELL HARRIS

In this Mr. Harris's third article under the heading of "What was and what might be," he deals with the problem that concerns each one of us, that of earning our living. It is written in a way that will doubtless cause some to agree and others to disagree, read it and let the Editor have some constructive ideas from you in the form of a letter.

IN the first article we discussed the probability that after the war things will be very different from what they were before, perhaps for the worse, perhaps, if we work hard, for the better.

Last month the main ideas which need to be embodied in any satisfactory new order were considered.

Now we turn to the expression of these ideas in practice, particularly in the questions of getting our livings and the relationships between nations. This month let us outline some of the arrangements which are necessary in order that the organisation of our daily work shall be such as will provide the ideals we are aiming at.

Last time the point was made that if we are to have real democracy there must not be very great inequalities of wealth, because if there is the rich will inevitably exercise power over the poor. At present we have a system under which the acquisition of wealth is regarded as one of the main objects in life, those who have acquired wealth are given the high places and acquisition is relied upon as the mainspring of industry, the incentive which makes people strive to produce. If this continues great inequalities are almost bound to result, so we must plan society so that people shall not feel they have to acquire as much wealth as possible, and the opportunities for acquisition must be removed. It is also clear that those who control the means of livelihood, the land, machinery, and so on, exercise great power over their fellows if these have only their work to rely on as a means of getting an income.

For both these reasons, and also in order that industry may be adequately planned for the service of the community, we must at least establish the common ownership of those things necessary to produce the essentials of life. In a complicated industrial system this means that the banks and transport systems, as well as the land, mines, shipbuilding yards, factories for making clothes, furniture, etc., must be controlled by the people as a whole. Exactly which less important industries, if any, can be left in private hands, need not be decided at the moment. The necessary thing is to control the essentials of life. If we start with the key industries we can extend to the others as proves necessary.

It is not enough, however, to say that we want to have common ownership of the means of production. How is this to be exercised? It might result in a bureaucratic management from above which in time would have as little interest in the needs and ideas of the manual workers as have the present rulers of industry. If people are to have a real interest in their work, which we specified as desirable for most people if not for all, we must have some sort of democracy in industry itself; people must have a direct say in the

conditions of their work and a real opportunity of sharing in its control and in improving its organisation.

Industry will produce for the sake of consumption. How is the distribution of the income to be arranged? In the past the receipt of income has depended on the possession of property, the performance of work, or a civil right such as a pension. If the means of production belong to the community no individual will get income from property. If all people are to have what they need irrespective of what they produce, as children and old people clearly ought to have, there is no need for income to be paid as wages or salaries, it can all be given to people without any relation to their work. As many things as possible might be provided free, just as the use of roads and education are now. If water, bread, dairy produce and vegetables were distributed in this way we should be sure that no one was starving and most people would be educated not to waste. Money income could then be given to people for the purchase of those things which were not so abundant. Should this money be given equally or according to the amount of work people do, or the effort which they put in?

Some people say that, roughly speaking, people's needs are the same, so they should have the same income. Others say that most people won't work hard enough if their income is not dependent on their work. What do you think? About other people? About yourself? Would you be content to feel you were getting your income for nothing while other people were doing all the work, or would you want to make your contribution to the community? If so, are you typical? There would probably always be some lazy people, but it might be better to carry them until they were shamed into work, rather than go back to a system of unequal distribution. What about those in responsible positions? Won't this need higher incomes because of the responsibility they bear? On the other hand, isn't the position of responsibility its own reward, and do people need extra pay in addition? What do you think?

"That's all very well," someone says, "but even if you start with equal incomes, some people will save, and others will spend up to the hilt, so you will soon get inequalities of wealth." What will they do with their savings? The chief means of production will belong to the community, which will also control the banks and through them investments, so the saver cannot acquire income-producing property to any great extent and cannot get much power over other people. If further safeguards seem necessary there are several possible ways of preventing undesirably large accumulations. One way is to combine dated money, which ceases to be of value if held by an individual after a

certain date, with a limitation on the amount any individual may keep in the bank.

One other point must just be mentioned. It is important that, as far as possible, people should be able to choose the jobs they really want. When white collar jobs are not better paid, nor have better hours, nor more security, nor are regarded as more respectable, nor giving more power, than any others, there will not be the same desire to get into them rather than into manual jobs, but there may still be some specially disagreeable work, like sewer cleaning, which has to be done. Such work may be made as attractive as other kinds by shortening the working day or giving sewer cleaners, etc., positions of special honour in society.

In view of the similarity of subject I have followed Mr. Harris' article with that of Mr. Pratten's, in the hope perhaps that it will encourage the reader to write to the "Resident" on his own views.—Ed.

IDEALISM AND REALITY

MONEY.—III.

In last month's article on Unemployment, I mentioned the question of purchasing power. In the modern state, money provides this power in its most convenient form. Unfortunately, instead of being used as simple means of exchange, the possession of considerable amounts of money gives the owner a control over goods and services which should never have been allowed. It is perhaps somewhat hackneyed, yet nevertheless still true, that money or credit without goods and services has no value. To some extent this happens today through taxation and this raises the question as to whether it is better for the State to distribute purchasing power up to the limit allowed, or to arrive at the same points by means of taxation. I believe the State, i.e., the community, should own and control the source of all wealth and distribute it according to carefully arranged standards.

To do this it will be necessary to revolutionise our ideas about getting rich and turn our attentions to considering the use and control of money in the "new social order"; it is necessary to decide whether individual members of the community are to be allowed to accumulate and spend according to their own particular whim or fancy.

The general principle of freedom to order one's own life comes in here, but freedom can degenerate in licence, therefore it will be necessary to put some restriction on the amount of money or credit any one person or group of persons may control.

J. W. PRATTEN.

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APPRECIATION

The Association have to thank the donor and record the receipt of 10/- given by an elderly lady of 71 who was accommodated recently at the "Centre" when it was used as a Rest Centre.

She was one of the victims of enemy action in the neighbourhood and sent the gift in appreciation of the comfort and care she received whilst she was our guest.

THE BOY SCOUTS

In last month's "Resident" a note under the above heading spoke of the training Scouters (the modern name for Scoutmaster) submitted themselves to at Gilwell Park, Chingford. This must not be taken as the only time Scouters get together for instruction and improvement in Scouting. For example, very recently there took place, under the guidance of the Bishop of St. Albans, a most interesting and inspiring all-day conference of Scouters and Guiders (the modern term for Girl Guide captains). The following questions were put by the Bishop and were discussed in groups:

"1. Give reasons for believing in the existence of God.

"2. The ultimate problem of all human problems is how to live together. Is this true; if so, what conditions are essential for doing so?

"3. How would you teach your Scouts (a) What Christian prayer means; (b) Why it is the most important thing in Christian life?

"4. What suggestions have you to make for the more adequate teaching of the Christian religion for Scouts and for the better training of them in the Christian life?"

Conferences such as this take place from time to time not only in this country, but in all those countries which have embraced Scouting as a serious endeavour to train youth. This proves the keen interest and deep responsibility which leaders of Scouts everywhere possess. The following remark by the Bishop is worth recording: "I am confident that the real problem before all this youth work is how to give to others what some of us got in our own youth, and which has stood by us ever since, a sense of the reality of the Unseen, a sense of duty to God, and a sense of personal loyalty to Our Lord, together with the consciousness of the reality of the Power which God puts at our disposal to enable us at least to go on trying to reach out for the highest and the best, and never give up the struggle."

In the spiritual side of their work, Scouting stands first of all on the Scout Promise, with its affirmation of our Duty to God. The Scout Law shows some of the ways in which this duty can be carried out—positive ways in which can be put into actual practice the obligation to do one's best that one has assumed on becoming and continuing as members of the Scout Brotherhood.

The Chief Scout says, "Reverence to God, for one's neighbour, and for oneself as a servant of God is the basis of every form of religion." The Scout religious policy is built up on respect for other people's point of view, and we embrace in our membership people of different forms of belief, provided that they affirm their belief in God and promise to do their duty to Him; that is the first and main condition of membership in our world-wide brotherhood." B.B.

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A HARD CASE

A mechanic his labour will often discard,
If the rate of pay he dislikes;
But a clock (and its case is uncommonly hard)
Will continue to work though it strikes.

Tom Hood.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

When these words are printed, Christmas, with its message of "peace and goodwill to all men," will have passed; the old year will have gone, and a new year dawned. What does it hold for us? Are we to look helplessly on and let come what may? We will not be able to remould the world overnight, but we can put ourselves in order, and help to keep the wheels of our homes and our own little communities and organisations running smoothly and peacefully.

Will you join us at the Centre on Monday afternoons at 2.30, when these problems are discussed, and help us to find solutions?

During the past year our activities have had to be curtailed, but members have done much useful work, nevertheless, rendering service were possible to people who have lost their homes, or whose homes have been rendered temporarily uninhabitable.

"The Eight Gay Girls," with Mrs. Durant, their pianist, have given several performances in aid of the Distress Fund, and socials have been held in the School for this purpose.

Mrs. Pratten, our Minutes Secretary, having removed from the district for the time being, will be absent from the School for a while. Her cheery presence will be greatly missed at our meetings.

Mrs. Lord, whose unselfish devotion to the children has been so much appreciated, especially during the early days of the war, has been absent for some time. We miss her very much, and hope her absence is only temporary.

Like many of our social functions, we will have to forego our Annual Supper this year. Instead, we are having a Tea Party and Social one afternoon early in January, which, in the capable hands of Mrs. Nyberg, will be a very jolly affair.

MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Men's Adult School, the following officers were appointed: President, Mr. E. E. Cole; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. G. C. W. Nyberg, J. Balmbra; Secretary, Mr. E. S. Wakeling; Programme Secretary, Mr. E. Sewell Harris; Treasurer, Mr. A. T. Lord; Inter-School Committee, Messrs. G. C. W. Nyberg, J. Balmbra and A. T. Lord; Watling Association Council, Mr. A. T. Lord; N.W. Federation, Mr. A. R. Croker.

The recent discussions on the "New Social Order" have been much enjoyed by the members, and some are busily engaged in preparing a document that will be acceptable to all members on the subject and finally publishing it as the School's findings.

An interesting programme (see Diary) has been arranged for next month. So come along next Sunday at the Centre at 9.30 a.m., where a welcome awaits you.

E. S. WAKELING.

WATLING ASSOCIATION XMAS DRAW

Result.—First: (916) Mrs. Collins, Annesley Avenue, Colindale; Second: (646) B. Haley, Dryfield Road; Third: (1881) M. Peawick, Axholme Avenue, Edgware; Fourth (654) L. Wilkinson, Burnt Oak Broadway; Fifth (972) Mrs. Acot, Homefield Road, Sixth: (876) V. Blondean, West Hallowses, S.E.9.



An open forum for those who feel they would like to write to the Editor on constructive and helpful subjects. The "Resident" does not necessarily share views expressed in this column.—Ed.

FOOTBALL BOOTS

Stanmore.
December 13th.

DEAR SIR,

I am writing to you on behalf of the men of Stanmore "Beer Ack-Ack" gun site. The reason for this (what can only be termed a cadging letter) is that your name was recommended to me by a Mr. Bishop, who kindly presented us with a football.

We are situated on an isolated position, and our only recreation is football, unfortunately, although we have quite a few men on the site, the only football kit we have is five pairs of football boots between us.

We are now trying to run a football team and it is essential that we obtain some kit. Would it be possible for you to help us with this problem? I can assure you that every man jack of us would be extremely grateful for any gear you could obtain for us.

Yours sincerely,

P. O. BURDEN.

This letter has found its way to this column, and there may be some friends who would like to be of help to these men, who have a lonely task. If football boots are available and those who are giving them can leave them at the Centre, they will be sent to these men who so urgently require them.—Ed.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Editor of the "Resident."

DEAR SIR,

One hesitates to criticise such an excellent organisation as the Watling Association, but why is the garden on one side of the entrance to the Centre so neglected? Surely it could be made useful either to the eye or to the stomach. If someone would volunteer to keep it as nicely as the rose garden on the other side of the entrance is kept it would certainly improve the amenities of the Estate. While I am on the subject, the small beds against the building itself also want attention. Perhaps the Horticultural and Allottees' Society could find someone who would take this on as a bit of community service.

I might add that I am sorry I can't offer to do the garden myself, but I will help the Association in some other way, suited to my capabilities.

Yours truly,

"FRIENDLY CRITIC."

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sundays—
Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
Principles of the New Order. The School.
12 Music. Members.
19 The Freedom of the Press. Mr. Roger Simon.
26 Religion. Helen H. Harris.

Society of Friends. Public Meeting for Worship, 11.0 a.m.
Weight Lifters, 12.0 noon.
Amateur Variety Party, 2.0 p.m.
Members' Social, 3.0 p.m.
Goldbeaters Night School Club, 3.0 p.m.
Whist Drive, 3.0 p.m.

Monday—
Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Folk Dancing 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday—
Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
Dec-making Class, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.

Watling Association Diary NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

January, 1941.

Wednesdays—
Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.

1 A Christmas Carol, Mr. A. Robert Croker.
8 Gas Economy. Miss Rowe (Gas Light and Coke Co.).
15 Herbs. Mr. Gutteridge.
22 Wells' Declaration of Rights. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
29 Rev. H. J. Blackmore. Veterans' Club, 4.0 p.m.
Learners' Dance, 7.0 p.m.

Thursdays—
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Discussion Group, 2.30 p.m.

Youth Hostels Association, 7.0 p.m.

Watling Association Youth Club, 7.30 p.m.
Discussions, Film Shows, etc.

2 Meeting and Discussion on the "People's Convention." Speaker will be
9 General Business Meeting. Time permitting. "Sketch."
16 Film Show by Wyndham George.
23 Social. M.C., Ken Patching.
30 Mock Trial.
Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.

Fridays—

U.S.A., 7.0 p.m.

Saturdays—

Poor Man's Lawyer, 3.0 p.m.

Watling Guild of Players, 3.30 p.m.

Members' Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Wed. 1 Church Army Ram-
mage Sale, 2.0 p.m.
Thurs. 2 Townswomen's Guild
Social, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 5 Fellowship Meeting,
ing, 3.30 p.m.
Sun. 12 Concert, W.A. Amateur
Variety Company, 3.0
p.m.
Thurs. 16 Townswomen's Guild
Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 26 W.A. Council, 3.0
p.m.

YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION

December has been a good month for the local Y.H.A. Group in both outdoor and indoor activities. The outdoor arrangements being well supported, it came as a pleasant surprise to see some of the regular cyclists forsake their machines early in the month to join in a Sunday morning ramble. These Sunday morning rambles, by the way, are most popular, and any non-member who is interested is invited to come. We start at 9 a.m. and get back for dinner.

The cyclists, however, have not abandoned their machines. Caped up and setting out in head wind and rain, seven enthusiasts had a 40-mile run one Saturday afternoon to Speen Hostel recently.

Thursday evening socials have also seen good crowds. One of the most interesting was our second Scrapbook evening. The choice was more varied than on the previous evening, and ranged from Lamb and Stevenson to Stephen Leacock and Sassoon. Contributions for the next scrapbook are invited.

The big event of the month's programme, however, will be Christmas week-end, December 28th-29th, to Jordans Hostel. Report next month.

A report appears regularly in the "Resident," and we are sure that it is read by people who are not members of the Group. If you are one of these we would appreciate your letting us know of your interest by looking in on a Thursday, or by coming to a fixture at the week-ends.

L.J.C.

Among the outdoor fixtures arranged for January are the following—

SAT., 4TH JAN.: Roller skating, Finchley Rink (afternoon).
SUN., 5TH JAN.: Ramble and cycle run to WINDSOR GREAT PARK.
SAT-SUN., 11TH/12TH JAN.: Hostel week-end. Cyclists to HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. Walkers to TOLSWORTH MANOR HOSTEL, Surrey.
SUN., 19TH JAN.: Sunday morning ramble to Delrow and Roundtop, 9 a.m. from Edgware Station.
SAT-SUN., 25TH/26TH: Hostel week-end. Both cyclists and walkers to BISHOP'S STORTFORD HOSTEL.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED to buy. Second-hand Fretwork Outfit. "Comrade," Watling Centre.

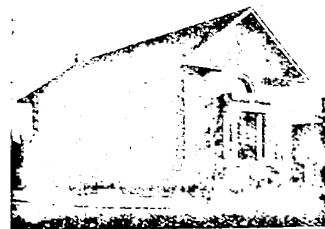
VETERANS' CLUB

We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, of Littlefield Road, for their donation of 10s. to the Veterans' Club as a token of their appreciation of the many happy hours their mother, the late Mrs. K. Wallis, enjoyed during her association with the Club.

The outstanding event for December will be the American Tea, which the old folks are planning for the last week. Everybody is expected to bring something eatable, which is pooled.

E. E. COLE.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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All are very cordially invited.

:: Cycling News ::

WINTER CYCLING AND THE CARE OF MACHINE AND RIDER.

By Mrs. Billie Dovey, the well-known Raleigh rider.

WINTER AWHEEL . . . is not such a wet and cold business as some people would make out. If you are to keep reasonably warm whilst riding a bicycle (and the very exercise will do that!), pay attention to ankles, wrists and neck. Gauntlet gloves of the lamb's wool kind will take a lot of beating for real warmth. Short ordinary gloves that allow a cold draught of air to flow up your sleeves are useless for cold weather cycling. The use of woolly scarves is the delight of many, and waterproof "pixie" hats will keep feminine "perms" crisp on damp days.

To keep dry you cannot better an oilskin cape and sou'wester. Leggings or spatties will protect the legs from splashes thrown up from the road, and you'll be much drier underfoot than those folk you see trudging along to work under an umbrella even tho' they may have come most of the way by bus.

NEWCOMERS . . . young and old will like to start their cycling this new year knowing a little more about their machine and how to get the best results and enjoyment from it. Space here debars lengthy articles, so I recommend you to the standard work about bicycles obtainable for one shilling from your newsagent. Just ask for "Cycling" Manual and Year Book or perhaps the Wednesday publications for wheelfolk of all kinds, namely "Cycling" and "The Bicycle."

One great point about cycling which makes it safe, and no doubt accounts for the fact that cyclists seldom knock pedestrians down in the "black-out" is the fact that the rider of a silent machine can hear what is going on about him.

TAKING GOOD CARE . . . of a bicycle will repay the owner many times during the ensuing year. Especially do I refer to that masterpiece of transmission—the chain. At present obtainable from four shillings upwards it can be still considered cheap. Do not be surprised if chains eventually become ten shillings each. Something like this I understand happened during the last great upheaval.

Second-hand machines are not easy to obtain, and prices remain fairly high. A slight error occurred in my reference last month to the effect of the Purchase Tax. Cycle tyres are not exempt from the tax, but inner tubes are.

If you want to keep a proper record of your 1941 cycling activity, the National Cyclists' Union diary will be of great help, and is obtainable from N.C.U. Sec., Mr. A. P. Chamberlin, 35, Balliol Avenue, Highams Park, E.4, 1/6 (with pencil).

BILLIE DOVEY.

:: Garden Notes ::

CALENDARS.

Now is the time to give calendars to your friends, to secure one for personal use. Gardeners and sailors are generally weather wise and know almost by instinct what the weather will be like during the next day or two.

Here is a weather calendar. Keep it by you and see how true it works out to be. There are many more weather lore sayings which readers can add for themselves.

January: "A favourable January brings us a good year."

February: "February rain is as good as manure."

March: "In beginning or in end March its gifts will send."

April: "April showers bring summer flowers."

May: "In the middle of May comes the tail of winter."

June: "A dripping June brings all things in tune."

July: "As the dog days commence so they end."

August: "August sunshine and warm nights ripen the grapes."

September: "September blow soft, till the fruits are in the loft."

October: "In October manure your field, and your land its wealth shall yield."

November: "Ice in November brings mud in December."

December: "If Christmas finds a bridge he'll break it; if he finds none he'll make it."

The rainfall is an important factor in relation to gardening operations. We are inclined to think of the winter months as the wettest of the year, but the records show that July, August, September and October are much wetter.

Here is the average rainfall at Kew Gardens:—

Jan.	1.90 inches.	July	2.50 inches.
Feb.	1.46 "	Aug.	2.48 "
March	1.29 "	Sept.	2.48 "
April	1.58 "	Oct.	2.74 "
May	1.93 "	Nov.	2.20 "
June	1.88 "	Dec.	1.48 "

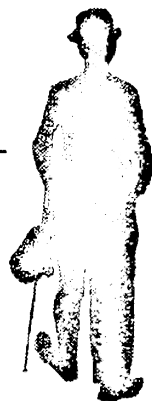
What to do in January

If frosty weather should be prevalent, it will be a good opportunity for wheeling out manure and composts to the places where they will be required. In open weather any vacant ground which remains untilled should be thoroughly dug, trenched and ridged up, so as to expose it to the fertilizing influence of the air, and the pulverising action of the frost.

Watering should receive careful attention. Cacti should be kept dry at the roots. Agapanthus need very little water. Aspidistras require water about once a week. Old fuchsias will need scarcely any watering.

Flower Garden.—Form new and renovate old walks. Make new rockeries, beds and borders. Ivy

Next Month



The . . .

GREAT DICTATOR

Reviewed by "Centurion."

"A Londoner Looks at Manchester. by F. Lake

Club Notes,
Gardening and the
Regular Features.

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may be planted to form edgings or cover walls. Lilacs may be successfully planted. Plant briars for budding standard roses on next summer. Put in hedging plants such as hawthorn, privet, beech and myrobalan. Sweep and roll well the lawn frequently. Sweet peas may be sown in open borders for early flowering.

Fruit Garden.—Examine the fruit where stored and remove any that are decaying. Decay easily spreads. Admit a little top air on all suitable occasions. Do not move the fruit about more than is absolutely necessary. Pears are improved by a little warmth, especially in frosty weather, before being used for dessert.

Pruning should now be carried out as quickly as possible. All plums can be pruned forthwith. Those on walls in sheltered places may be done even in rough weather and those in the open during the warmest part of the day.

New and young fruit trees may be planted now or removed from one position to another.

Bush fruit should have the soil in which they are growing well enriched annually by farm-yard manure spread over an area far enough from the stem for the nutritive properties to reach the fibrous feeding roots.

The cordon system of cultivating the gooseberry is considered to be the best. Cordons produce finer fruit than bushes both in appearance and in quality. They are more easily protected from the ravages of the birds, and the fruit is more easily gathered.

Vegetable Garden.—Sow broad beans, early peas and long-pod beans on warm sunny borders.

A hot-bed is almost essential in any garden. It is certainly a great help to successful cultivation. It is of the utmost service during the spring months in assisting crops in their initial stages. It should be possible to obtain without much trouble sufficient stable litter and fresh leaves to form one. Two parts of the latter and one of the former will give heat for a considerable period.

Lettuces are in demand nearly all the year round. Sow the seed of a quick-heating cabbage variety with a view to transplanting on to the hotbed as soon as ready.

Onions are a crop of great importance especially in a time when they cannot be obtained from the greengrocer. The ground should be double-dug or trenched and a liberal supply of farm-yard manure should be applied. Onions revel in rich, firm and well-cultivated soil. Prepare the ground now and sow the seed about the end of February or early in March in drills an inch deep and one foot apart. H.H.

We Gave No Cows

The reward for honouring a guest is heavenly bliss and immunity from misfortunes. The householder shall converse kindly with his guest and gladden him with milk and eatables. He shall offer to his guest a room, a mattress, a pillow with a cover, and ointment and what else may be necessary. The reception of guests is an everlasting sacrifice offered by the householder. He who entertains guests for one night obtains earthly happiness, a second night gains the middle air, a third, heavenly bliss, a fourth, the world of unsurpassable happiness. Many nights procure endless worlds. A guest who can repeat the whole Veda (together with the supplementary books) is worthy to receive a cow.

Book of Hindu Laws.

THE WATLING BOYS' CLUB

During last winter a Boys' Club was started at the Centre, which met in the annexe on Monday nights, and continued to do so until the beginning of the night raids. The Club then began to meet on Saturday afternoons in the same room, but the leaders felt that larger accommodation was needed in order to cater for a more varied programme of activities, and the headquarters have now been moved to Woodcroft School, Goldbeaters Grove. Membership of the Club is restricted to those boys who have passed 13½ but not exceeded 18 years of age.

The regular activities of the Club include boxing, physical training and indoor games, on the physical side; draughts and table tennis on the recreational side; and a handicraft section is being formed which hopes to do model-making, fretwork and other sparetime occupations. Occasional walks, cycle rides and visits to places of interest are arranged, and cricket and swimming are included in the summer programme. Talks, illustrated by lantern or cinematograph, are proposed, and other groups will be formed when the demand arises.

The aims of the Club are to promote the physical, mental and spiritual development of boys, to encourage its members to take an interest in hobbies and sports, to teach tolerance and sportsmanship and to prepare the way for true citizenship. The need for such a club have been apparent for some time, and it is hoped that parents will establish its success by encouraging their sons to attend.

S.J.

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CHANGE NOT PROGRESS by JOHN COLEMAN

FROM dawn of civilisation one of the aims of the human inhabitants of this world has been to co-ordinate and put into practice the knowledge gained from a study of their environments.

Right from the beginning, Man has proved, chiefly through his conception of Truth and power of reasoning, his superiority over the lower forms of life. The animals that roamed the earth in prehistoric times have now become extinct, due to the vicissitudes of this earth, which have, presumably, been unfavourable to their very existence. In their place an intelligent form of animal, Man, has been evolved, and has inhabited this globe for at least two hundred thousand years.

The structure of matter has also been a much-debated and controversial point. Aristotle regarded all matter as being made up of four elements: fire, air, earth and water. Democritus and Leucippus postulated a particulate or atomic theory of matter which is the principle on which Dalton's theory was based. The discovery of radioactivity and its subsequent developments has verified the atomic nature of matter, and has also provided us with indisputable evidence that the atom is not a hard, spherical ball, as was previously supposed,

but a highly complex structure embodying unit electrical negative particles (electrons), gravitating round a central positively charged nucleus, composed of a number of protons (positively charged particles which give to the atom its characteristic mass). An atom of hydrogen comprises an electron revolving round a proton (thus hydrogen has an atomic weight of 1), and so on. This field of research has been extended and with the development of the wave mechanics of these fundamental constituents of matter (whereby the wave and particulate aspects must be taken as conjugate qualities), there has begun a new era of scientific thought. It will be seen from a study of any one of the physical sciences, that definite progress has been made in recent times, for every generation adds a bit more knowledge to that particular science, widening its scope and its modes of application for the increasing betterment of mankind. It is the Mind of Man that causes him to misapply the findings of science for his own pernicious uses.

The theories forwarded by Einstein have made somewhat invalid the space postulated by Euclid, in which only three dimensions, length breadth and height, are considered. Many universes have been postulated, but no author can claim that his Universe is definitely The Universe. We are now beginning to realise that we human beings with our mathematical analysis and experimental technique are no match for these major riddles of nature. The universe developed by Einstein is up to the present perhaps the only one that complies with most of the known facts. It embodies the principles of curved space, which renders Newton's theory of gravitation unnecessary, the constant speed of light (three hundred thousand kilometres per second) and that fourth dimension representing time originated by Minkowski. These changes in our concepts of space have necessitated to a certain extent a revision in our relation to the universe as a whole.

Greed and selfishness are the modern trend and the cause of wars and economic strife, where money is the supreme god and where nothing else matters. One may well say that the advances we have made in chemistry and the other physical sciences have made wars as savage and as ruthless as they are at the present time. This idea is wrong, however. Science is an art, the same as music and painting. It was primarily intended for the satisfaction of man's lust for knowledge. The discovery of gunpowder is usually credited to the Chinese, who used it for their celebrations in the form of fireworks. Rapacious beings then realised the potentialities of this new substance and introduced it on the battlefield. The age of cumbersome canons, muskets and so forth came into being. Warships were given an armament, and fighting at a distance became a reality. Muskets were replaced by rifles, and the canon gave way to howitzers, field-guns and other weapons of war now used in the modern armies. The invention of the aeroplane brought a new phase in warfare—aerial warfare. Bombers and fighters were improved by scientists and engineers and perfected to a high degree of precision, with the accompaniment of bombs—incendiary and high-explosive, aerial torpedoes, poison gas and disease germs. These are the changes that our "civilisation" is passing through: it is certainly not progress in the ordinary sense of the word.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS By CENTURION.

Patience Rewarded

The long-awaited Children's Library at the Centre is now open. For the past week or so the room to be used has been in the possession of carpenters and joiners erecting shelves by the score to accommodate the many volumes that go to make the Library complete.

Whether it is a school yarn or a Classic, whether Jules Verne or Robert Louis Stevenson—to James Barrie, your request will be attended to. The Librarian expects a rush, so see that his expectations are fulfilled—and keep it up so that the Library is not closed for want of "customers." See Children's Page for hours.

New Year's Eve

Nothing can stop the people of Watling from greeting the New Year with the greatest vigour. The Social on New Year's Eve was so successful that the "House Full" notice had to be put up just fifteen minutes after the doors opened, and the fortunate people who managed to gain admittance spent a very enjoyable evening. Our Variety Company producer must have been surprised at the wealth of talent which entered for the competition.

Hendon Food Office

Why the confusion re new ration books? One case in point: A family of six sent all their old books together to the Food Office when requested to do so—not late. They were tied together, all one address, and yet they came back separately. The sixth arrived when the new books had been in use three weeks. No attempt to be businesslike seems to exist, and repeated calls, wasting valuable time on both sides, fail to procure results. Is it a case of bad organisation, or what is it?

Why not open branch offices where it would be easier for busy housewives to attend if necessary?

Safety First Advice

You can play your part by making sure the road is clear. Keep a sharp look-out and bear in mind you can see a vehicle coming, but the driver cannot always see you. So play your part, Pedestrian, and help the driver in the black-out to play his.—A DRIVER.

It's Coming Soon ! !

What can it mean? It's only once a year that notice is brought to your attention of the Annual General Meeting of the Watling Association, and yet we cannot always say we have been proud of the attendance at the meeting.

If you have faith in the work of the Association and its officers, why not come along on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. at the Centre, and give them your support?

We know that the perfect Community Association, based upon the highest ideals, has yet to show itself, but nevertheless we must persevere, and can only do so with your practical support—Hope to see you at the A.G.M.—Agenda page 3.

Have We a Plan ?

How many readers read the editorial column of their newspaper, and how many read the Editorial comment in this Magazine? Do so this month, and afterwards study the Diary of events held at the Centre, and decide to join one of the Classes NOW. Should you not see what you are looking for, consult the Secretary and he may be able to help you, and others, too, in forming that group which will best meet your need.

Weighty Enthusiasm

Calling at the Centre the other evening, I was pleasantly surprised to meet those "Samsons" of the Association, the Weight Lifters. Despite the bitter cold they were stripped to the waist doing their best with weights that you and I would pass by on the other side. Not one night a week, but at least three times during the week do these "Samsons" meet to test their muscular systems.

Nothing Like A Volunteer !

Ten young men members of the Association have volunteered to watch the Association's premises for any outbreak of fire. Every night they are on duty, and patrol at regular intervals. We are grateful to these members who show such appreciation of the Association that they offer of their own free will to do this service, and are relieved that this watch is maintained; although we trust they will never have to use their apparatus.

Let The People Sing

The Watling Choir urgently require new members, and any who feel that singing is a pastime they would enjoy are very welcome. The Society exists among other things to entertain other Groups and they are in great demand. Don't worry if you should feel that you are not accomplished. Under the skilful baton of Mr. A. I. Jones you will soon be an asset to the Society, so come along and let your voice be heard.

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and Fitness, The Empire, Women in War-time, Food
Supplies, Britain's Sea Power, Salvage and Savings.

VISITORS WILL BE WELCOMED.

Variety Artiste Married

We have pleasure in announcing the wedding of Mr. Fred Howe, who has been for some years a member of the Variety Company. He last appeared in the "7.30 Revue," produced in November at the Centre, when he arrived to play his part after an exciting last trip on the "Empress of Britain." We wish him and his bride every happiness in their future life together.

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A Londoner Looks at Manchester

By F. H. LAKE

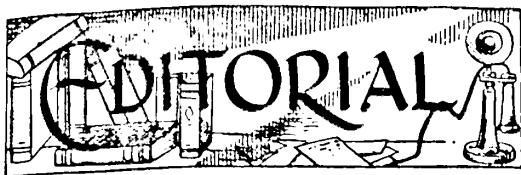
Mr. Lake, the late Editor has now returned to London—his visit north being of shorter duration than expected.

Well, here I am in the land of tripe and onions, only so far I have not seen any tripe and I hardly expected to see onions. They have become as rare as orchids. I was warned about the climate before I came, and I was not surprised to find it misty at Stockport and raining hard at Manchester. But, a Manchester man tells me that they get quite a lot of nice weather. On my way up there were five men in my carriage, and they lived up to the Englishman's reputation by remaining glum. None of them spoke a word. I tried to open a conversation with one man by remarking about the weather, but he just gave a faint smile and then relapsed into his mumified attitude. At Crewe I could stick it no longer and got into the next carriage, where the occupants were more human. They seemed more working class and were more communicative, whereas my former travelling companions were of the business men type. In this new carriage was a hospital nurse, a soldier going home on leave, a travelling A.R.P. official and a Welsh student. Conversation became easy, and before we reached Manchester we had won the war, re-distributed Europe and solved the housing and unemployment problems. I never heard the Lancashire dialect until we reached Stockport, when an old man said, "Ee ba gum." I said to myself he must be Gracie Fields' grandfather. I've been in Manchester two days and have not heard any dialect worth speaking of. The place puts me in mind of the Tower Hill district of London. The warehouses and buildings close together, and narrow streets, although London streets are not so substantially cobbled as those in Manchester. Few streets in London now are cobbled. Apart from this, if a Londoner was to wake up and find himself in Manchester he wouldn't know the difference. He would see plenty of good shops, and business men hurrying to and fro. Buses, trams, horses and carts, and enough noise and hurry to make him feel at home. My other observations are: the entertainment and musical facilities, the sturdy little back-to-back houses with their back yards and no garden space. The absence of gardens is a sad omission and accounts a great deal for the drabness of the city. The apparent profusion of merchandise in the shops. Some shops have goods in their windows which we haven't seen in London for weeks.

Above all the extreme friendliness of the Manchester people. Being strange and curious, I have stopped all kinds of people in the street and asked directions, and everyone has been only too willing to help me. There doesn't seem to be any class distinction in Manchester.

I said earlier that I didn't hear much dialect. Well, I went into a caterer's shop at Sale for a cup of tea, and a young girl came in and asked for "Three jump offs." I saw the shopkeeper put something in a bag, but could not distinguish what it was, so to satisfy my curiosity I went outside and studied the trays of cakes and buns in the window. Then I realised what the girl wanted was "Three jam puffs."

F. H. LAKE.



"THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME"

IT is a very encouraging sign that so much is being said and written today about the design of the world of the future, both in the literal sense of re-building demolished buildings and that vital problem of the economic structure of the world around us.

No building of any size is erected without first calling in the Architect so that he may prepare a plan. What of the plan of the world, and this England of ours? Who are the Architects going to be?

You and I are the ones to whom the responsibility of designing and building must fall; we must start now preparing the foundation and see that it is on a rock—so that man may have a real sense of security. Insecurity has bred most of our social evils, and nearly all international upheavals have been the result of one or the other nation feeling a sense of insecurity.

We talk vaguely about a "new social order," but seldom take stock of ourselves and ask what is my contribution going to be. Is this "New Social Order" coming as a result of having Aladdin's lamp and just uttering aloud our hopes, and *heigh presto*, our wishes come true. Nothing worth having has ever been obtained through just wishing for it.

Here we are all members of one Estate, living and working with a common purpose of providing as much security as it is within our powers to obtain for our dependants. Let's stop being like Snow White, wishing down a well, and start preparing ourselves by acquiring knowledge and confidence in our ability to work and play harmoniously together.

The Watling Community Association and like bodies offer the opportunity of corporate effort towards the preparation of that plan. Many are there who are gifted with the ability to teach and are prepared to be of service. Don't think this always means slogging at Euclid or some other theory. What of the more aesthetic tastes, such as music and art? We cannot afford, as a nation, to give up or destroy old Masters in the world of art, or forget the contributions of great composers of the past or present. We have to nurse and develop all these faculties, so that the "Shape of things to come" will fit happily into this plan we are to prepare.

"The Watling Resident" has its part to play and is prepared to take its own medicine. A Magazine has to be balanced and well planned. From month to month it is intended to publish an article under the general heading of "The Shape of Things to Come." March issue is to include an article by a regular contributor on the vital question of re-building and reconstruction of the towns and cities, particularly this London of ours, when this war is over.

[Particular attention is drawn to Mr. F. Burville's letter on page 10.]

"OUR" ASSOCIATION—II.

Many have been the occasions in the past when the large hall at the Centre has been well filled with an attentive audience, consisting mainly of representatives of associated bodies to the Association. The discussions were live and enthusiasm was apparent in no small measure. Keen were the speakers, such as Sir Wyndham Deedes or Councillor Pugh, when they gave so much constructive thought to the Conference—for conference it was—of Associated Bodies of the Association.

Surely the time has arrived when another Conference is due to be held; there is so much to be discussed—so much help can be gained from joint thought that we cannot be parochial and keep things to ourselves; we must open our doors to all who are "seekers" together. Why not invite Sir Wyndham Deedes or Councillor Pugh again? I am sure if they could spare the time it would be helpful to all.

Apparently others have been thinking along the same lines; I notice that the matter is to be raised at the next Council Meeting, and although the meeting will be over by the time this appears in print and possibly a decision will have been reached to hold such a conference, I am asking the Editor to insert the whole of this short article—just to show that the idea was not the sole property of the Council or Executive.

"VISITOR."

WATLING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 9th, 3 p.m.,
AT WATLING CENTRE.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Annual Report.
4. Statement of Accounts.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Election of Members' Representatives on the Council.
7. Any other business.

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THE GREAT DICTATOR

In view of the discussion and thought that Charles Chaplin's latest film was arousing and particularly considering that nearly everyone will make an effort to see this Masterpiece when it is generally released, "Centurion" visited the Cinema on our behalf and below he writes as he feels about the film and the problems that it brings to light.

WHEN Charles Spencer Chaplin decides to make one of his rare appearances on the screen, one expects, and generally receives, a masterpiece. This great little man is perhaps the most discussed and best-loved of all film personalities, and through his understanding of the natural human instincts is able to make an appeal to people of all ages and temperaments. Because of this understanding his performances cannot be judged by the usual standards, for he combines comedy, drama and tragedy in making the finished production. The satire on the "Great Dictator" could have been merely a propagandist film in less capable hands, but Chaplin delves deeper and attempts to show the reason and solution of this human problem.

The story itself is, simply, about a little Jewish barber whose striking resemblance to the dictator Hynkel leads him to be mistaken for the great man, and the film ends when he is acclaimed by a large audience of people and is forced to make a speech. The parts of the barber and the dictator are played by Chaplin with humour and understanding, and one is often left wondering who is to be more pitied, the dictator with his suspicion of his advisers and neighbours, or the barber, with the terror at the ill-treatment of his race. A humorous

insight into international intrigues is shown by the visit of the dictator of a neighbouring country, when the two politicians attempt to out-manoeuvre each other by boasting and bluffing, and end up by hurling dishes. These little episodes are all created so cleverly that not only is one amused, but the individual characters are made to express something much more than shadows flickering across a screen.

The speech uttered by the Jew at the end of the picture has been the most discussed part of the film. Some critics have argued that it is out of place, others that it was put in so that Chaplin could exercise his dramatic powers, or that it expressed a deep sentiment which he longed to express, and which was only included for that purpose. The actor says himself that to him it was the speech the little barber would have made, and that it was the natural conclusion to a picture which was intended to deal with human conduct. Whatever may be our own reactions, there can be no doubt that the speech, and indeed the whole film, represents a challenge to everyone. It is a plea for humanity and universal brotherhood, and it is a plea which must be examined.

Tremendous advances have been made in science and communications, and these advances should draw men together, but they have been used to separate us. Machinery which is capable of creating abundance has left us in want, and our conquest of the material world has destroyed our soul and made us unkind. Our brains have been more active than our hearts, and we have lived for ourselves, not thinking of the results of our actions on our fellowmen. For the dictator and the common man the urge is for material advancement without a corresponding advancement in charity, and freedom for one man has been obtained by the enslavement of others. We have been apathetic at suffering, except when directly felt by ourselves, and in our pre-occupation with our own petty lives we have failed to protest at injustices to others when we should have shouted our condemnation from the housetops. "The Kingdom of God," which St. Luke informs us "cometh not from observation, but is within men," is a Kingdom which all inherit, be they Jew or Greek, bond or free, and the love of one's neighbour is one of the two greatest Commandments.

Darkness and desolation will not vanish by the result of this war, but can only vanish when we have banished the evils which preserve them from our own hearts, for dictatorships will exist until the vast majority of mankind ceases to be unconcerned with the life of its fellows. Even in the midst of war it is imperative that we realise our common humanity with all peoples, for unless we do, no military victory, of itself, can save us.

Whatever one's personal requirements from the cinema may be, "The Great Dictator" will help to satisfy them, and although a different value will be attached to it by various people, its entertainment value is assured. It is definitely a film above the average, and should be seen.

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WOMEN'S PAGE . . .

Recipe of the Month

INGREDIENTS:

1 pound of Carrots	2 teaspoons of Bovril,
$\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Milk	Marmite, or Beefex,
$\frac{1}{4}$ ounce of Cornflour	or 1 cube of Oxo
$\frac{1}{4}$ ounce of Fat	Seasoning

Prepare, wash and cook the Carrots, slice them and put in a fireproof dish. Melt the Fat in a saucepan, add Cornflour and cook together, stir in the Milk, bring to the boil, cook for a few minutes. Add the Oxo, or Bovril, season to taste and pour over the Carrots. Sprinkle with a few Breadcrumbs, brown in the oven, and garnish with Parsley. If Cauliflowers get cheap, this vegetable can be used instead. The dish helps out the meat ration, and the Oxo makes a good alternative for cheese, which is scarce. It can be recommended as a nourishing, and easily-prepared dish.

OUR PROBLEMS

Food, or to be more truthful, the difficulty of getting it, is a problem that affects all of us housewives, and yet food is so important that we must do our best about catering for our families. Now we must be very careful about cooking and serving the meals as tastily and nourishing as we can. On no account must we spoil it by bad cooking, or kill the food value by over-cooking. I always think of Mr. Polly, a character in one of Mr. H. G. Wells's novels; the poor man suffered from indigestion every afternoon of his life, so of course his whole outlook was coloured by his martyrdom. Every afternoon he discovered afresh that life as a whole was "beastly." What a different man he might have been if his wife had had a little food sense; as it was, on the day the story started, Mr. Polly had cold pork (left from Sunday's joint), cold potatoes, mixed pickles; cold suet pudding followed, with treacle, then a nice bit of cheese, with three slices of bread!

Each month on this page, we are featuring a recipe of the month, something economical in fat and sugar, and some eggless cakes will be given, too. I do want us to help one another in managing our budgets, children's appetites have the natural habit of getting bigger as they grow older, and we must see that the children do not suffer by being badly nourished.

I do hope you have all taken advantage of the Government's Milk Scheme, for nursing mothers and children under five years of age. Milk can be obtained at 2d. a pint per day per child or mother, and if the income is lower than a certain sum, it can be obtained free. School children, of course, have a scheme in being; they get a third of a pint per school day for $\frac{1}{2}$ d.— $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. a week. Children who are difficult about milk at home are sometimes quite different when they are with other children, and if they see the others enjoying it, it is quite likely that they will want to try.

Children's clothes have always been expensive to buy, because most children never seem to wear them out; the arms and legs grow longer, and the garment shorter and tighter. Have you thought of cutting that old coat you have, or that dress put away in the cup-

Introducing Prudence Pennywise and a Monthly Cookery Recipe

board? A Dressmaking Class meets at the Centre every Tuesday afternoon, and no matter if you think you can't sew, why not try and attend the class? You know that often we can't do things because we don't know how, and when we know how, we think, well, I was silly not to have asked for advice before. Sewing makes a pleasant change from knitting these long evenings, and, believe me, children are quite proud of their mother's handiwork. My own small son always makes a point of telling anyone who will listen that "My Mummy made my new coat!"

I do hope you will try this month's recipe if it is new to you; I'm sure you will find it delicious.

PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.

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"WHAT WAS AND WHAT MIGHT BE"

IV.—BETWEEN NATIONS by E. Sewell Harris

"I confess that I dream of the day when an English statesman shall arise with a heart too large for England; having courage in the face of his countrymen to assert of some suggested policy 'This is good for your trade; this is necessary for your domination; but it will vex a people hard by; it will hurt a people farther off; it will profit nothing to the general humanity; therefore away with it—it is not for you or for me.' When a British public speaks so, and when a British public applauds, then shall the nation be glorious, and her praise, instead of exploding from within, shall come to her from without, from the alliances she has fostered and the population she has saved."—*Written by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 80 years ago in Rome.*

If you have followed the previous articles, we have considered the probability that the world will never be the same as it was before the war, that it may be much worse, or much better, the principles which must be worked out if it is to be better, and last month what the application of these principles means in the organisation of producing food, clothes, etc., and getting them to the people who are to use them.

Now we come to a more difficult field. How are these principles to be applied to the relationships of nations? One reason why this is difficult is because different nations have developed in different ways and have different forms of government, different political systems. Another reason is that our emotions have been aroused in a particular way about some nations, and that makes it difficult to think clearly and rightly. We must therefore make a special effort to think soberly, to see the truth, to be clear which of the ideas we have are due to propaganda which has been practised on us, perhaps without our knowing, and which are really in accordance with the facts.

It will not be much use, it probably will not even be possible, to build the community we want within our own nation if we are going to live in constant fear of war with other nations, war which, *if we let it come*, will be even more destructive in the future than the present one. What, then, do our basic principles mean in relations between nations? What does it involve to pre-empt the ideas of brotherhood and equality without prejudice as to politics, nationality or colour?

Each nation must have an equal opportunity of seeing that its members have a decent standard of living. Just as it will not be good enough for us to have great inequality of wealth between the members of one nation, so we must see to it that there are not great inequalities of wealth between the members of one nation and those of another. This is a serious matter for British people, who, on the average, have a far higher standard of living than most people. We must be careful that in future we do not pursue our own apparent interests without regard to the effect on others. An imperial tariff system which upsets the trade of the world may be a great injury to others and should not be established without consulting them. No nation must seek to monopolise the important raw materials of the world, and none must exploit weaker peoples because desirable things are in their lands; that's another point for us, particularly, to bear in mind.

"If we can't do what we like with our own stuff we've come to a pretty pass!" That's only one example of the surrender of national sovereignty which we must make. Remember, others will be making it too, and if you don't like it, well, you can just go on having a few more wars and you'll soon not be there to grumble at it—nor will anybody else. The time has gone past

when it helped the human race for Yorkshire and Lancashire to have completely different governments which could go to war with each other, and now the time has gone when it is good for us that nations should have completely independent governments which can lead them into war with each other.

How are we to get them to co-operate, to surrender some of their powers to a joint government? One thing to do is to make life so attractive within a group of nations that everyone else will want to join the group.

There are two rather different lines of thought as to the best way of doing this. Some people think we ought to aim at a federation of democratic States, which will have a federal government to which each individual State would surrender the control of army, navy and air force, tariffs and foreign policy, just as the Government of the United States of America does for the separate States which make up that Federation. Others think that we should set up special international organisations for a number of special purposes—a tariff union, a transport union, a raw materials union, a touring union, just as we now have a postal union and an International Red Cross Society. The important thing is that whatever international authority we set up should have real authority, that is that the nations which join in it should carry out its decisions. Whether it controls a number of activities or there are a number of commissions each controlling one kind of activity, the decisions arrived at must be applied and not left to each nation to decide for itself whether it will or will not apply them, as was the case with recommendations of the League of Nations. That means we want an authority, or authorities, representative of the people, not just the co-operation of Governments which are free to accept or reject decisions reached by the joint body.

It is essential, also, that this co-operative organisation should deal with the economic problems of the nations. It is no use thinking merely in politics and leaving the sources of dispute—food supplies, living conditions, etc.—untouched. An international economic order is necessary if we are to have a decent life.

It may be that only some, perhaps only a few, States will join this federation, or these commissions, at first, but if they do their job properly, if they settle the problems of the nations which have joined so that their peoples are living happier lives, so that brotherhood is really expressed, then other peoples will want to come in.

What shall we do about armaments, bombing aeroplanes, etc.? Obviously the ideal is to abolish them altogether so that nobody has the instruments of war. If we get a federation, then within this federation there should be no national armies, etc., but if the federation has an army and there are many States outside, this

may only lead to bigger and better wars if economic difficulties are still unsettled.

Perhaps one hopeful line of development would be to have all flying under one international control, so that there would be no national civilian aeroplanes to be turned into military aeroplanes, and no national air forces, then no one need be afraid of sudden attack from the air.

One other vital point must be touched on. If there are races who really are not sufficiently developed to govern themselves, then clearly the principle of brotherhood means that the territories in which they live must be governed, first and foremost in their interests. There must be no thought of any other people exploiting them or making profit out of controlling them. The task of government would be a real burden, calling for some sacrifice from the governing nation or nations. Perhaps if this were accepted we should find that there are not, after all, so many "undeveloped" peoples as we have thought.

One thing, at any rate, is clear. We all need to think a lot more about these various problems. It is no use leaving it to the other fellow unless we are prepared to put up with the consequences. If leaving it to the other fellow means unemployment, slums, sickness, under-nourishment and war, it might, perhaps, be worth while to do something about it ourselves.

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8th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL)

After being told so many times that we must cut down our rations and tighten our belts, it was something of a surprise to see such an array of tempting eats displayed at the 8th Annual Tea Party of the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School; in fact my belt has not felt so tight for a long time. What a feed! Trust the ladies to find the food. In spite of a heavy snow storm and a "warning," the hall was comfortably filled, and the three waitresses, Rene Richardson, Joyce Lake and Mary Nyberg, kept busy with the teapots. Mrs. Hatch supplied the wants of the children. Everyone was pleased to see Mrs. A. Thomas, an ex-President of the school, and in a short speech later she paid tribute to the educational advantages of an Adult School which added to the enjoyment of life. Mr. Lord, on behalf of the N.W. Federation, thanked the Women's School for their gifts of knitted comforts to members of H.M. Forces.

A clap was given to Mrs. Nyberg for supervising the catering, and another clap was given for the helpers. Then a clap for Mrs. Artis for her kindness in giving presents to the children, not forgetting a special clap for Mrs. Durant for making such tasty sausage rolls.

A social followed tea, and that popular baritone, Mr. J. Singleton, sang some request songs. Billy Hoy also obliged with two songs, and the Gay Girlies gave concerted items.

The prize in the "Talent game" was won by Mr. Bouchard.

F. H. LAKE.

Winter Photography for the Amateur

At this time of the year opportunities for taking photographs appear very few compared with summer. Yet, with these long evenings, indoor photography opens up an entirely new avenue of picture-making to many an amateur. Interior backgrounds make a welcome change from brick wall and roof-top outline so prevalent with snapshotters. And it requires less skill, as such, to make better pictures in the leisure of the evening at home than the hurried snap of an incident in the open air.

Two special points must be borne in mind as a foundation to success. First, an appreciation of the difference between the light given by the ordinary house electric lamp and that of sunlight; and second, recognition of the fact that camera and subject are much nearer in proximity to each other indoors than in the open, and therefore careful focussing must be resorted to in order to obtain the desired sharp effects. If your camera is not a focussing one, or has not a set of portrait lenses built in its front, a supplementary lens for close-ups should be employed.

With regard to number one item, it must be realised that summer sunshine is about 2,000 times as strong as a 100 watt lamp, and at least that times as much exposure should be given under the latter condition. For example, where one would give a 25th of a second "snap" out of doors, it would require 80 or 90 seconds—about a minute and a half—to expose a similar film illuminated by a 100 watt lamp. It must also be remembered that much of the outdoor light we get is reflected from bright objects around us, which objects are usually absent from a room under artificial light conditions. Again, electric light as we know it in the home, is not nearly so "actinic" as day-light (see previous notes) and therefore an allowance for this, too, has to be made. So that instead of a minute and a half exposure, something more like two or two and a half minutes would be fairly safe to give. For this reason portraits should not be attempted unless advantage is taken of the means, such as larger stop, etc., as recommended in a previous article, to reduce the exposure time to some reasonable limit. (The photographer should try and see how difficult it is to remain perfectly still for five seconds, much less for a hundred!) But there are all sorts of "still life" subjects which could advantageously be practised on.

Try two or three exposures for the same subject and lighting conditions, and be careful to make notes of these for future occasions.

Using the fast Panchromatic film, which is extremely sensitive to artificial light, will cut the exposure to about one-sixth; lighting your subject with a "photoflood" lamp will further reduce this by the same amount; and by using two "photofloods" in silvered or aluminium reflectors (which are still obtainable!) it will be possible to take actual snapshots in artificial light. One other tip: avoid heavy shadows by using sheets of newspaper or white cloths as reflectors to lighten the darkest part of subject or background.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

At the first meeting of the year, Mr. Sewell Harris outlined the lessons in the Handbook for 1941, urging us to study them well in order to equip ourselves with the knowledge necessary to face present-day problems; to serve our fellows, now, in this period of distress, and to be ready to tackle the tremendous tasks to be dealt with when peace once more reigns.

The first lessons, entitled "What are we?" and "What do we want," were read on the following Monday by Mrs. Durant, our Minutes Secretary, causing us to ponder first upon ourselves, our make-up, our relations and duties to God and man, our desires and our ambitions; for we must know ourselves before we can understand others. The remaining lessons will be considered attentively, week by week, so that we contemplate a year of interesting study.

Our Christmas Tea and Social took place on January 18th, when, for a while, forgetting our anxieties and the black-out outside, we revelled in the gaiety and happy comradeship of our fellow-members (see report on page 7).

MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

One of the most encouraging things about the school this winter has been the splendid attendance of members—particularly when one realises that the school meets at 9.30 a.m. of a Sunday morning.

The answer, no doubt, is that the subjects the school has had for consideration have been of general interest to all its members.

One Sunday last month members were asked to bring a poem to read, and it was a surprise to everybody that this particular morning a record number of members attended. The subject proved to be of universal interest. Another Sunday Mr. F. Smith spoke to the school on the decoration of the home, its general lay-out and design. We are creatures of comfort each one of us, and therefore many were the ideas as to what constitutes the "ideal home," and what the builder should do with the water cistern and the pipes was an item that created much diversity of opinion as well as amusement.

Two Sundays were spent on the statement the school is preparing as to the social and economic condition of the world. This statement has provided much discussion and has given the members the opportunity of pooling their thoughts and opinions to the mutual advantage of all. Do come and join us one Sunday morning, a welcome awaits you.

E. S. WAKELING.

WATLING BOYS' CLUB

One of the outstanding successes of the month was the "Tea" held at Woodcroft School. The feast was enjoyed by all, both by members and helpers. Also the games were entered into with vigour and enthusiasm. Another Saturday was given to a Lantern Lecture on the production of a national newspaper. More members will be welcomed on Saturdays, 2.30—5 p.m., at Woodcroft School.

This concludes the article which appeared last month.

CHANGE NOT PROGRESS

By John Coleman

Anyone who would like to join a Group to go further into some of the scientific problems raised in this article, or to form a Science Club, is asked to send his or her name to Mr. Harris, at Watling Centre.

The human race seems to be the victim of change, and especially waste. The relentless tearing from the earth of its raw minerals will most likely be regretted one day. A newly-discovered oil or coalfield is in a short time laid bare. The resulting raw material is then sold at an exorbitant price, comparable to the cost of releasing it from the earth, and a large percentage of it is then wasted, either by burning as fuel or by its manufacture into munitions. There is at present no remedy for the first defect (all the same, however, scientifically it is a terrible waste), but instead of spending fabulous sums on futile war purposes, why not devote this money, or even only a part of it, and the human brain, to research purposes, whereby we may collect and conserve even a minute fraction of the energy that nature has so far cunningly concealed from us. Recent investigations on those ultra-powerful cosmic rays have proved that either by the agency of enormous temperatures (some astronomers put it as high as hundreds of millions of degrees absolute), or of inconceivable pressures, enormous energy is liberated. Whether we shall ever be able to tap these energies is most likely a question for physicists of the far distant future to answer.

The medical sciences have by no means reached the acme of perfection. Every year new discoveries come forward, either improvements in medical technique or the compounding of new cures and preventives for certain diseases. Why not spend the world's surplus wealth on these and other useful purposes instead of on useless wars, which never have decided or settled anything, except who is the stronger.

Everything appears to undergo a series of changes, the ultimate end being perfection or decadence. At the present time it is difficult to say what road the human race is following. It is quite possible for civilization to wipe itself out by its own devices—this may be in the not too distant future. In this case it is obviously on the way to retrogression. If on the other hand advancement is the issue, what will be the outcome of it? Have there been other civilisations which have died out due to some unforeseen pestilence or by means of their own weapons of destruction? If civilization develops as it is at present (all going well) and if we realise the tremendous advances we have made in the last century, what will be the stage of development a thousand years hence?

It is within our power to see that right will prevail, and it is up to us, the younger generation, to see that the ultimate aim of civilization is towards true progress.

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Youth Club Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was well attended on the 9th January, and the report given gave the present membership as 118. The Club is serving a useful purpose in consolidating the youth of the Association,

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

February, 1941.

REGULAR EVENTS.

Stand by.
 Mon. 2 Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 2 B. C. Town. Mr. S. B.
 6 G. C. Mr. W.
 10 10 Hamstead
 16 16 Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 23 23 Friends' Meeting House,
 Heath Street, 9.15 a.m.
 25 25 Music. Members.
 Mar. 2 2 C. F. Andrews.
 Mr. K. M. Simpson. Public
 Society of Friends. Public
 Meeting for Worship, 11.0
 a.m.
 9 9 W. C. L. 12.0 noon.
 Amateur Variety Party, 2.0
 p.m.
 16 16 Goldbeaters Night School Club,
 5.0 p.m.
 23 23 Whist Drive, 3.0 p.m.
 Youth Hostels Association.
 2 2 Cycle run to Ivinghoe
 Beacon.
 9 9 Morning Ramble to
 Otter-Pool. Meet Edg-
 ware Station 9.0 a.m.
 Members' Dance, 7.0
 p.m.
Monday—
 16 16 Women's Adult School, 2.30
 p.m.
 Folk Dancing 7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
 Dress-making Class, 2.30 p.m.
 First Aid and Anti-Gas Lec-
 ture, 3.0 p.m.
 Watling Association Youth
 Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Amateur Variety Party, 8.0
 p.m.

Wednesdays—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild,
 2.45 p.m.
 5 5 Members Auto-
 biographies.
 12 12 Syria. Miss Edith Brittle.
 19 19 Denmark.
 Mr. K. Hecksha.
 26 26 Ditto.

Thursdays—

Veterans' Club, 4.0 p.m.
 Learners' Dance, 7.0 p.m.

Thursdays—

Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Discussion Group,
 2.30 p.m.

Youth Hostels Association, Sun. 2
 7.0 p.m.

6 6 Y.H.A. Dance and Social.
 13 13 Mock Trial.
 20 20 Film Show on Y.H.A.
 Open evening, all wel-
 come.
 27 27 BARGAINS — No Pur-
 chase tax. Y.H.A. Auc-
 tion Sale.

Thursdays—

Watling Association Youth
 Club, 7.30 p.m.
 Ministry of Information
 Film and Song Recital.
 Hat Dance.
 A.R.P. Lecture.
 Social-Talent Competition.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.

Fridays—

H.S.A., 7.0 p.m.

Saturdays—

Poor Man's Lawyer, 3.0 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 3.30
 p.m.
 Members' Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Sun. 2 W.E.A. Class in
 Sociology, 3.0 p.m.
 Fellowship Meeting,
 3.30 p.m.
 Sun. 9 Choir, 3.0 p.m.
 Thurs. 13 Townswomen's Guild
 Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
 Sun. 16 W.E.A. Class in
 Sociology, 3.0 p.m.
 Sun. 23 Choir, 3.0 p.m.
 Thurs. 27 Townswomen's Guild
 Social, 2.30 p.m.

YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION

Our Jordans week-end was conducted in the grand style. Although the hostel normally holds 24, some 31 members and friends sat down in the decorated Common Room on the week-end following Christmas, to a formidable five-course supper. Considerably later in the evening the tables were finally cleared, and the company, who might well have been expected to be immobilised by their meal, settled down to a party which went on well into the night. Next morning after breakfast, we rambled off through the woods to nowhere in particular, and after a game of handball returned to the hostel for a high tea before preparing for the journey home. Altogether an historic week-end.

The New Year's hostelling was started well with a walking week-end to Chaldon Hostel, the 300-year-old manor house on the edge of the North Downs, near Coulsdon, Surrey. There was a good turn-out, and the fall of snow added interest to the week-end. Our other fixtures, both club nights and out-door, have been well attended of late. Roller skating proved an attractive Saturday afternoon diversion. So much for the report.

Do you walk, cycle, skate or swim? Do you like dancing (ballroom, folk or ballet), talking (come along to our discussions), or acting (join our dramatic section)? Would you be interested in playing a recorder, or in cross-country running? If any of these, or any similar activities interest you we should like to see you. And please remember that "youth" doesn't mean "14 to 21." We don't ask your age, but only that you should be young in spirit, and believe with us that the open-air is one of the best safeguards against the closed mind. Come along, and we promise that you won't be disappointed. February's programme is to be seen in the Watling Association Diary, on Thursdays and Sundays.

L.J.C.

VETERANS' CLUB

With deep regret we announce the death of one of our earliest members, Mrs. Kennard, who passed away on Wednesday, December 25th. A wreath was sent by the Club. Mrs. Kennard was a very active member, and for a long time assisted in preparing the teas. She was greatly loved, and will be missed by us all.

E. COLE.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



**A GOSPEL SERVICE IS
HELD EACH SUNDAY
AT 6 P.M.**

All are very cordially invited.

:: Garden Notes ::

WHAT TO DO IN FEBRUARY

FLOWER GARDEN.—Give violets in frames an abundance of air on fine days. Hardy ferns should have a top dressing of rich soil. Nail and train creepers to walls, trellises and fences. Plant pansies, violas, anemones and ranunculus. Peonies may be planted; they like a rich soil. Primroses, polyanthus and daisies may be planted. Sow sweet peas out of doors. Virginia creepers, and climbers generally, should be planted now.

Any alterations in the rock garden should be made this month as it will soon be time to finish putting in all early flowering plants. Many kinds of seeds should be sown under glass this month so that they may produce stout, well-grown plants ready for putting out in May or June.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Finish pruning gooseberry, currant and other fruit trees. Plant raspberry canes. Prune filberts and cob-nuts. If you have a vine and a greenhouse syringe the vine morning and afternoon when it is beginning to grow. An out-of-door vine, growing against a wall, should be pruned.

The best time to make a strawberry bed is August; the next best time is now, if the weather and the ground are suitable. Much fruit cannot be expected this season, but one or two bunches of fruit may be allowed to ripen upon each plant without injury.

All kinds of fruit trees and bushes may with advantage be sprayed now. Caustic alkali wash is excellent and has a good effect on old trees that are infested with lichens.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Plant early potatoes on a border. Plant Jerusalem artichokes; they should be a foot apart in the row, and the rows three feet apart. Plant sea kale. Sow broad beans; they should be three inches deep and six inches apart in the row, and the rows three feet apart.

An early supply of Brussels sprouts may be obtained by sowing the seeds thinly in boxes in a cool greenhouse, or even an unheated frame. A fairly firm and not too rich soil is the most favourable for securing the best results.

Early carrots may be sown out of doors in the warmest available spot. The seed may be sown broadcast. The soil should be well broken before sowing, and the seed should be only thinly covered. At this season of the year the seed is slow in germinating.

THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE AGAIN !! — THE VETERANS' CLUB

Very unexpectedly I arrived at the Centre Saturday afternoon, January 25, to find that a tea party was in full swing for the Veterans' Club. To mix for five minutes with these "young people," one was impressed with the spirit of joy and happiness that was so apparent.

During the afternoon, I understand, they had been entertained by the Watling Choir in a selection of old-time songs.

Tea was the event when about 70 people were given a very plentiful supply of eats (in spite of rationing). Efficiently attended to at table by the waitresses, Mrs.

:: Cycling News ::

CONCERNING CONVIVIALITY AND GOOD APPETITES!

By Mrs. Billie Dovey, the well-known Rutish Rider.

ONE COLD DECEMBER SUNDAY four of us made our way, via Waltham Abbey, to the Epping Road. We were on our way to a farmhouse tucked away among some delightfully narrow lanes of rural, unspoiled Essex, to meet some friends for Christmas dinner. These same friends we have met round about the festive season every year, and of late times this will, I fear, be the only time we shall see each other.

Compared to normal times the famous Epping road was almost devoid of cyclists as we made our way through the forest to Abridge and Kelvedon to Plover's Baron at Doddinghurst. Soup, steaming hot, goose and stuffing, surrounded by vegetables in variety, followed by Christmas pudding and sauce and delicious mince-pies—and about two dozen cyclists with appetites such as a ride into a keen wind on a bicycle can only give!

That gathering was composed entirely of touring cyclists longing to get about this country and continue their Continental touring and photography as of old. We toasted the future, and hoped that such a time would not be too far distant.

THINGS TO DO NOW in connection with bicycles are many. Firstly, extract the flints that have become embedded in your precious outer covers. Get another spare can of lubricating oil, rubber solution and packets of puncture patches without delay. Good saddle-bags that will outlast the cheap variety are scarce—if you need one, snap it up right out of the shop window as soon as you see it. Wipe your rear lamp glass and white patch regularly. Smear your oilskin cape with linseed oil to keep it soft, especially the shoulder seams if you suspect a leak.

Keep every bearing well-oiled—hubs, bottom bracket and transmission chain, not forgetting both pedals and the head-races. Fill the latter with vaseline or thick grease, and you can forget about further lubrication for a long time. February may be a very wet month. . . See that your mudguards are sound, but do not rattle. If the front guard is cut short well above the ground you should buy an easy clip-fitting mudflap for about a shilling from any cycle dealer, preferably one who supports this Magazine. This will keep your shoes clean and protect your trousers or stockings. Of course, in really bad weather of the wet and windy type, leggings will give you full protection—BILLIE DOVEY.

Littler, Mrs. Fanthorpe, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Ewins and Mrs. Luffman (I hope I haven't forgotten anyone).

At "Top Table" one could see Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Mrs. A. I. Jones (Mr. Jones had been present earlier), Mrs. King, Mrs. Grey-Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Harris and Mr. Lodge. Among those who sat with the "young people" were Mr. and Mrs. Nyberg, Mr. Rablow, Mr. and Mrs. Lake.

Short speeches were given by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. King and Mr. Cole. A threepenny-piece gift from a friend was given to each member.

CHILDREN'S PAGE . . .

Painting Competition Result . . .

Letter from the Children's Librarian, Mill Hill

Children's Hour Feature; Next Month, Stamp Collecting

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR . . .

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

The Editor was glad to see so many entries for the painting competition; you obviously took notice of his advice last month, and used your new paints and crayons to good advantage. To those who have not been awarded a prize this time, I would remind them of the wise old proverb, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

This saying was in my mind the other day as I walked down my garden. I thought, well, the plants and trees are having a lovely rest. However, when I looked at them closely I was surprised: they were trying and trying again to brave the cold weather. The bulbs were the most active, and the daffodils were quite a long way out of the ground, and in a cavity wall near the house some hyacinths were not only showing their leaves, but also the buds were well formed and very healthy-looking. Going down the path, I noticed the wallflowers, green and strong, waiting like sentinels for the cold winds to stop, and for the pale sunshine of early Spring to bring them to flower. The blue primroses were sending up their new leaves, and, hidden behind a clump of carnations, I found a small purple pansy lifting her velvety face towards the sun. This small flower seemed so gentle, and yet so defiant; it must need a lot of courage to be the only flower blooming in the garden.

The fruit trees seemed hardly able to contain themselves, the fat nobby buds on the apple and cherry trees looked so full of mischief; they seemed to be saying: "We can't wait much longer, we're coming, coming!" They will come, too; in a few weeks the lovely flower buds will be visible and then I shall see the loveliest sight in my garden—at least, I think it is—the fruit trees in full bloom, all pale pink and white, and smelling like nectar. I can't think of a better name, it was the name given to the drink of the gods, giving life and beauty. Homer, the Greek poet, thought of the name.

I expect you will all be interested in the garden or allotment this year, as we are making special efforts to grow more of our own food, so from time to time, we will have a little gardening talk in this letter. If there are any special things you would like me to write about, not only gardening, perhaps you will let me know; it is much more fun learning things together, so don't forget to let me know what you want, will you?

Cheerio, Boys and Girls,

"SNOW WHITE."

Your Library

*A Message from
The Children's Librarian,
Mill Hill.*

As many of you know, the Mill Hill Library was damaged in an air raid last September, and since then you have not been able to borrow books. On January 27th two new Junior Libraries were opened; one at "The Orchard," near the Capitol Cinema, in the Mill Hill Broadway, and the other at Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road.

Anyone under the age of 14 may join one of these Libraries. This is what you have to do. Get a form from one of the Libraries and ask your mother or your father to fill in the back of it for you, then you can bring it to the Library nearest your home and get a book straight away. If you have joined before, take your ticket with you when you want a book.

Most, if not all, of you like books. Perhaps you like to look at the pictures, or may be you want something to read during these long, dark winter evenings, when it is so hard to find something to do. The Libraries are open from Monday to Friday, 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Remember the Library is *yours*; make it as pleasant a place as possible, both for yourself and for the others who use it. The Librarian is ready to help you; always ask her if you cannot find what you want.

PAINTING COMPETITION RESULT

The problem of deciding which of the several entries that were received for the January Painting Competition was rather difficult—they were all very good, except that most of you that entered failed to realize that Father Christmas by tradition comes during the night, and therefore I ruled out those who painted a brilliant summer mid-day sky.

The two prizes this month are awarded to (1st) Pat Walker, 5, Langham Gardens, Burnt Oak, and (2nd) Kathleen Moore, 106, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak. To those who have failed, don't give up hope, but try next time there is a competition. If the winners will call at the Centre after Monday, February 3rd, they can collect the prize.



A READER MAKES A SUGGESTION

47, Littlefield Road,
Burnt Oak.

DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to tender my thanks for the timely and interesting articles written by Mr. Harris in our Magazine. It is truly gratifying to know that your readers are still allowed the privilege of open discussion on a subject which is so controversial, and I, for one, shall do my best not to abuse the privilege.

After reading the articles written by Mr. Sewell Harris, I am convinced that they hold an immense educational value, and, therefore, I suggest that the three articles be printed as a special pamphlet for circulation among non-members, as well as members of the Association. Also, that interested citizens volunteer to stand as guarantors against financial loss.

In my view, it would be asking too much of us to live a life from which all struggle has been eliminated, if for no other reason than that we have had generations of intensive education based upon the profit motive. Although we have many valiant Educationists in the world to-day, they would need to work extremely hard to eradicate the misconceptions held in the minds of most of us, to the extent of prevailing upon us to relinquish the varying degrees of security we at present hold.

In the course of time, we could learn to live amicably together; but we must begin now, to educate the people to a new, and better way of living. If only the Churches were in closer touch with the people, the task of education would indeed be infinitely lighter; for within the Churches are men and women of learning, high intellect and great understanding. Alas, save for a comparatively small number of clergy who preach and practice towards social reform, the bulk are pursuing the old road which leads to misery and darkness. Therefore, since the churches have lost touch with the people, and appear to be far removed from them, could we not lift up our voices to the Church in a cry for practical aid and guidance in our social problems of the future?

In all seriousness, then, I make the following suggestion. Since educating the minds of the people is the keynote, and if the three articles appear in pamphlet form, we approach the local clergy asking that they kindly undertake to set up classes from members of their respective congregations, and begin to educate them for the better social order, using the pamphlet as a basis for the instruction.—I remain, Yours very truly,

F. BURVILLE.

[Mr. Burville has raised two important points in his letter. Surely there are others who have ideas to express. We cannot undertake the responsibility of publishing a pamphlet until we have more evidence that there is a desire for it.—Ed.]

THAT CUP OF TEA!

Watling Estate.

DEAR EDITOR,

Recently I took a long railway journey and I was struck at the lack of consideration and catering facilities for the ordinary third class passenger. If you want a cup of tea (and who doesn't on a long journey?) you have to sit at a table and wait for the steward. Having taken your order for a cup of tea, he emerges some time later with a tray, a small pot of tea, a jug of hot water and three or four biscuits on a plate. For this you pay 9d., whether you eat the biscuits or not. This is all very nice, but if all you want is a cup of tea, you can do without all this fuss.

A woman with two children sat near me in the carriage. She was dying for a cup of tea, but would not pay 9d. for it. Most of the other passengers on the train were members of H.M. Forces, many of whom had been travelling all the previous night. You can imagine their thoughts on paying 9d. for a cup of tea!

Surely the Railway Companies, who a little while ago were screaming for a square deal, can give us a square meal, or at least a hot drink at a reasonable price. They are continually demanding increased fares for third-rate services and it is time the Railways were either nationalised or really run for the benefit of the community.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS By CENTURION.

Readers' Conference ?

Many members have spoken of the "Resident" in recent months, and the Editor has been considering whether it would be possible to meet with those readers who would like to give their ideas and opinions to him and the committee responsible for the monthly appearance of the Magazine.

Would those readers who would like to take the opportunity of meeting together to pool their ideas kindly forward their names and addresses to the Editor at the Centre. The preliminary idea is to hold a gathering some time in March or early April, before the new volume starts in May.

Advertisers' Co-operation

We wish to show our appreciation for the generous donation of two of our regular advertisers, Messrs. Pegleys, of Watling Avenue, and the proprietress of the "Bald Faced Stag," who are giving and paying for the space which they usually occupy in the "Watling Resident," so as to enable the reader to have more reading matter in view of the inclusion in this issue of the Annual Report of the Watling Association. The reason that the Report appears broadside is one of economy only, as it is to be adapted afterwards as the usual Annual Report.

Watling Mixed Choir

It is encouraging to hear of such good attendances at Choir practice since it has been meeting on alternate Sundays. It seems that come what may, the Choir is determined to carry on. In fact, now that the air raids have quietened down the Choir is reverting to normal practice times, and in future Choir practice will be held every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Many new and interesting items have been added to their repertoire and the Choir can entertain an audience from a short to a full evening's programme, including individual vocal and instrumental performances. There is still room for new members, ladies or gentlemen. The Choir has several engagements to fulfil, so come along next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Centre.

Annual Meeting

Just a reminder in case you haven't made a note of it in your diary, that the Annual Meeting of the Watling Association is to be held on Sunday, March 9th, at 3 p.m., at the Centre. Do try and come along and meet your friends there.

Scots Wha Ha'e

An interesting event which recently occurred at the Centre was a visit by a group of Scottish dancers to our Country Dancing Class. They presented a varied programme of traditional dances in which our class participated, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Visitors on Monday nights may be surprised to find members now conversing in Gaelic.

The Association Library

We have just received a new consignment of books from the Hendon Library, including many popular titles. The Centre Library is open on Thursday and Friday nights, from 7 o'clock, and deserves more patronage than it receives now. The Librarian will be pleased to attend to requests where possible and to give information on books available.

The Youth Club

The Club has been fortunate in acquiring a billiard table and this new feature has been much appreciated by the members of this flourishing section. The games nights on Tuesdays are proving very popular and provide a useful meeting ground and an opportunity for making new friends. An interesting programme of M.O.I. films was witnessed by a large audience of members and friends during the month.

Children's Library

The opening of part of the Children's Section of the Mill Hill Branch Library at the Centre, which was announced last month, is being well used. We look forward to the day when the Borough will consider the claims of Watling for a permanent Branch Library, and feel that the use made of this temporary one may help to influence it in that direction.

Posters

The posters advertising the Youth Club and other Centre activities have been attracting much attention. These admirable efforts are not the work of a professional artist, but are designed and executed by a member of the Club as a spare-time hobby. They are an illustration of the opportunities offered for local talent in a Community Association, and a forceful argument against those who would have us believe that man only labours for pecuniary ends.

WOMEN'S PAGE . . .

Prudence Pennywise Discovers a Bargain!

ONCE heard a learned Professor introduced to his audience as a Mathematician with several letters after his name and the Chairman remarked, "He should be able to put two and two together to make four." My thoughts went to the noble band of housewives, who without any university degrees, weekly put two and two together and make five! Some are very clever and are able to make six! It really is a problem these days stretching the housekeeping money, and it seems that our choice is diminishing, all the foods that we used to fall back on, such as cheese, eggs, liver, etc., are quite scarce, and fresh fish, well even the humble Whiting is a luxury now. By the way, did you know that if suet runs short, a good substitute is Sago, soaked in milk or water until quite soft. This should be added to the flour, one cupful of dry Sago to four cupfuls of flour, are good proportions.

Whilst out shopping the other day I saw some knitting cotton, very cheap, and I made enquiries. This cotton is "Lyscordet" Knitting Cotton, price 9d. for two ounces. Yes, this is really the price, and at the shop I bought a leaflet giving instructions for socks, fitting children from 2-8 years. There are six designs, and they all take two ounces of the Cotton, so you see you will be able to make a pair of socks for 9d.; the leaflet is 2d. I saw another leaflet giving Glove patterns, these are knitted in a thicker Cotton, the same make

Recipe of the Month

LENTIL RISSOLES

4 ozs. Lentils
1 oz. Grated Cheese
1 oz. Margarine
1 oz. Breadcrumbs
1 Egg
1 teaspoon of dried Mint.
(This takes the place of Onion.)

Soak Lentils for an hour in cold water, cook till tender. Drain and beat till mashed smooth. Add Butter, Cheese, Mint, Breadcrumbs, and a pinch of salt, and only enough beaten Egg to bind the mixture. Cool, shape into rolls, dip in the remainder of Egg, coat with crumbs and fry. It is not necessary to have deep fat, an ordinary frying pan with a little fat, and turn when Rissoles are brown on one side.

price 9d. for two ounces, and you can make a pair of men's or women's Gloves for 1/6d. The colours are really lovely. Messrs. Alfreds are stocking this cotton. See advertisement for address below.

Wire Scourers are not so plentiful now, and I heard of a good plan. Buy a fairly large Loofah from the chemist and cut it into workable pieces; it is much more pleasant to use than the wire cleaners, and the grease does not stick.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

On January 19th we considered "What we must do." This lesson was read to us by Mrs. Fuller, one of our old friends. In order to know the right thing to do we must educate and discipline ourselves; try to put a little more into life than we take out, and learn to live at peace with our neighbours.

A sale of mystery parcels was held on January 26th, and proceeds added to the School funds. Having raffled a bottle of lemon barley water, kindly given by Mrs. Durant, Mrs. Nyberg announced a further addition of 5s. to our funds.

The following week, in the absence of a speaker, a very jolly Social was held, under the direction of Mrs. Nyberg.

Mr. Jones, the President of the Watling Association, visited us on February 3rd, and gave a very interesting talk on "Photography," bringing to the mind summer holidays of happier times.

On February 16th a Spelling Bee took place, and while being educating, caused some amusement. A small prize was given, and won by Mrs. Guy.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

New members are invited to join the above Guild, which meets at the Centre every Wednesday afternoon at 2.45 p.m.

Informal talks are held on many subjects—to mention just two or three—cooking, interesting occupations of other people and talks about other countries. Occasionally films are shown and recitals are given.

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DEMOCRACY AT WORK

AT first appearance one might get the impression that this month's issue of the "Resident" was dull and uninteresting, containing as it does the Annual Report of the Watling Association, but let us not judge too hastily.

The perfect Community Association has yet to appear; if that was not so there would be little to strive for. The Association that this magazine represents is made up of men and women of varying degrees of experience and yet we are all pulling our weight to bring our experience and judgment to bear in the making of that Association that we all envisage.

Surely this is Democracy at work in no small measure—bristling with success and failure according to the effort and ability we put into the job. Differences of opinion may and do occur and yet we can overcome them all without violence and suppression of opinion.

Progress even at a time such as the present is vital; nothing is stationary; we either go forward or backward. Some may feel that we should have only one-track minds and therefore can only concentrate on one task at a time; the generally accepted view, however, is that we must for the sake of the future peace and security of the world look now to the progressive forces within ourselves, and so we welcome the report showing as it does that in spite of war the Association has been able to adapt itself to the new conditions and is progressing in its efforts to be of service to all and sundry whatever their contribution may be.

"THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME"

We do not apologise for again mentioning the series of contributions that we are publishing under the general title of "The Shape of Things to Come." The first is published on the next page on the problem of Building and Reconstruction, particularly with reference to houses—a subject that is of vital interest to us all. One of our readers feels that we and others are wasting valuable effort in thinking and talking on such matters now in view of the national emergency that exists, but one has to draw attention to the fact that the Government apparently shares our view, otherwise we would not have already in existence the Ministry of Reconstruction. As we go to Press we learn that Coventry is preparing plans now for the reconstruction of that great city.

Probably one of the reasons why so much commotion and distress was about after the last war was the fact that the Ministry of Reconstruction was not put into operation as valuable exploring machinery until after the war was over.

Mr. J. W. Pratten, who is known by many for his work for the Adult School and Labour Party locally and his service as a Trade Union official, has undertaken the task of writing this first article, and we hope all will read it.

CENTRE ● POINTS

By "STROLLER"

● The prizes for the raffle at the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild Social, held at the Centre on Thursday, February 13th, were contributed by the members themselves, and included tinned fruit, milk, home-made bread and—what do you think?—Onions. What a prize! A sketch performed by members of the Edgware Townswomen's Guild was much appreciated.

● THE GUILD OF PLAYERS are now busy rehearsing a three-act comedy which it is hoped will be even more entertaining than the last play which was enjoyed by audiences at the Centre and other outside organisations. Look out for a sparkling performance by a well-balanced cast. Get next month's "Resident" for inside information.

● THE WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, which is conducting a series of talks and discussions on "Social Psychology" at the Centre, is fulfilling a long-felt want for people on and around the Estate. Here is an opportunity for workers to improve their minds and to make new friends. The next meeting is at the Centre on Sunday, March 2nd, at 3 o'clock.

THE COMMUNITY'S GREAT LOSS

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the passing of a friend of the Watling Association, Mrs. Purkington, representative of the Mill Hill Social Service Committee. Mrs. Purkington was Secretary of the Citizens' Advice Bureau established at John Keble Church. Her devotion to her voluntary task was obvious to all who came in contact with her, nothing was too much trouble for her, and the Mill Hill Social Service Committee can ill afford to lose such a valiant worker at such times as these.

We offer our most sincere sympathy to Mr. Purkington and near relatives in their great loss.

VETERANS' CLUB LOSS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Pulham, a respected member of the Veterans' Club, who passed away on Monday, February 3rd. A letter of deep sympathy was sent to Mrs. Pulham, and a wreath was given in memory of a very dear friend.—E. COLE.

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"THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME"

NEW SERIES NO. 1

HOUSING: HOW SHALL WE REBUILD?

By J. W. PRATTEN

The Contributor of this article is well-known to readers of the "Resident" as an active worker in the Adult School Movement and the Mill Hill Local Labour Party. He is also a Trade Union official, and below sets forth his ideas of Housing and Town Planning.

EVERYONE considers the question of housing according to their experience and environment, therefore if I attempt to describe the perfect home I shall very definitely fail, because we all have our own ideas of perfection.

The covered-in space which we call a house, flat, bungalow or cottage, is the raw material which each individual or family can mould into a home; but in order to make this possible, certain minimum requirements are necessary in size of rooms and fittings. There can be no final standard as to what is necessary, as ideas change every few years, and what was modern in 1920, or even 1930, is certainly something less than we consider up-to-date in 1941.

A well-planned dwelling can usually be adapted for the requirements of a number of generations and although some people believe that houses should only last twenty years, I believe that the places that will be built after this war will have to last at least fifty years.

In thinking about the housing of the future it is well to remember that accommodation of varying kinds must be provided for many different types of people— young married couples, small families, large families, spinsters, bachelors and elderly people. The question of rent is an important factor in determining the kind of place all these people can live in, but I cannot deal with it in this article and intend to assume that the economic side will be solved while rebuilding is going on. What, then, is the minimum accommodation required according to the standards that are likely to apply after the war?

Firstly there must be a kitchen, about nine feet square, with a large window facing the sun and having a pleasant view. The living-room, adjoining the kitchen, would be about twelve feet square, and also have a large window and coal-burning fireplace.

The bedroom would be about the same size, either on the same level or upstairs. The bathroom must be large enough to take a full-length bath and other fittings, including a wash-basin. The lavatory should be adjoining, but separated from the bathroom. An airing cupboard is a necessity in every home and could be fitted

into the bathroom and heated with the hot tank fed from a boiler or combination stove.

Sufficient accommodation must be provided for at least three months' supply of heating fuel. I have purposely been vague about the kitchen equipment and other fittings as I think these are a matter for individual selection. Gas and electricity should be available, with the option of using either.

This accommodation, in whatever form it is built, would be sufficient for two people, but every additional child or adult should have a further bedroom, which need not be quite so large as the one described. With a family of four or five another living-room or lounge is necessary, to give added opportunities for individual development. I believe also that after the war garage space will be essential for a majority of the population. For elderly couples the bedroom and living-room could be combined and with the other accommodation made into a very comfortable flatlet. For people living alone, the service flat principle could be developed, with communal dining rooms and social amenities.

I suppose one of the most important factors in determining how and where people live is the kind of work they do and the ease of travelling. This brings us to the question of town planning and development generally. There will always be a number of people who prefer to live in a quiet country lane a good distance from their nearest neighbours, but for the majority, living in fairly compact communities of varying size is the most desirable.

The village community could not have all the amenities of a much large urban community, but villages could be grouped together for such purposes as libraries, cinemas, clubs, churches, schools, etc. Rural development will naturally be different from the lay-out of an urban estate, but the standard of housing must be the same.

While it is not possible to fix exactly the size of an ideal community, I would suggest that from two to three thousand homes of varying types would form a fairly

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NO! THIS WAS NOT CAUSED BY BOMBING



With acknowledgment to the St. Pancras House Improvement Society
The rear of dwelling Houses, scheduled for demolition and reconstruction—front cover shows what has been done

who have joined up; rooms have been lent for Servers of the Blind and Red Cross flag days; a National Savings Group has been started.

Affiliation has been continued with the National Council for Civil Liberties and the Hendon Peace Council; a representative was sent to a local Conference on the Manifesto of the Common People.

2. MEMBERSHIP

In September there was a considerable falling-off in membership. By the end of the year there were 332 members on the Estate (not counting 52 serving in the Forces), and 38 off. Members of the Forces in uniform have been admitted to the Centre as honorary members.

The Hendon Branch of the Young Communist League and the Edgware Branch of the Peace Pledge Union were removed from the schedule of constituent bodies in May; the Burnt Oak Political and Economic Discussion Group and the Watling and District Rose Society ceased to function; Edgware No. 2 Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers withdrew, leaving the list of constituent bodies at the end of the year as shown at the beginning of this report.

3. FINANCE

In September the financial situation looked extremely serious, but the next month brought improvement and by the end of the year it seemed as if income might again be sufficient to cover expenses. During the autumn the difficulties of catering, an important source of revenue, increased and a good deal of extra work is now necessary to secure suitable supplies.

For the second year running Watling Week showed an increased profit, yielding £125 18s. 10d. Anniversary Week in January produced £111 17s. 10d.

The Association extends its grateful thanks to the Middlesex Education Committee for its assistance in continuing to provide three-quarters of the Secretary's salary.

4. ADULT EDUCATION

The winter's programme continued with little interruption up to Easter, including the Mixed Choir, Folk Dancing, Guild of Players, Dress-making Class, Men's, Women's and Young People's Adult Schools, Free and Easies, Women's Neighbourhood Guild, Red Cross Group, Fellowship Meetings, Women's Discussion Group. Assistance was given in the establishment of a flourishing Red Cross Class (N) for women.

The September raids stopped those groups which met in the evenings, but the Guild of Players and the Choir accommodated themselves to week-end meetings. In December a new Folk Dance group was started and a move was made for starting a W.E.A. class in Sociology.

Early in the year the Library was re-opened; a gift of fiction and a loan of non-fiction books were gratefully received from the Hendon Borough Library.

A Drama Festival was again held in the spring. The Choir gave its first public performance in January.

THE WATLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 1940

I. GENERAL

The outstanding feature of the year has been that, on the whole, the Association has stood up well to the trials imposed by the intensification of air raids in the London district. On September 5th it was decided to close the Centre when an air raid warning was on after black-out time; on the 21st this policy was revised. It was then agreed to close the Common Room and public dances under these conditions, but to allow the continuance of organised groups of responsible people, or groups with responsible officers in charge, up to 10 p.m. on the understanding that those who stayed did so at their own risk, both at the Centre and in getting home when it closed.

Limitations of paper and money are such that much of this report will be little more than a catalogue of events and activities, but this will be enough to show that though the nature of the work carried on has somewhat changed the Association has continued an active and useful life.

In addition to difficulties arising from air raids there has been a falling-off of voluntary workers. Some have undertaken voluntary wartime duties, others have had longer hours of work, and others have temporarily left the district. The Association has greatly missed them.

Affiliation with the London Federation of Community Associations and the National Council of Social Service has been continued, support has been given to the idea of forming County Groups of Associations; accommodation has been provided for a neighbouring Association, South Stanmore, which is without a building of its own.

PUBLIC MATTERS. Two A.R.P. Posts continued at the Centre until the beginning of June, when they moved to their own accommodation. They returned for a short period in the autumn. The Secretary has served on the local Ministry of Information Committee and the Centre has been used as a distributing post for its bulletins. In October an offer to the Hendon Borough Council of part of the Centre for use as an Emergency Rest and Feeding Centre (N) for local people homeless through bombing was accepted, the necessary additional equipment being supplied by the Government. It has been used in connection with three incidents, the last of which involved 80 people sleeping there for a night. Accommodation has been lent to the R.S.P.C.A. (N) for an emergency dressing station for animals injured in air raids. The Secretary attended a ward meeting called by the Mayor to consider how best to help war refugees. The Chairwoman of the Women's Neighbourhood Guild has served on the Borough W.V.S. Committee.

Support has been given to the Borough Fund for a Church Army Hut for soldiers; collections have been made for sending cigarettes to members

[The bold letter (N) denotes a new activity started.]

5. YOUTH WORK

Particular attention has been given this year to young people from 14 to 25 years of age. In March it was decided that it was undesirable for those from 14 to 16 to have the run of the Common Room, and from the middle of April they were only admitted to organised activities, unless in the company of a parent.

The Education Committee of the Association was asked to give special attention to the needs of this age group, and in July a successful conference of local youth organisations was held. Arising from this a demonstration of youth activities was planned for September, but circumstances compelled its postponement.

In November a **Youth Club (N)** was started, having a games night on Tuesdays and on Thursdays a varied programme of Films, Music, Lectures, Discussions and Socials. Before the end of the year its membership was 112.

The local branch of the **Youth Hostels Association** and **Goldbeaters Night School Club** have continued to meet weekly at the Centre in spite of air raids. Since November an independent young people's club has been renting a room each week.

Accommodation was provided on Monday evenings for a **club for boys (N)** from 14 to 16 which started in February. In November they moved to Saturday afternoons and in December left to go to a larger school hall.

6. JUVENILE WORK

Knitting and Painting Groups were carried on in the spring, but the autumn air raids practically finished off the children's work, though various different times were tried for holding the groups.

In July the Council accepted, with great regret, the resignation of Mrs. Lord from the post of Juvenile Organiser which she had filled devotedly for some years. Mrs. Durant was appointed to the office in September.

In December an agreement was reached with the Borough Council for it to rent a room for a **Children's Library** to replace part of the one at Mill Hill which had suffered through bombing.

(At the time of writing the children's groups have revived and are in a very vigorous condition.)

7. GAMES AND SPORTS

The **Bowls Club** had another good season. The **Weight Lifters** have continued throughout the year. A small **Table Tennis Club** met for a couple of months in the summer. The **Women's Physical Training Class** met till the autumn, when air raids brought the numbers so low that it was discontinued. The **Girls' Class** met at the Centre till March, when it moved to a school hall which was more convenient. Plans were made in the summer for changing it into a **Girls' Club** with netball, tennis and indoor games as other activities, but these all fell through because of the raids.

The **Junior Net Ball Team** won the Dingley Picture, the Y.O.C. trophy for its Junior League.

8. SOCIAL

Up to August activities continued much the same as last year, with the addition of a **Learners' Dance** which started in January. In September older members ceased to attend and dances for the younger ones were the only social activities. In October a **Sunday Afternoon Social**, and later a **Sunday Afternoon Social Whist Drive**, were started.

The **Amateur Variety Party** has continued its activities with only a slight interruption and has given a number of performances, including two for the Hanwell Community Association and others for the forces and war-time charities.

9. TENANTS WELFARE AND PERSONAL SERVICE

The appropriate authorities have been approached in connection with the provision of hoses for the timber cottages, camouflaging of steel houses (mostly painted cream colour), establishment of a local branch of the Juvenile Employment Bureau, old age pensions, provision of Haldane shelters, day nursery, cheap milk for invalids as well as children, school feeding. A representative was sent to a conference of the Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Associations.

The Poor Man's Lawyer and the Citizens' Advice Bureau have continued to be of service. The former now sits on Saturday afternoons. An H.S.A. Group has been started to meet the needs of a branch whose secretary was leaving the Estate. In the early part of the year the unemployed had the free use of a room on weekday afternoons.

MATERIAL NEEDS. Plans have been laid for the establishment of a Communal Kitchen should finance permit; store room has been provided for clothes for the bombed.

Cordial relationships have been maintained with the Mill Hill Social Service Committee and the Edgware Benevolent Committee of the British Legion. Accommodation has been provided for the latter. The Distress Fund has continued to do useful work. The allotments for unemployed men on land lent by St. Alphage Parochial Church Council have been transferred to the Borough Council, which was planning allotments on adjacent land.

Pupils of Cophall County School again gave generous Christmas presents for the Association to distribute to Watling children.

The Veterans' Club has established a Distress Fund (N) of its own with the kind assistance of Miss Wilkinson. The Club has affiliated to the National Old Age Pensions Association.

10. MAGAZINE AND PUBLICITY

"The Watling Resident" has had a good year, both financially and editorially. In April 3,000 copies of a leisure occupation questionnaire were reprinted from its pages and distributed on the Estate. At the same time a new leaflet "Why you should join the Watling Association" was

10. MAGAZINE AND PUBLICITY

"The Watling Resident" has had a good year, both financially and editorially. In April about copies of it were in circulation. It was a great success in that it was read by all the residents of the Watling Centre.

prepared for circulation to new residents and in connection with membership campaigns. In September 2,000 copies of the proposed winter programme were reprinted and distributed.

In December the resignation of Mr. F. H. Lake, after seven years' notable service as honorary editor, was accepted with great regret. The Council felt itself fortunate in securing Mr. A. R. Croker for this office.

In April it was decided to ask the London Federation of Community Associations to seek from the L.C.C. facilities for publicity for associations on its estates. As a result notices have been put up in the three local estate offices (N) drawing the attention of tenants to the services offered by the Association.

11. THANKS

The thanks of the Council are extended to all members who have helped in the kitchen, in selling the "The Resident," in collecting subscriptions, stewarding the Centre and organising activities; to contributors to and the editors of the "Resident"; to the many visitors who have come to help with classes, clubs, lectures, concerts, entertainments and other efforts; to the solicitors who act as Poor Man's Lawyers and to the Honorary Auditors and Solicitor; to the tradesmen and others who have helped with gifts; to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Price for cultivating the rose garden; to the Y.H.A. for redecorating the former billiard room.

Meetings and Activities held at Watling Centre
AUTUMN, 1940

REGULAR (weekly unless otherwise stated)

SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
Men's Adult School	Women's Neighbourhood Guild	Whist Drive (afternoon)	Hospitals Savings Association	Children's Tap Dancing Class
Amalgamated Union of Building	Veterans' Club	Veterans' Club	Children's Tap Dancing Class	Poor Man's Lawyer
Trade Workers	Church Army	Women's Discussion Group	Watling Guild of Players	Watling Guild of Players
Society of Friends, Meeting for Work	Learnings' Dance	Watling Association Youth Club	Painters and Decorators Union	(fortnightly)
Ship and Children's Classes		Youth Hostels Association, Hendon Branch	Spiritual Healing (fortnightly)	Association Committees (fortnightly)
Weight Lifters' Club		Weight Lifters' Club	Plasterers' Union (monthly)	Members' Dance
Amateur Variety Party			OCCASIONAL	Meetings, Concerts, Rehearsals, Committees, Private Parties
Goldbeaters' Night School Club				
Members' Afternoon Social				
Afternoon Whist Drive				
Fellowship Meeting (monthly)				
Oddfellows (fortnightly)				
Mixed Choir (fortnightly)				
Members' Dance				
Association Council (monthly)				
MONDAYS				
Women's Adult School				
Folk Dancing				
TUESDAYS				
Birth Control Clinic (fortnightly)				
Dressmaking Class				
Shop Stewards Committee				
Amateur Variety Party				
Weight Lifters' Club				
Watling Association Youth Club				
Silver Chain Club				

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Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940

TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Printing	...	...	...	By Sales	...	...	...
Gross Profit	...	...	...	Members and Voucher Copies	33	7	4
	111	14	4	Cash Sales	36	18	11
	£195	15	3	Advertisements	...	...	...
					70	6	3
					125	9	0
					£195	15	3

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Administration	...	...	...	By Gross Profit	...	...	...
Net Profit	...	...	...	Miscellaneous Income	...	...	...
	7	4	11		111	14	4
	105	3	5		14	0	0
	£112	8	4		£112	8	4

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Profit and Loss Account	Cash at Bank
Profit as at 31/12/39	Typewriter
Add Profit for Year 1940	On Deposit with Watling Association
	Sundry Advertisers
	Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts
£185 4 11	£185 4 11

Audited and found quite satisfactory.

J. AUSTIN BAYES,
Hon. Auditor.

31st January, 1941.

K. A. N. SIMKINS,
Hon. Treasurer.

was discontinued. The Girls' Glass met at the Centre till March, when it moved to a school hall which was more convenient. Plans were made in the summer for changing it into a Girls' Club with netball, tennis and indoor games as other activities, but these all fell through because of the raids.

The Junior Net Ball Team won the Dingy Picture, the V.O.C. trophy for the Junior League.

18th February, 1941.

Hon. Auditors.

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sundays—
Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
2 C. F. Andrews, Mr.
K. N. Simkins.
9 The Freedom of the
Press. Mr. E. Duschin.
16 The First Century
Christians. Mr. C. E. H.
Carrington.
23 Business Meeting.
30 The Constitution of the
U.S.A. Mr. E. Sewell
Harris.
Society of Friends, Public
Meeting for Worship, 11.0
a.m.
Weight Lifters, 12.0 noon.
Amateur Variety Party, 2 p.m.
Wand Drive, 3.0 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association.
2 Morning Ramble to Rad-
lett. Meet Edg. St. 9 a.m.
9 First Cycle Run to
Wycliffe Cross. Meet
9 a.m. Edgware Station.
Slow Cyclists and
Walkers to Chess Valley.
Meet Edg. St. 9 a.m.
15/16 Hostel week-end. Cyclists
to Four Marks. Hants.
Walkers to Jordans.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated
March, 1941.

Sundays—

23 Cyclists to Broxbourne.
Meet Edg. St. 9 a.m.
Afternoon Ramble to
Green Street. Meet
Edg. St. 2.30 p.m.

Mondays—

Women's Adult School, 2.30
p.m.
Folk Dancing 7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.0 a.m.
Dress-making Class, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth
Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
Amateur Variety Party, 8 p.m.
Mixed Choir, 8.0.

Wednesdays—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild,
2.45 p.m.
5 Dickens' Character
Sketches. Mr. R. Croker.
12 Cookery Demonstration.
Gas Light & Coke Co.

Wednesdays—

19 M. of Information Film.
26 Rev. H. J. Blackmore.
Veterans' Club, 4.0 p.m.
Learners' Dance, 7.0 p.m.

Thursdays—

Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Discussion Group,
2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth
Club, 7.30 p.m.
Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association,
7.0 p.m.
7 Tournament, 7 p.m.
13 Group Forum Discus-
sion: "Liberty in War-
time."
20 Dance Social, 7 p.m.
27 Dramatic Production,
"The House with the
Twisty Windows" and
"The Playgoers," 8 p.m.

Fridays—

U.S.A., 7.0 p.m.

Saturdays—

Poor Man's Lawyer, 3.0 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 3.30
p.m.
Members' Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Sun. 2 W.E.A. Class in
Sociology, 3.0 p.m.
Fellowship Meeting,
3.30 p.m.
Sun. 9 Kentish Town Poul-
try Club Branch.
Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Watling Association
Annual Meeting 3 p.m.
Thurs. 13 Townswomen's Guild
Social, 2.30 p.m.
Sat. 15 Bowls Club, 5.0 p.m.
Sun. 16 W.E.A. Class in
Sociology, 3.0 p.m.
Sun. 23 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Kentish Town Poul-
try Club Beh. Mtg.
Thurs. 27 Townswomen's Guild
Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 30 W.E.A. Class in
Sociology, 3.0 p.m.

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HOUSING: HOW SHALL WE REBUILD?

compact group for civic, educational or recreational purposes.

Each estate must have a number of well-laid-out recreation ground in addition to a fairly large park which would serve a number of estates. The roads must be of liberal width to allow for a substantial footpath, with trees and grass or shrubbery verges. The houses and other buildings would be designed to harmonise with the surroundings and the materials used must depend largely on appearance and utility rather than cost. The highest standard of comfort and a pleasing elevation would seem to me to be the ideal. I believe there are many parts of inner London and other towns where this kind of development can take place and so enable those people who prefer living in a town to do so.

Controlled factory and business development would make it possible for many more people to live nearer their work and add to their leisure hours. Travelling facilities are essential for all these areas and must be provided regardless of whether a particular route makes a profit.

All these suggestions necessitate the State ownership of land and other essential services, for the profit motive has long been proved a failure. The services which make a reasonable standard of life possible must be available to all regardless of cost.

There is another aspect of the question of land ownership which has an important bearing on housing, and that is the owning of one's own plot of land and having a house on it. I believe, that in the future, freehold land as we understand it now, will disappear, and everyone will pay a land rent to the State, who will be the only freeholder.

This will not prevent people from owning their own house, which I think is quite a desirable ambition, but becomes a social evil when the property is let to somebody else at an exorbitant rent. To prevent this happening I would give powers to every municipality to control all houses or other dwellings which are let for rent. They should build and own as much as possible, but where a private individual or company desire to let premises for housing purposes, the Municipal Council should issue a licence to the effect that the property is decorated and equipped according to the standard of the time, and specify the maximum rent.

This method, I believe, would give the community effective control, while still leaving the individual a considerable amount of freedom.

Everyone must be free to choose a house or flat; to buy or rent; to have a garden or an allotment, or both, or neither; to have a garage and a car; a comfortable chair and a nice fire; children's laughter, and God's good air. These are the reward of service for the community, and by working together we can make them a reality.

MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The School has been well maintained during the month. The attendance has been very good, largely because, I suppose, of the excellent series of lessons we have had. One Sunday, Mr. Goode, of Southgate, gave a talk on Robert Owen, the great industrial reformer, the pioneer of the Co-operative movement both in these Isles and in America.

Another Sunday, Mr. W. Hazelton gave an interesting talk on "Aspiration."

February 16th the entire school visited the school at Hampstead.

E. S. WAKELING.

Owing to the generosity of the Proprietress of the "Bald Faced Stag," we are able to utilise this half page for reading matter in space normally reserved for the "Bald Faced Stag" advertisement.

YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION AN APPEAL TO ALL WHO FEEL YOUNG

As Chairman of the Hendon Youth Hostel Association Group, I want to make an appeal to the young men and women of all ages, who live on the Watling Estate. Something important is happening there, and evidently many of the local residents are not aware of it. This Y.H.A. Group—and there are many similar groups all over the country—has been formed in Hendon, for the purpose of uniting all who wish to use their leisure time in enjoying the natural things of life, such as an appreciation of our wonderful countryside.

For instance, you can, by being a member of the "Youth Hostel Association," have a week-end away from London for about 3s. Now for this small amount (and most young people spend far more than this for a few hours artificial enjoyment any Saturday evening), we spend probably fourteen hours in the fields and lanes of this beautiful island. In the evening at the Hostel, a wonderful comradeship exists, fireside chats, games or community singing provide the evening's entertainment. We, of course, cook our own meals at the Hostel.

On Monday morning, after spending a week-end such as I have described, we feel that we have not wasted our time, but have enjoyed every minute of it—and do we feel fit? Remember, a full week-end away from London for just a few shillings.

This is only one of our activities. We have half-day and whole-day rambles or cycle tours, skating, football, drama and folk dancing. In fact there is nothing that the Group will not attempt. We have, for instance, specialists who will initiate you into the gentle art of "hitch hiking."

But this is the sorry part of the story. We have a membership of about 70, and although our headquarters are on the Watling Estate (Watling Community Centre), we find that most of our members live in the surrounding districts of Edgware, Kingsbury, Hendon, Mill Hill, and even Golders Green. We, of course, welcome members from any district, but it is Watling people we want. This fact surely proves that the young people of the Watling Estate are missing something. Why not come along on any Thursday to our social evenings at the Watling Centre and see for yourself. Just give it a try, and you will not be disappointed. In the "Brave New World" that will follow this war, the Youth Hostel Association is going to play a big part, so why not be a pioneer and help build a movement of which we can all be proud?

H. LEE.

Y.H.A. DRAMATIC SECTION

present two one-act plays

"THE HOUSE WITH THE TWISTY WINDOWS"

and

"THE PLAYGOERS"

at the

Watling Centre, Thursday, March 27th

TICKETS (6d. each) from

Miss M. BARRETT	.	.	.	101, Farm Road, Edgware.
Miss M. ROWE	.	.	.	27, Beverley Drive, Edgware.
R. H. Burton	.	.	.	86, Gervase Road, Burnt Oak.



WHAT TO DO IN MARCH

This is one of the most trying months of the year. The quick changes from heat to cold necessitates the most watchful care in the ventilation of the greenhouse and the protection of flowering fruit trees.

FLOWER GARDEN. Top dress the lawn. Charred earth and wood ashes are excellent for this purpose. Sow grass seed on any bare patches.

Pansies and violas may be planted, also hardy perennials. Ivy, periwinkle and St. John's wort should be planted to cover the surface of bare ground under the shade of trees. Plant hardy border flowers of all kinds. Plant single and double pyrethrums; they like a rich soil. Pinks may be planted out. Prune hydrangea paniculata grandiflora.

Rose pruning should be taken in hand. Those trees on south walls and other warm positions will be starting to grow, and should be pruned first. Tea roses should be left until the first week of April.

Remove weeds from gravel walks in showery weather.

FRUIT GARDEN. Prune and train figs against an outside wall. Bush fruits, such as gooseberries, should be pruned. In the case of old bushes, thinning the shoots is preferable to spurring.

Late frosts of considerable severity may be experienced this month, hence peaches, plums, pears and cherries should be protected by some kind of covering when the flower buds appear. Evergreen boughs stuck among the branches are a good make-shift.

This is the month for grafting fruit trees. Many trees of worthless varieties may be turned into healthy bearing trees of the best kinds in a year or two.

Strawberries should be planted where new beds are required. Choose ground that has been well-trenched and manured.

VEGETABLE GARDEN. Carrots and parsnips may be sown any time this month. Plant Jerusalem artichokes. Main crop potatoes should be sown; also peas for succession. Sow early Milan turnips on a warm border. Take advantage of fine days to get the onion and carrot beds into good tilth.

Red cabbages that have been in the seed bed all winter should be planted out, and any blanks in the spring cabbage bed made good. A light dressing of nitrate of soda may be applied with advantage.

Seakale is a much-appreciated delicacy. It should have a rich root run to make the strongest growth and plenty of manure when the ground is trenched. Dibble the cuttings nine inches apart and allow two feet between the lines. Encourage the growth by freely stirring the soil throughout the summer.

Make a large sowing of marrowfat peas. There is no fear of the seed rotting now, as there might be earlier in the year when the soil is cold. If the birds are troublesome, stretch lines of black cotton down the rows after sowing, or use the wire pea protectors.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

News for Stamp Collectors THE FORMATION OF A STAMP EXCHANGE

Explained by Maurice Waterfall

Christmas is a long way past, and all those new stamps you had given you should be stuck in your albums by now. But perhaps some well-meaning aunt or uncle gave you a big packet and there were a lot that you had already got. It's always a problem, these stamps you've got twice over, whether you are a small boy with only a few, or a grown-up with a big collection. You swap what you can with your friends, but then you often have a lot left over which your friends have all got, or else they haven't any to exchange for them. Well, now, although I've been collecting stamps for a long time, I got fixed the same way, so I thought it might be a good idea for us to have an Exchange Club. The idea is for you to put some of your "swaps" in an envelope, and put on the outside "50 All Different," or however many you have put in, and then send it or take it yourself to the Exchange Club. Then I will send you back a packet with the same number of stamps in it, and there are sure to be some you haven't got in your collection.

This is open to all up to the age of 16. If you think this is a good idea write to me or send me a packet of your stamps, and try it. The address is: Stamp Exchange, M.W., "Watling Resident," The Centre, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak.

Now here is a good tip for all who are not already saving their "War Covers." If you get any envelopes or cards with any interesting war postmarks on them, keep them complete. In the years to come "covers" (as philatelists call envelopes) with Army, Navy, Prisoner of War or Censor marks on them will be eagerly sought after. I bought a parcel of 200 or so Great War covers from a stamp dealer in 1931, and sold them in 1938 to another dealer for four times what I paid for them, and was able to buy a lot more stamps for my collection with the money.

YOUR LIBRARY

A Message from the Children's Librarian.

I expect there are few of you who do not have hobbies these days when you have so much time to spend on them. Do you collect coins or stamps? Are you a conquirer in your spare time? Do you make all your dolls' clothes?

Here is a list of books you will find at the Library which will tell you more about your own particular hobby:—

The Boys' make and do book;	...	Cane.
The Girls' make and do book.	...	
Simple handicrafts for boys and girls	...	Klickmann.
The little girl's sewing book	...	Foubert.
Every girl's book of hobbies	...	Gibbard.
Pastimes, hobbies and sports for girls	...	Hort.
101 things for a boy to make	...	Jackson.
Hobbies for boys	...	Luck.
Fireside magic	...	Higgins.
Copper coins of modern Europe	...	Phillips.
The splendid book of postage stamps	...	
The beginners' book of stamp collecting	...	
How to arrange and write up a stamp collection	...	
The stamp catalogue	...	Gibbens.

Can You Write?

I want you to write and let me know what kind of things you do after school hours. We all do something that we like doing, after work is finished, and I want to know why you like your particular hobby. It may be stamp collecting, knitting, embroidery, or fretwork, and I will publish in next month's Resident the best letter I receive of not more than 200 words.

Please send your effort, not later than March 14th, to the Watling Centre, making sure that you put your name, address and age at the top of the paper. I am not giving a prize, only the thrill of seeing yourself in print!—THE EDITOR

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR . . .

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

This month the Editor is encouraging all young authors to send him an original piece of writing; you will all try, won't you? Let us see if we can make him work overtime, reading piles and piles of entries! Owing to space, he will only be able to publish the best one, but I expect he will mention the names of the next best when giving the result.

I went to feed some Swans and Ducks a few days ago, and the pond where these birds live was covered in thick ice; it was so funny to see them waddling over the ice. They didn't look as if they were enjoying it either; they seemed to have a look of surprise on their faces. I took them a little food, and didn't they crowd round me! I'm afraid I rather enjoyed throwing it on the ice: they looked so quaint skating after the crumbs. The Sparrows were very cheeky; they waited on a nearby bush, and when the food fell to the ground, they swooped down and took it almost out of the Ducks' bills. The only birds they respected were the Swans. Very wisely, too. I should not like to anger a Swan; they have tremendous power in their wings. Did you know that Swans are Birds-Royal? That is, they belong to the King, and it is a punishable offence to steal a tame Swan, or one bearing the mark of the crown. Floating on a lake, they certainly look very regal.

I hope the older boys and girls will find the article on Stamps interesting; so for this month I will say Cheerio.—SNOW WHITE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"WHAT WAS AND WHAT MIGHT BE"

[The following letter was sent as an article but largely owing to lack of space I have felt obliged to "Cut" and insert same in this column. Mr. H. Davis has been informed of my action.—ED.]

DEAR EDITOR,

Under the above title, Mr. Sewell Harris set down some of his thoughts regarding what he thinks should occupy the minds of thinking men and women to-day, re, the reconstruction of our Country after this war is ended. His articles were really of a constructive character, and tended to give us all some food for thought.

Our Secretary has given us in his articles, things that are really interesting, informative and educational. Well, that is what I expect from him, for, is he not an M.A., etc. I want to say here, that I have a great personal regard for him and his abilities, and believe him to be a straightforward man, and I am sure, he, when speaking on any subject, gives us his honest convictions, in the true Sewell Harris style, and he is never afraid to give voice to any opinions he may hold. But, I am going to say, that I don't always think he is right, for some opinions he expresses, are not opinions that I myself hold.

I would point out to Mr. Harris that we are at war with that man, Hitler, and that he knows quite well that we are fighting for our very existence as a nation, and he must know what kind of treatment we should get from Hitler, should he knock us out. We have before us, the plight of Small Countries, over which he has extended his protecting arms. Now, Mr. Harris, when thinking out his subjects, must have been assuming that we were going to win this war, for he is dealing with the reconstruction of this Country. Well, what does he think Hitler is going to do with us, if he comes out on top. Can he think that Hitler would call for any help from us, to put England into shipshape order. What can he think will become of our Political organisations, such as, the Tory, Liberal or Socialist Parties, or what would become of our Trade Unions, or even our own Watling Centre? Can he visualise that all things will go along the same under his administration. Well, if he does think like that, I don't, and, that's that. I am of the opinion that this War must be won by us, before any of the ideas of World reconstruction can come about, and I think that the men and women, who are now doing their Big Bit are the right folks to set about this job, when they return to Civil Life again.

No Sir, when Victory comes to us, the Place for all Armchair Reformers should be in a Back Seat, and let the men and women who have been helping to Keep Hitler at Bay, let them, voice their opinions of what Kind of Life they require. They are the People who will have the right to say, What was, Shall never be again. And not, What was, and might be.

HARRY DAVIS.

(Tenants' Welfare Officer
and Member of Council).

CHURCHES AND RE-ORGANISATION.

31, Montrose Avenue.

DEAR EDITOR,

It is a widespread conviction of the English layman that freedom of thought and speech, and religious toleration are the essence of our democratic constitution, in which idea he is generally supported by the policies of the public press.

Yet, does he himself fully live up to, and take full advantage of this traditional freedom? On the contrary, I am convinced that, through his own inherited superstition and childish impressions of the sacred irreproachability of the established churches, he is himself being deprived of complete freedom of thought and speech in matters spiritual.

In the question of politics and other materialistic fields of controversy, the Englishman is given to expressing his opinion rather more freely than is often necessary; yet mention religion to him and he is immediately afflicted by an awestruck mental blindness—a barrier to complete freedom of the mind, which it is my purpose here to break down.

Every human being is born into this world without knowledge of religion. The same applies with regard to education in general; the child's mind is a blank on which will be inscribed the abundance of facts which today make up our civilization. Yet it is an illustration of the curious perversity of the human mind, that of all the things a child is taught at its mother's knee, the one about which there is most doubt—religion—is represented more definitely and decisively than any other; and with this distortion of the facts goes the usual acceptance of the supreme sanctity of the churches.

The true facts of religion lie steeped in the unknown mists of centuries of hopelessly mixed facts and superstition; yet in the twentieth century when age-old mysteries are being rapidly solved, the biggest mystery of all lies untouched, through this irritating hesitancy on the part of the public and the press to treat it as a subject of discussion. Surely the knowledge of what a tremendous influence is exercised by the ecclesiastical bodies over our lives, moves in you the desire to get to the bottom of this universal question of religion, and thus limit the extraordinary power of these men to the theology of the true doctrines. Or do you prefer to tread blindly whither you are led, with never an attempt to merit your birthright of intelligence by questioning the veracity of what you are told? For none can deny that the Church, in spite of its good works, has become an autocracy second to none, through its decades of unrivalled authority over the minds of men. For my part, I consider it an insult to the national intelligence to expect a reputedly sensible race to accept unproven and confused doctrines without question. We have a right to seek for the true facts in this matter, without being told that it is a sin to query the sacred word. Are we not engaged at this moment in a death-struggle with a system which embodies blind obedience as the mainspring of its power?

It is your duty to yourselves and the nation, therefore, to demand that the reorganisation of the national Churches shall be a major part of the new post-war social order. Only in such a complete change can true happiness exist.

Yours sincerely, ALLAN WATSON.

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15 and 16 Silkstream Parade, Watling Avenue
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Burnt Oak
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23 Watling Avenue
Brady, Tobacconist and Confectioner
3 Watling Avenue
Sydney Hurry Ltd., Funeral Directors
115 Burnt Oak Broadway, Burnt Oak
Jackmans Ltd., Footwear and Hosiery
123 Burnt Oak Broadway
A. I. Jones, Optician and Chemist, M.P.S.
132 Burnt Oak Broadway

The London Co-operative Society
Burnt Oak Broadway
Geo. Nosworthy & Son
The Green Man, Mill Hill
Pegleys, Cycles and Sports Outfitters
70-72 Watling Avenue
Secondhand Cycles
4 Market Lane
W. A. & S. Thomson, Newsagent and Stationer
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205 Deansbrook Road

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RANDOM JOTTINGS By CENTURION.

Readers' Conference

Referring to the suggestion made in last month's *Resident* that it might be possible to hold a conference of interested readers, the Committee has decided to hold such a gathering at the Centre on Saturday, April 5, commencing promptly at 7 p.m. Please drop a note to the Editor to say you are coming.

It is proposed to have light refreshments and conclude with a Social.

The First 50 years!

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, of 77, Wolsey Grove, members of the Veterans' Club, who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding. They have been members of the Veterans' Club since its inception.

Longer Hours

The extra hour of daylight will give some of our members more time for leisure, and may result in our older members venturing out in the evenings. This opportunity for recreation will be much appreciated by those who are working long hours, and the benefit to health which will result will no doubt be appreciable.

Watling Week

Plans are being prepared for Watling Week, during which a Rummage Sale is to be held—please send all you can before June 20.

Distribution

Mr. Lake or Mr. Harris would gladly welcome volunteers who would be prepared to deliver the *Resident* to members and others once a month. It is a very valuable service, and if shared by as many as possible does not become a burden.

We need about eight volunteers—please see either Mr. Lake or Mr. Harris, who would gladly explain the duties to you.

Our Dumb Friends

For some months many of us have had many anxious moments concerning the feeding of our pets. With little meat to spare from our rations and a shortage of biscuits, the cupboard as far as the dog matters has been bare. Fortunately the opening of a

Pets' Food Shop in Watling Avenue has proved very welcome and has helped to alleviate this need.

Day Nursery

The decision of the Hendon Borough Council to provide a Day Nursery on Watling Estate is welcome news. The Nursery, which will be able to cater for 37 children under 5 years of age, will occupy Addington House in Orange Hill Road—(see Editorial Column).

Bowls Club

The Bowls Club had its Annual Meeting at the Centre on March 15, and a good attendance was present at the meeting and at the Social which followed. The Club would welcome any new members—there must be many people on the Estate who would find bowling excellent training for that back-breaking exercise now so popular—called gardening.

Another Group

We have been very proud of the success of the Youth Club (see report elsewhere in this issue) formed last year, and this month we announce another venture, this time for the older people. A women's group which started through the enthusiasm of some

members has now decided to meet each Friday night at the Centre. So, ladies, if you want to play table tennis, shove halfpenny, or just want the opportunity to knit or chat, come along any Friday at 7.30 p.m., where you will find a welcome awaits you.

From Your President

TO THE EDITOR.

May I beg a small portion of your valuable space in which to tender to the members of the Association my sincere thanks for their continued confidence in me by re-electing me to the office of President. It is with real pride that I accept service in an organisation which, though falling short of its ambition through circumstances beyond its control, strives to fulfil ideals which we hope will advance the British Commonwealth of Nations, and thereby the rest of the world, to a further high standard of full life.

I would like also to extend my personal thanks to the officers of the past year for their keen attention to the furtherance of the Association work, and for their acceptance of what few suggestions it has been my lot to make. To those at present in office, I heartily wish a happy and useful year.

Sincerely yours,

A. IVOR JONES.

WATLING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CLUB

Recently I called for a few minutes only to see for myself the much-spoken-of Youth Club held at the Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

My impression was that it lived up to its reputation of being one of the most active and go-ahead groups meeting at the Centre.

Mr. Rathbone, the Secretary, informed me that the Club had a membership of over 130, and that when socials and dances were held many more than that number put in an appearance.

During the last month the Club had been able to listen to the experiences of a member of the International Brigade that volunteered for service in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. Another evening was called a Talents or Variety Evening, when the general knowledge and alertness of the Club's members were severely tested.

Yet on another evening during the month the Club was privileged to hear Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg. Mr. Nyberg has been very largely fostering the Club since its inception, and consequently is very welcome at its meetings.

One Saturday afternoon about 20 members of the Club "hiked" from Watford—this feature of the Club is in its infancy, but it is hoped that the success of this first "hike" will lead to many more being arranged.

I cannot conclude this report without seriously suggesting to the Association that here is a Club of young people of both sexes that has made a promising start and, if encouraged, will be a department of the Association's work that may become an excellent advertisement for the Association. "VISITOR."

PUBLIC MEETING

at

Watling Centre

on

Sunday, April 20th, 1941,

at 6.45 p.m.

will be addressed by

Mr. F. E. DUNNING, F.R.G.S., F.R.S.A.
of the Ministry of Information,

on

"WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR"

*Come and discuss this
important Subject.*

CENTRE ● POINTS

By "STROLLER"

● OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS.—Activities for the younger members of the Association are gradually getting into their stride at the Centre. The Youth Club is now a thriving proposition. It is divided between social and educational functions and provides a good outlet for Watling youth.

● Y.H.A.—Then there is that very bright section of the Youth Hostels Association, which appeals to a large number of young people. This section believes in doing things besides going places, and is at the time of writing about to produce two one-act plays which should attract a good audience of grown-up as well as younger members.

● CHILDREN'S CHOIR.—Probably you have heard the melodious strains of mixed voices on Monday evenings when the Choir is practising, but did you know that a Children's Choir is being organised at the Centre by Mr. A. I. Jones. We might suggest that when these youngsters get going they merge with the grown-up Choir and, with the assistance of the W.A. Orchestra, present a combined choral effort that would be much appreciated by members of the Association.

● A BOY SCOUT TROOP is being formed at the Centre. Boys wishing to join should enquire at the office or of Mr. Lake or Mr. Wakeling.

● H.S.A.—All enquiries needing a reply by post must contain a stamped addressed envelope otherwise a reply will not be sent. Contributions may be paid every Friday evening or on the first Saturday in the month at the Centre. Any alteration in times or other notifications will be published in the *Watling Resident*. So make sure you get your copy.

● POULTRY CLUB is now meeting every other Sunday at the Centre and has a good following. Interesting talks and expert advice are given, and once a month there is a popular egg competition, a prize being given to the member exhibiting the most perfect egg.

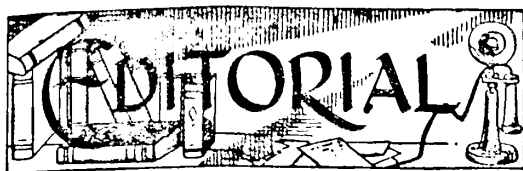
● SINGING FOR VICTORY.—The war has not stopped the Choir from singing, and the Choir is not likely to stop singing when the war is over. In fact it is more likely to increase in volume as new members and new music are gradually added. Under the magic baton of Mr. A. I. Jones, the Watling Association Mixed Choir is likely to prove one of the most popular in the district. Practice is at the Centre on MONDAYS at 7 p.m., and new members are cordially invited.

● OTHER BUSINESS.—As is often the case, some of the most interesting and amusing items were discussed at the "any other business" stage of the W.A. Annual General Meeting, recently held at the Centre. Subjects ranged from meat, or the lack of it, in Watling butchers' shops to the icing on the Lord Mayor of London's birthday cake (?).

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VETERAN'S CLUB

There is little to report this month. Members have attended regularly, and two of our number have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding (see *Random Jottings*).—E. COLE.



37 CHILDREN

AT a recent meeting of the Hendon Borough Council it was decided to establish a Day Nursery on the Watling Estate. The Watling Association has pressed for some years for the existence of such a Nursery along with a Day Nursery School.

We do not wish to appear to be dissatisfied with half-a-loaf, but would suggest that the Council would have been justified if it had considered also the establishment of a Nursery School whilst considering the claims of a Day Nursery.

The fact that the proposed premises of Addington House in Orange Hill Road can only accommodate 37 children suggests that with the capital necessary in starting such a project it would have been more satisfying to have envisaged the scheme on a much larger scale and to have included with it a Nursery School.

How the selection of only 37 children is to be undertaken is not known; but one must imagine that some sort of questionnaire will be necessary to discover the most needy cases.

With the national appeal for more women workers in war work one would assume the demand for Nursery Schools would have been tremendous in order to release mothers during the day to engage in war work; and that the Council, on seeking advice from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour and National Service, would have received all the encouragement necessary for them to undertake the additional service to the parents of this Borough.

The whole question of education is of paramount importance now, and we suggest the reader will be well advised to read the second article of the series, "The Shape of Things to Come," which is contributed by a writer who is well able to write on such an important topic appearing in this issue.

MR. E. COLE

After eight years of service as Hon. Secretary of the Watling Resident Committee, Mr. E. Cole did not offer himself for re-election at the Annual Meeting of the Watling Association. We wish to record our sincere thanks to him for his valuable services during his term of office. Mr. F. Lake has accepted the office vacated by Mr. E. Cole, and we wish him every success with his new responsibility.

Mr. E. Cole asks the Editor of the *Resident* to express his gratitude to those many friends of the Association who have helped him to carry on the responsibilities of Secretary for so many years, particularly did he mention the sellers who assisted each month in the distribution. He would, we know, be glad to hear of more volunteers from members to undertake this work.

WATLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1941

The above was held at the Centre on Sunday, March 9th. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the chair was taken by the Chairman of the Council, Mr. C. J. Roblou.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the Annual Report and audited Accounts (which appeared in last month's issue) were presented by the Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively. The Hon. Secretary of the "Resident" Committee presented the accounts of the "Resident."

The officers and members' representatives on the Council were then elected as follows:—

President: Mr. A. I. Jones;

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg;

Hon. Editor of the "Resident": Mr. A. R. Croker.

Hon. Secretary of the "Resident": Mr. F. H. Lake.

Hon. Membership Secretary: Mr. A. R. Lodge.

Trustees: Mr. E. E. Cole and Mr. C. J. Roblou.

Hon. Auditors: Mr. E. P. Southall and Mr. G. Richardson.

Hon. Solicitor: Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones.

Members' Representatives on the Council: Mesdames

Guy, King, Lake, Nyberg; Messrs. Cole, Deacon, Fanthorpe, Guy, Judd, C. L. Smith and Torrance.

The Secretary made an appeal for gifts of tools for a boys' carpentry class, and suggested the holding of a public meeting on "What we are fighting for" and lectures on "The Near East," "Turkey," etc., in collaboration with the local committee of the Ministry of Information. It was agreed to have the public meeting in April and see what support was secured.

A number of questions about rationing were asked and answered. The Secretary undertook to take up any cases of complaint where people were prepared to follow the matter up, and if necessary give personal evidence.

Peace and Quietness is the need of all

Have you ever thought of attending a Friends (Quaker) Meeting for Worship, where for an hour we wait upon God for His help and guidance.

Such a Meeting is held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at the WATLING CENTRE, ORANGE HILL ROAD (Corner of Deansbrook Road).

A SHORT STORY.

A MARRIAGE IS RE-ARRANGED!

IT was a warm afternoon, and all nature seemed to be enjoying the playful breeze that gently swayed the trees and plants. From the kitchenette of "Arden," Milton Road, came the sound of a heated quarrel. Barbara and Richard Green were at that moment thoroughly resenting their marriage ties, both accused the other of an "affair," and consequently were quite unable to see any point of view but their own. Barbara felt that Richard was giving too much attention and thought to the smart Miss Latimer, who worked in his department, and Richard resented the visits of a previous male friend of his wife's, especially as he called in the afternoon.

"What do you care if Jim Spencer finds me attractive, it is more than you do since you have been blinded by the ultra smart Miss Latimer? Can I have my hair attended to? When did I last go to town for a shopping expedition?"

Barbara hurled these questions at Richard, and burst into tears. Richard was on the defensive.

"I do care that you can give this air-brained airman your undivided attention in the afternoon. Every night you are tired out, dozing over your knitting. It is a fine life for a man to come home to. Do you wonder

I find Miss Latimer interesting? At least she does not go to sleep when I talk to her."

Richard went out into the small back garden and started to cut the miniature lawn. Usually he was interested in his garden and took great pride in it, but this afternoon his heart was not in it. He loved Barbara very much, yet it did seem that they were drifting; always she seemed tired, but other women managed to run a small house, two children and still retain their attraction for their husbands. Dash it all, he was only asking for a little of her company, and if she wasn't tired she was doing something for the children, or shampooing her hair and doing it up in a lot of contraptions that looked like barbed wire entanglements. Manlike, it never occurred to him that Miss Latimer looked as freakish when her hair was being set.

Barbara finished weeping, bathed her swollen eyes and started to iron the children's frocks and rompers with much energy. Really Richard was unreasonable. She never had a moment to herself; the whole day was occupied with the housework and looking after two noisy, stubborn children, Dorren, aged five, and Peter, aged two. Somehow they never kept clean and tidy although Barbara was for ever washing them and their clothes. It had been thrilling to have Jim look in on his leave, he was full of amusing stories, and found her just as interesting as in the old days. Of course, the chocolates, her favourite brand, and almost extinct in these days of rationing, made him a great favourite with the children. Later he had called with a car and taken the three of them out for the afternoon, finishing with a huge sticky tea at a flashy roadhouse type of tea room. It seemed like a palace to Barbara, the sheer joy of having a meal which she hadn't prepared, and no dishes to wash either. No wonder she had been full of the trip when Richard returned from work. Richard noticed that she was not tired, and the "Adam" in him resented the ability of another man to charm his wife, his male dignity was very hurt.

Richard had met Jim Spencer in the town on the afternoon of the trip, and as he had the car, he offered to take Miss Latimer to the station. Mary Latimer jumped at the idea, for was not Jim Spencer a good-looking young man, and so attractive in his uniform, and this did not make Richard feel any sweeter tempered, so he was ripe for a few words. But as so often is the case, the jealousy was left to smoulder for a day, and it did not break until the Saturday afternoon. Barbara had had a trying morning with the children, they had emptied a bucket of sand into the rinsing water, pulled the cat's tail until it turned on them, and finally Peter had tipped his pudding over on the carpet. Life seemed just too much for her, and she would have gladly walked out on them if they had been older.

Teatime came, Barbara started to set the table, the usual cups, saucers and plates, plain cake for the children, hard crusts for Peter, warm milk and two beakers, just the usual round, to be repeated seven days of the week. Richard was still in the garden, mowing the lawn as though his life depended on it, the children were playing like angels in the small sand pit, and suddenly outside a motor horn was sounding violently, demanding to be heard. Next the voices of Jim Spencer

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Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30:—

April 6.—Mr. R. COLBERT.

April 13.—Mr. J. GUYATT.

April 20.—Mr. R. SCAMMELL.

April 27.—Mr. O. C. HARTRIDGE.

EDUCATION : How Should We Tackle It?

By A. B. ALLEN, L.C.P., F.R.S.A., A. Coll. H.

This Article has been written by one well qualified to deal with the subject of Education; at one period Mr. Allen was a master at Goldbeaters, from its opening to 1933. He is an author of repute, having written twenty-five books on Education, some of which have been translated into other languages. In 1935 Mr. A. B. Allen lectured on "English Education" in Moscow.

SINCE 1902 education has slowly become interested in the child. The old style of academic education dies hard. It is still dying, but its end *should* be hastened by this present war. So, optimistically, we may look to the future, although experience has taught us that we must expect the worst as we prepare for the best!

To maintain the developing interest in the child, post-war education must begin with the Training Colleges and the teacher. The present system of training is governed and controlled by the "guinea stamp" of an academic certificate. This is useless, for the finest scholar, well-versed in the *theory* of child psychology, may be a perfect fool on a staff—often is, unfortunately. The first requirement of a teacher should be that he or she can *teach*. He must be an *educator*, one who can draw out of the child all the intelligent interest within that child. The dullest child is interested in *something*, and this something can lead *somewhere* in the expert hands of a real teacher. The dullest child to-day is often classified as "a C child," under the Hadow classification. It is significant that Sir Henry Hadow was deeply disturbed by what the politicians had done to his scheme, while still retaining his name. He grew almost ashamed of his own creation, for Sir Henry was an educationist.

THE EFFECTS OF EVACUATION AND SHELTER LIFE

The schools of the post-war period will have to make adequate provision for the "C" child, of which type there will be a-plenty after evacuation, periods spent in shelters and so forth. It is no use ignoring the influence of broken education. Its results will be clearly seen after the war. The present seniors will have entered industry, but what of our present infants and juniors? Future educators will have to develop the education of the dull and backward and retarded child. This means a non-academic and a more practical education—a learning by doing, to repeat a *cliché*. This means also a complete overhauling of the school curriculum. Teachers have long bewailed the fact that the present school curriculum is *over-loaded*. It most certainly is. What then is wanted?

We want a curriculum that enables us to *educate*, and not to cram a succession of ill-digested and certainly disjointed facts into the unfortunate children. There must be continuity in the basic programmes operating in the Infant, Junior and Senior Departments. *The present all-too-prevalent inter-Departmental strife must be completely wiped out.* The basic outlook, or educational philosophy, if you prefer the phrase, of post-war education must take the *world* as its main *motif*. The

World Outlook in History and Geography must be presented if we are to avoid another European war. And if the world outlook in Literature is not possible then certainly Anglo-American Literature must now become the birthright of every British child. (I wrote of this some years ago in the "Watling Resident.") Part, too, of the new curriculum must be given over to religious instruction. I know this is a dangerous point, but it is so only because it has been handled stupidly. Surely it follows logically that if we are a Christian nation we should teach Christianity in our schools. The attitude that this is the job of the Churches has produced a complete failure. It is the work of the schools as the main moulders of national character.

THE DESIGN OF THE SCHOOL

Schools, as buildings, must be re-designed. The future school should be of the bungalow type and equipped with rooms for all types of practical education, from engineering and science to art and crafts. The school halls must be convertible into the school theatres, and every school must have a projection room and possess its own talking-cinema.

A complete overhaul of education grants, not only for equipment but also for scholarships, is long overdue. Until it is possible for the poorest child to proceed without stigma from the Infant School to the University we shall not be developing a national system of education. *And we do want a national system of education* and this can only be achieved by the Board of Education out of the field of politics, and making it a cultural force in the life of the nation. At the moment it is little more than the final step on the ladder for the ambitious politician.

One word more. The Public Schools are very much in the public eye today. It is as false as it is dishonest to say that these schools have been and still are completely useless. They have produced good men. Doubtless they will again. If we have a *real* national system of education, governed by educators and culturists, then we shall want certain schools set apart as *experimental centres*. Here, then, is the place of the Public School, and herein lies its renaissance.

Mr. Allen has dealt with a very big subject and has written the article in a comprehensive manner to enable the reader to realise the different phases of the subject, all of which could be dealt with as subjects on their own. The Editor invites readers to write their own opinions on this matter, and space will be given under the "Letters to the Editor" column for these contributions.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Spring Cleaning

I DO hope you will try the recipe for Scones this month; you get quite a few from the mixture, and they are much nicer and very much cheaper than shop scones. Also the excellent recipe for Savoury Balls which has been compiled by one of our readers, Miss Joyce Lord.

Try them on the family this week-end.

Spring is really coming, and in spite of the war, Spring cleaning will go on as usual this year all over the Estate. This year we have a grand opportunity of really turning out the things that we do not actually need. For one thing many families are living downstairs, and will want all the space they can have for the essentials of life, and secondly, Rest Centres, and various other places in the Borough can do with spare furniture, etc., of practical use, not ornaments, for furnishing houses for those of us who may need other accommodation, owing to enemy action. Going through our treasured possessions whilst Spring cleaning often revives memories of bygone and perhaps happier days. Do we really need to keep Betty's first shoes? Naturally they have a sentimental value, but wouldn't you feel better about it if you could see another small baby kicking its small feet about, admiring the dainty shoes, and they were made to be worn, were they not? There is no need for me to tell you that clothes of any description

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CHECKS TAKEN AS CASH

Recipes of the Month

SCONES.

1lb. Sifted Flour	Salt
(self-raising)	Egg or Egg Substitute
2ozs. Fat	Milk
1oz. Sugar	A few Sultanias if available

Rub fat in flour, add sugar, salt, and fruit, mix with beaten egg, and milk, or use substitute, but make sure to add enough milk to make a soft dough. Put on floured board, and roll to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thickness, and cut with small cutter. Bake in fairly hot oven for 10-15 mins. on a flat tin. These are just as delicious without the fruit, and can take the place of cake even on Sunday.

SAVOURY BALLS.

Mix half-a-packet of sage and onion stuffing with as much minced meat as required; add a little flour; bind with a little milk; roll into small balls; cover with breadcrumbs; fry in hot fat.

are needed, so when you go through your belongings, spare a thought for those who are in greater need than you.

THAT VACUUM CLEANER!

War makes us much more conscious of each other, and many of us have electrical helps in the home, a cleaner perhaps, or a washing machine. Have you thought of lending the cleaner to your neighbour? It may enable her to get her work done before black-out. Or the washing machine; blankets are washed far easier in these machines, and someone is going to be saved a backache. So Housewives, "go to it" together, and see if we can't get to know one another better. Our men-folk are getting acquainted whilst fire watching, our children go to school together, and the wives are often hardly on nodding terms. Shame on us!

Not only during Spring cleaning can we help one another, but it occurred to me the other day whilst I was ploughing through the family wash, starch is getting rare, why not share it? It always breaks my heart to throw away a perfectly good bowl of starch water, and in pre-war days I wouldn't have dared to offer it to my neighbour, but next week I am going to take courage in both hands and ask. I don't think I shall be snubbed.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

Mackintoshes should not be kept hanging, but folded on a shelf when not in use. Adhesive tape will make a good emergency invisible repair to a mackintosh.

You can make a cheap mop by cutting old stockings in strips 6 inches long and 3 inches wide, get a large screw, put a circle of leather on it, from an old glove or slipper, and fix each strip of stocking on until the screw is full. Then screw this mop head on to a broom stick.

Soapsuds should not be thrown down the sink, as they form a good manure for rhubarb, bushes and young plants.

WHAT ARE YOU READING ?**LAUGHTER IN THE BLITZ !**

Humorous books written by T. H. White, and reviewed for
the "Resident" by our literary critic

WHEN the "Blitz" was at its height over London I went by taxi from Euston to Victoria. In Trafalgar Square we were held up at the traffic lights. During that spell of waiting my taxi-driver turned, opened the little window behind his head, and said, with a broad grin: "I've just lost me for 'ouse, Guv'nor."

"Your fourth house?" I queried, looking aghast at that broad grin.

"Yus. Me and the Missus was bombed art on Monday so we went along to me married son's. We lost that on Wednesday, so we went, all of us went, to me married daughter's. We lost that 'un on Friday night, and last night we lost the blinkin' shelter. Coo lumme, Guv'nor, it ain't 'arf a lark, ain't it?"

I hope most fervently that were I to lose three homes and a shelter running I, too, would be able to grin broadly and call it a lark. I don't suppose any one of us does know how we shall re-act until it is all over and we have already *re-acted*, anyway! But if ever the adage "Grin and bear it" had a meaning, a *real* meaning, it certainly has it *now*.

We have been "famed" for our national characteristic of taking our troubles as happily as may be, and as I have moved among the hundreds of people who have lost their homes I have seen more honest laughter and more fine fellowship than even I knew to exist, and I am an optimist by nature!

Thank God we can laugh at ourselves. It is true, and if you doubt it, ask Bernard Shaw. He will probably reply upon a postcard agreeing with me. He should know. He has made a fortune out of this English *trait*!

HAVE YOU READ ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS?

And that, by devious ways, brings me to *books* again. Have you "discovered" T. H. White? If not, get going—at once. T. H. White has the gift of laughter and the even greater gift of compelling good, honest laughter in others. In 1934 White published "Earth Stopped" (or "Mr. Marx's Sporting Tour"), and began to take the hide off the huntin', shootin', fishin' crowd. Here, at a perfectly crazy house-party, one meets the Countess of Scamperdale, who is both "intellectual" as well as "horsev," Mr. Marx, the Communist (with a capital "C"), Ciggie Gigue, a debutante who can *never* escape the photographers(!), and Mary Springwheat, who has *never* been photographed at all. . . . There are other crazy loons, of course, but these you must seek for yourself.

In 1935 White followed up with a sequel "Gone to Ground" (or "The Sporting Decameron"). In this volume we meet the old friends made in the former work, but now they are underground, sheltering from a world war which is raging without. Here the party must stay, and so to while away the time they tell stories. Hence the sub-title of "The Sporting Decameron." And if White reveals himself as the master of laughter (and of satire) in "Earth Stopped," he

reveals himself as a master of the short story in "Gone to Ground."

In 1936 White broke new ground with "England Have my Bones." This is a personal diary, and was originally never intended for publication. Its spirit is one of the finest things I have ever read among books on England. An honest, forthright, country book which will take its place among English diaries for all time. This book alone will guarantee White's place among the remembered gallery of writers.

In 1938 White published "Burke's Steerage" (or "The Amateur Gentleman's Introduction to Noble Sports and Pastimes"), a serio-comic book which has caused many to squirm, I'll warrant. And then, wonder of all wonders, even for this most versatile writer, we were presented with "The Sword in the Stone," a story of the boyhood days of King Arthur. You may recall that dramatic excerpts were broadcast by the B.B.C. It is true that to appreciate this book to the full you should be well versed in the Arthurian legends and also know something of heraldry. But if you do not, do not despair, it is a rattling good story for all to enjoy.

Watch out for White. Read those I have indicated. Read "The Witch in the Wood," his latest book. Ask at the library for these works, or, better still, buy them yourself, for these books make friends, and there is no greater annoyance in the whole world than having to return a book to a library when you *know* you will want to re-read it again and again.

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LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

The Jew was in business and his assistant had been with him over a year when he thought the time had arrived for an increase in wages. So he said to his master, "I have been working over a year for you now and I think I ought to have a bigger wage."

"Very well, Isaac," said the Jew. "Come into my office, and we will see about it."

He then said "Let me see, Isaac. There are 365 days in a year, but we will take a leap year with 366 days in it."

"You work 8 hours a day so that will be ... 122 days

"There are 52 Sundays on which you do not work ... 52 "

"That leaves ... 70 "

"Neither do you work on the Jewish Sabbath ... 52 "

"That leaves ... 18 "

"You get 14 days' holiday ... 14 "

"Leaving ... 4 "

"You do not work on Bank Holidays ... 4 "

... 0 "

"Why Isaac you do not work at all!"

"LET THE PEOPLE SING"

The recent death of Sir Walford Davies has been a sad loss to countless listeners, young and old, who appreciated his many talks and practical examples on the wireless. Good music and singing are more popular today because of the boon of the 20th century marvel, radio, and because of the faith of folk like the late Sir Walford Davies, who believe in the people's music.

The other day I came across some writings of William Byrd, the Elizabethan musician. He died in 1623 and was one of the greatest English composers of his time. He prefixed the following eight persuasions to singing to the collection of "Psalms, Sonnets and Songs" printed by Thomas East at St. Paul's Wharf in 1588, the year of the Great Armada.

1. First it is a Knowledge easily taught, and quickly learned, where there is a good Master and an apt Scholar.

2. The exercise of singing is delightful to Nature and good to preserve the health of Man.

3. It doth strengthen all parts of the brest, and doth open the pipes.

4. It is singuler good remedie for a stutting and stamering in the speech.

5. It is the best meanes to procure a perfect pronunciation and to make a good Orator.

6. It is the onley way to know where Nature hath bestowed the benefit of a good voyce; which giuft is so rare, as there is not one among a thousand that hath it; and in many, that excellent giuft is lost, because they want Art to express Nature.

7. There is not any Musicke of Instruments whatsoever, comparable to that which is made of the voyces of Men, where the voyces are good and the same well sorted and ordered.

8. The better the voyce is, the meeter it is to honour and serve God there-with, and the voyce of man is chiefly to be employed to that ende.

Sir Walford Davies, from the example of his life, must have agreed wholeheartedly with these "persuasions," which if read thoughtfully, have a realm of truth and logic in them. It is interesting to note that they were published in 1588, the year of the Great Armada sent by Philip of Spain to invade this island. England was then, as now, beset with danger, yet the people of this island could still sing, and make music.

The great music master of the radio encouraged us all by his patient and painstaking methods of musical appreciation. He took as much care in presenting the most elementary talk as he would in giving a learned discourse on some very highbrow music.

Fortunately, although most of us know that we have not a "good voyce," the knowledge does not stop us from exercising the voice we have, and singing is one of the things still left to us. Quite a few of our liberties have been curtailed, but not that one, and singing is a good thing, both for the singer and listener, if it is an expression of happiness. William Byrd knew this, because he also said:

"Since singing is so good a thing,
I wish all men would learne to sing."

MARGARET W. CROKER.

[After reading the above it should be an inducement to join the Watling Choir, which meets now at the Centre every Monday evening at 7 p.m.—Ed.]

:: Cycling News ::

By Mrs. Billie Dovey

SPRING PARADE . . . CYCLE EXPORT TRADE

Lighter evenings, sunny days and a chilly atmosphere prevailing at sunrise and sunset—these are happy essentials to pleasant cycling, and I guess that more than one keen rider has recently sighed and inwardly wished for more leisure time to do a spot of "pottering" round the local lanes. To those who have not yet experienced cycling for pleasure I suggest you spend an hour or so one fine evening and gently pedal away from houses and factories; green fields are a pleasing sight after capstans and cutting machines! The air will smell fresher, too.

Most feminine thoughts turn, at this time of year, to something new to wear, so if you cycle to work regularly and like making your own clothes why not try making a culotte, or divided skirt? There is a very smart and comfortable design available now which differs from the usual deep pleat back and front inasmuch as the whole skirt is gathered into a deep waistband and well, you really can't tell that it is "trouserised" until, of course, you sit on the bicycle and experience the comfort. Make it (or them!) from soft printed material, have a gay design with plenty of colour and top it with a self-colour blouse—you'll get plenty of escorts on the way home!

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Good news comes as a result of the North Middlesex and Herts Cycling Association's application to the Paddington B.C. to hold Sunday track meetings at Paddington Track. It is good to hear that the "boys" still left in the game and the few who may be lucky enough to be stationed at places within reach of the track are to be provided with this opportunity for carrying on the sport. The meetings will in all probability be held in the afternoon in order that the band performances in the evening will not be interfered with. This track is one where spectators may enjoy an afternoon programme of cycle racing free of charge. Dates will be published as soon as available.

British cycle manufacturers, it is learned, have undertaken to export 1,250,000 bicycles this year, and this means that as the Government has ruled that 75 per cent. of the production is booked for export, only one in 39 people in this country will be able to buy a completely new machine. If you're contemplating such a step it would be advisable to visit your local dealer right away and book the machine of your choice. If your machine is in fairly good trim give it a spring clean and fit new brake blocks, new covers and, if you haven't already done so, invest in a real good leather saddle. Advertisers in this magazine are at your service when it comes to spare parts; and, by the way, don't forget that can of oil and use it regularly, but sparingly.

* * * MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOLS

The Women's School meets Monday afternoons at 2.30 p.m.—3 p.m., and the Men's School meets Sunday mornings at 9.30 a.m. Both Schools would welcome new members.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

HAVE WATLING CHILDREN NO HOBBIES?

Last month I invited the older children to let me know what they did in their spare time—
have you no spare time or no hobbies?

I ask this question because I have not had one single reply. The painting competition a few months ago was a success: was that because a prize was offered? I am interested to learn the reason, and am quite sure there are many children who are able to write a letter and would like to see it in print.

Perhaps you would also give me your ideas on what you think should appear on a children's page—
so write and let me know, please.—THE EDITOR.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR . . .

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

What lovely drying winds we have been having lately, all the wet soil in the gardens and allotments is being broken up by the boisterous wind. Have you ever thought what a good-natured fellow March wind is? He races about on everyone's business, yours and mine, looking after the soil, billowing out the washing on the line, turning water towers, driving windmills, driving the fishermen's boats to sea, and even helping small boys with their kites. For what good is a kite if there is no wind? I really think he likes roaring around, catching hold of umbrellas, whipping the waves into a white fury, spinning the weathercock, and generally getting a lot of fun out of his short career. March wind is, however, a tireless worker, and I often think that he is a model for us, for how many of us get as much happiness and enjoyment from our work as he does? Happiness, like measles, is very catching, and think how much better this tired old world of ours would be if all of the boys and girls could go around spreading happiness, just by being happy. Think of this next time you feel life is dull and nothing ever happens, won't you?

The Stamp Exchange is gathering patrons, so don't forget to collect your spare stamps and send them along. I'll give you the address again in case some of you have mislaid last month's *Resident*: Stamp Exchange, M.W. Watling Resident, The Centre, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak. Make sure to put the number of stamps on the outside of your envelope, so that you get in return the same number back. By the way, did you notice that on the list of books published last month by your Librarian there were four books dealing with stamps and stamp collecting. Beginners can get some good help this way.

Cheerio for now,
SNOW WHITE.

The Daffodils

There is a Daffy in the garden nearly out;
There are lots of busy birds about.
They twitter all together
As they hunt a twig or feather;
They know it's nesting weather,
There is no doubt.

For up and down the hedge they dart and sing
(And the chaffinch has such colour in his wing).
They've left the food I scattered,
They peeped at it and chattered,
They "didn't think it mattered,"
In the Spring.

YOUR LIBRARY

By the Children's Librarian

I want you to notice the alteration in the times the Library is open on and after March 31st.

Watling Centre:

Monday—Friday, 4 p.m.—7 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. 1p.m., 2 p.m.—5 p.m.

"Orchard," Mill Hill Broadway:

Monday—Friday, 2.30 p.m.—7 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.—1 p.m., 2 p.m.—5 p.m.

There will no longer be special days for boys and girls, so you can return your books as soon as you have read them.

NEW BOOKS

Here are some of the new books that have just been added to the Junior Libraries:—

FOR LITTLE PEOPLE.

Mary Plain in Trouble	...	...	by Rae.
Professor Porky	...	...	by Heaton.
Madam Hen and Little Horace	...	...	by Heaton.
Tales of Betsy-May	...	...	by Blyton.
Noah	...	...	by Tozer.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN.

Visitors from London	...	...	by Barne.
John and Mary's Visitors	...	...	by James.
(Two stories of the adventures of London children evacuated to the country).			
The Seasons and the Gardener	...	...	by Bates
Children's Pie	...	...	by Adams.
Leisure things for Lively Youngsters	by Rowland.		

(These books tell you of all sorts of things you can do with your spare time.)

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WHAT TO DO IN APRIL

This is a busy month for gardeners. An important point in good culture is to carry out the various operations at such times as are known to be the most suitable, and every effort should be made to get all preparatory work done in advance.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Complete the pruning of roses.

Protect the young shoots of choice herbaceous plants from slugs by lime or soot.

Auriculars when in bloom should be shaded from the sun.

Bouvardias may be increased by cuttings now.

Divide phloxes and michaelmas daisies.

Give arum lilies showing flower a weak solution of artificial manure occasionally.

Plant hollyhocks in good rich soil in a sunny position.

Plant out penstemons, sweet williams and Canterbury bells in the places where they are to bloom.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Peach shoots are liable to be badly infested with aphides this month, therefore dust the foliage with tobacco powder.

Cherry trees should be carefully watched to guard them from the ravages of aphids. The trees are very troublesome to clean when badly attacked, but quite easy if taken in good time.

The raspberry bed should be kept free from weeds. All young canes not required for future supply should be removed. When the ground is free from weeds a good mulch should be applied. The raspberry is a gross feeder and well repays liberal treatment.

Keep the strawberry bed free from weeds. If a warm corner contains a nice early batch they should be covered at night or a double thickness of netting placed over them to protect them from the frost.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—The main crop of carrots may be sown during the first or second week of the month. If the soil is shallow and unsuitable for deep cultivation, sow one of the stump rooted varieties. An open position is the best. Soot is a first-rate fertiliser.

The final preparation of the soil to receive the transplanted onions to form large bulbs should now have attention. The second half of the month is the best time to plant. See that the plants are thoroughly hardened off before planting.

Maintain the pea supply by liberal sowings of the later varieties. A free root run is essential for peas. Labour can be saved by the application of a mulching of long litter along each side of the rows as this retains the moisture and the crop benefits accordingly.

Complete the planting of main crop potatoes. All strong growing varieties should have ample room both between the rows and between the sets. It pays well to provide this as the result should be a heavier crop and a better quality.

H.H.

CONCERNING KEW GARDENS

Londoners have a priceless possession in the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, commonly called "Kew Gardens." The Gardens are easily accessible from London, especially by those who live on the Western side of the Metropolis. They are of peculiar interest to horticulturists and are known all over the world.

Historical.—The Botanic Garden was founded by William Aiton, in 1759. It then had an area of about 10 acres. Today it covers an area of 288 acres. Two famous properties have contributed almost entirely to making up this large "garden." One of these properties was the grounds attached to Kew House, and the other those that belonged to Richmond Lodge, a house which stood in the Old Deer Park, at Richmond.

In 1838 it was proposed to abolish Kew as a scientific institution and transform it wholly into a kitchen garden for the use of the Royal Family. The Government of that day appears to have been in favour of this project, but throughout the country there was a widespread opinion against such a scheme. This opinion began to be loudly expressed. So instead of turning the place into a huge kitchen garden it was decided to transform it into a great instructive and scientific institution for the benefit and pleasure of the public.

On the death of his father in 1793, W. T. Aiton had succeeded him as Superintendent of the Gardens. He resigned the post in 1840, and the next year Sir William Hooker, professor of botany at Glasgow University, was appointed Director, and the control was transferred to the Government Department of the Commissioners of Woods and Forests. The control is now vested in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the above was held at the Centre on Saturday evening, the 15th. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman, Mr. Frank Williams, Mr. J. Brace was voted into the chair for the meeting. In his report, Mr. H. O. Torrance (Secretary) stated that the season had been a very successful one from all points of view. One thing the members had to regret was the departure of Mr. Mills, whose work was taking him to other spheres.

Mr. F. Williams was unanimously voted back to the chair, as also was Mr. Torrance as Secretary. At this point a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Torrance for his untiring work for the success of the club. Mr. Dodds was then elected captain for the year, with Mr. Taylor as vice-captain.

Then came a few hours of social recreation, dancing to the rhythm of Mr. H. Wilkinson and his Harmelodians, with Miss L. King at the microphone. Games and community singing were ably M.C.'d by Mr. Torrance. About halfway of the programme refreshments were served by the good wives of the bowlers, following which the prizes won during the season were presented.

Mr. J. Brace carried off the club shield, with Mr. Clark as finalist, to whom a pipe of peace was given. The shield had been made and designed by one of our members, Mr. Jones. Spoon prizes for monthly tournaments were also given, and Mr. Dodds had the good fortune to skipper two teams to victory. Mr. Singleton (baritone) sang, and the evening closed to the happy strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

REGULAR EVENTS.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated
APRIL, 1941.

Sundays—

Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
Our Parliamentary Constitution. Mr. A. R. Croker.

15 Easter Sunday.

20 The Spirit of Discontent. Mr. E. E. Cole.

27 British Local Government.

May 4 May Morning Breakfast. Society of Friends. Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Weight Lifting Club, 12 noon.

Amateur Variety Party, 2 p.m.

Weight Drive, 3 p.m.

Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Mondays—

Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.

Mixed Choir, 7 p.m.

Club Dancing, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays—

Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.

Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.

Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.

Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.

Amateur Variety Party, 8 p.m.

Wednesdays—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.45 p.m.

2 Denmark. Mr. K. Heekha.

9 Spain. Mr. G. S. Fawell.

10 EASTER SOCIAL.

25 The Jew To-day. Rabbi Bernstein.

30 Felt Flower Making.

Veterans' Club, 4 p.m.

Learners' Dance, 7 p.m.

Thursdays—

Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.

Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.

Women's Discussion Group, 2.30 p.m.

Youth Hostels Association, 7 p.m.

Watling Association Youth Club, 7.30 p.m.

Discussions, Film Shows, etc.

Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.

Fridays—

H.S.A., 7 p.m.

Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.

Saturdays—

Poor Man's Lawyer, 5 p.m.

Watling Guild of Players, 3.30 p.m.

Members' Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Sat. 5 H.S.A., 3 p.m.

Sun. 6 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.

Kentish Town Poultry Club, 3 p.m.

Fellowship Meeting, 3.30 p.m.

Thurs. 10 Townswomen's Guild Social, 2.30 p.m.

Sun. 13 W.E.A. Class, 3 p.m.

Sun. 20 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.

Kentish Town Poultry Club, 3 p.m.

Public Meeting, "What We are Fighting for," 6.45 p.m.

Sun. 27 W.E.A. Class, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Owing to travelling difficulties, we have not been able to obtain the services of speakers as often as in normal times, but nevertheless, as is shown by the regular weekly attendance of members, our meetings are very much alive, and new members will find plenty to interest them.

We were very fortunate in having had Mr. Croker again at our School to give us a brief history of the Adult School movement and to entertain us in his inimitable way with a reading of one of Tolstoy's plays, "Where love is, God is." The genuine feeling which was put into the portrayal of this lovely little play moved us all very deeply.

Mrs. Pratten also paid us a welcome visit and gave us a description of the village to which she has been evacuated.

Our School has decided to "adopt" the crew of a minesweeper, and concerts, socials, whist drives and raffles have been arranged through which we hope to raise funds to buy wool for members to knit warm garments for the men, and also to enable us to send them cigarettes and other little comforts occasionally.

Would you like to join in our activities? If so, you will be made very welcome at our meetings at the Centre on Monday afternoons at 2.30.

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KENTISH TOWN POULTRY CLUB (Watling Branch)

A very interesting lecture was given by Mr. Clark at our Sunday afternoon meeting on March 9th, on "Rearing."

Mr. Clark very kindly brought along with him a model of a rearer that had done yeoman service for the Kentish Town Club members for years. Quite a few of our members made a sketch of this rearer, so I expect to hear that they have their next winter layers on the way. Mr. Clark was only too willing to give the benefit of his practical knowledge to members. The time passed only too quickly and I think everybody picked up a few wrinkles on chick rearing. Any local backyard poultry-keepers are eligible for membership, and the introduction of tried breeders is worth the entrance fee. Anyone wishing to join should get into touch with the Secretary at our next meeting. See Diary for date.

THE SERVERS OF THE BLIND LEAGUE "THE MERRY CLUB"

One is impressed that a club composed of blind folk living in Watling and district can have such a title as the "Merry Club."

This Club, under the guidance of Mr. A. C. Wills, their Secretary, meets fortnightly, and members are entertained in various ways. Soloists and musicians give their services to these happy folk.

The club has a membership of 74, excluding helpers and guides, and they look forward to their fortnightly meetings with great pleasure.

The President of the "Merry Club" is Mrs. Grey-Skinner, with Mr. R. W. Brady and Mr. G. Nosworthy as Vice-Presidents.

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A MARRIAGE IS RE-ARRANGED!

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and Mary Latimer could be heard calling them, and Barbara and Richard, forgetting their hurts, both came to the front of the house.

"You will never guess the news, Mary has promised to marry me before I go back, and I feel as though I am permanently looping the loop." All this was said by Jim to the accompaniment of wild leaps over the small rose bushes. Mary was also very excited but silent.

Well, come inside, you two, we are just going to have tea," said Barbara, and they all tripped in filling the tiny dining room. "This is a bombshell," said Richard, "why, you only met the other day to my knowledge."

"Do you know what made me make up my mind?" Seeing you and Barbara so happily married and settled down."

Richard looked somewhat sheepish and Barbara felt herself blushing, but Mary and Jim did not seem to be very observant, they had eyes only for each other.

Later that night, when their guests had gone, Barbara and Richard went silently into their sitting room.

"What a fool I've been, making myself almost sick with worry, and there was nothing to worry about," said Richard. "Darling, can you ever forgive me for being so mad, I do feel a pig the way I trounced you. You know it is you and you only that matters in my life."

Barbara felt happier now than she had been for some time, and she gazed thoughtfully out of the window. "I do feel small for being so petty-minded about Mary Latimer, and I must confess I did get a thrill from meeting Jim again. His mind was free from the mundane things of life, he was not pre-occupied with domestic worries, and the funny thing is that he wants to be a domestic animal."

"We have both been blind, outsiders sometimes see more of the game than the players, and Jim and Mary feel that we have something that is good and worth having, so, Barbara, all's well that ends well."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CHURCHES AND RE-ORGANISATION.

1, CLOISTER GARDENS, EDGWARE

DEAR EDITOR.—The letter of Mr. Allan Watson aroused my sympathy. I wish to reply in that strain though not always entirely in agreement.

One's point of view is often much influenced by one's experience: experience with all of us differs and has the limitations of the individual.

In such matters as religion, the form it will take and its expression in life and thought will be influenced by one's personal temperament (that is why we have so many Churches with varying methods of outlook and worship).

But I do agree that there should be complete freedom of the mind in the approach to religion. In this sense it is on the same basis as science. If religion is anything it is Truth and the only necessity in its approach is Sincerity.

But if it is the most important thing in life, as many in the past have held it to be, and as World events and needs are tending to persuade many of us nowadays that it is, it should have the fullest thought. It should have the fullest possible examination from any and every point of view. In general terms I accept that the origins of religion go back to "the unknown mists of centuries of hopelessly mixed facts and superstition" but then I would go on to say that an immense amount of research and work has been put into the study of the growth of religion and a great change wrought in the modern outlook. The modern student says, for instance, of the Old Testament that it is a history of the religious search of a section of mankind (the Jews) and of their gradual, changing and increasing discovery of the nature of God and his relationship to man.

Always there is an immense amount of earnest critical work going on in the religious world, as faithfully done as a scientist studies science, and its results are to be found in present-day religious literature and in the preaching of many modern clergymen and ministers.

The point in Mr. Watson's letter to which I dissent is the statement that every human being is born into the world without knowledge of religion. I would rather put it with the poet "trailing clouds of glory do we come from: Heaven which is our home," or in simpler words that it is a part of the human make-up to be religious. If there were space I should like to put forward a biological argument here—but there isn't. Suffice to say that a human being has a physical body for physical life, a mind for the mental portion of his life, and a soul for the spiritual portion of his being. And it is all very wonderful.

Harking back, I accept that there has been a lot of dogmatism, intolerance, superstition, lack of understanding, uncharitableness in our outlook and behaviour as Christians, but I think we are going to mend. And if man is naturally religious it is every man's job to be doing something about it.

Yours sincerely, J. A. BAYES.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS By CENTURION.

Gentlemen, The Ladies

Very few men can fully realise the difficulties under which our womenfolk are carrying on. Catering is becoming more and more the work of the expert, and we are proud to think that the wives of Watling are rising to the occasion. We miss our Steak and Kidney Pudding, to say nothing of the Roast Beef and Yorkshire, but we can safely rely upon having a satisfying meal when we return from work, even if it is a "concoction." We notice, however, in the daily Press that during the summer "Offal" will probably be de-rated. This should cheer the hearts of our gallant Mrs. Beetons.

A Practical Suggestion!

In the conversation Mr. Mendham, O.B.E., had with the *Resident* interviewer he made a suggestion which deserves the attention of the Fire Fighting Authorities of this neighbourhood. He suggested that Deans Brook, which runs so much through the locality, could be harnessed so as to make a reservoir of water in case of need for fire fighting.

A Loss to the Veterans

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Bonner, a respected member of the Veterans' Club, who passed away on Saturday, March 22nd. A chaplet was given by the Club in deep sympathy.

Children's Library

The children's library established at the Centre has proved very successful. In a conversation I had recently with the Librarian it seemed as though the library had come up to official expectations.

The "Resident" is grateful for the co-operation shown with the Children's Librarian that we are publishing a list of children's books recommended each month, according to the subject matter on the Children's Page.

My feeling is that before long a separate entrance will have to be made in Deansbrook Road to accommodate the steady stream of children—particularly at week-ends.

Watling Boys' Club

This club, which is being run by some of our members, now meets on Wednesday evenings between 7 and 9.30 o'clock at Woodcroft School, and its activities are varied, including many indoor and outdoor forms of recreation. It is hoped to arrange groups for boys interested in Hobbies, Dramatics, etc., to be held at the leaders' houses on nights other than club nights, and also to organise Rambles and Cycle Rides at week-ends. The Club takes this opportunity of inviting any boy between 14 and 18 to come along, and also would like to make an appeal for the gift or loan of equipment; our chief need at the moment being a table tennis top.

Youth Takes the Stage

It was a very healthy sign to see one of our affiliated bodies putting on a dramatic performance at the Centre recently, and judging by the attendance and the applause, this optimism was justified. A remark passed by a member that one reason why she was pleased was that the plays started at the stated time seemed to have certain implications. The Guild are now rehearsing "Short Story," and this time if you're not in your seats at the correct time you are going to miss something.

Wartime Cookery

Four Demonstrations arranged by the Gas Light and Coke Co. will be given at the Watling Centre at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27th, and following Tuesdays. Subjects to be included are: Dishes from home-grown foodstuffs, supper dishes, economy in fuel, full use of a gas oven. All are welcome.

What We Are Fighting For

A further discussion of this subject on a non-party basis will be held at Watling Centre on Sunday, May 18th, at 7 p.m., with Councillor T. Kirkland Bridge in the chair. The discussion will be opened with four short speeches from a factory worker, an employer, a housewife, a psychologist. Come and make your contribution.

MORE RANDOM JOTTINGS

Our Front Gardens

As a frequent attender at the Centre, I cannot help but notice the unfortunate state into which one side of the approach to the building has fallen. It seems a golden opportunity for making our home from home attractive being wasted. Surely some of our energetic members could get their coats off and tidy the place up a little so that it could become a source of pride instead of one of regret.

Marriages

So many of our young members seem to be marrying these days, that it is impossible to record every one in these columns. To all of those who have taken this step recently we extend our heartiest congratulations with the hope that they may enjoy many happy years of married life.

The Less Harmful Battalions

"If I were a musician I should compose a 'march of buds'; first, in a light movement lilac battalions would run and scatter; then columns of red berries would follow; a heavier formation of apple and pear buds would break in, while the young grass would twang and chirrup on every single string. And to this orchestral accompaniment the regiments of disciplined buds would march, running breathlessly forward 'in a splendid formation,' as one says of military parades, left, right; left, right; heavens, what a march!"

Karel Capek.

Seeking Relief

Most of us, especially these days, are anxious to find relief from the rather too hectic days in which we live. I suppose we all have our own means of overcoming our difficulties, but some of us are rather selfish in keeping that remedy to ourselves. If you have an experience, come along to the Community Centre and share it with others, maybe someone is needing your advice. This community becomes more and more a living force for good in proportion to the way its members give of their utmost, and we all have something to give.

Our Future Members

Anyone who is able to visit the Centre in the afternoon will be surprised at the amount of activity which exists. It is then that our energetic Youth Organiser, Mrs. Durant, and her keen band of assistants are giving the children on the Estate an opportunity to express themselves at painting, dancing, woodwork, physical training, etc. This work must be one of the most difficult tasks which we as a community undertake, and is deserving of all the help and encouragement we can give to it. Let it not be thought that these efforts are trivial, for it is the interest for doing things because they are worth doing which will do much to mould the character of these young people, and give them an interest and a purpose in life.

CENTRE ● POINTS

By "STROLLER"

● **THE ROSE BED** outside the Centre is, at the time of writing, having its annual spring-clean, and Mr. and Mrs. Price, who tend this bright patch, have just finished pruning the trees. There are over a hundred bushes, and during the summer months this is one of the bright spots of Watling. Many passers-by are cheered on their way by the perfume and wild array of these wonderful blooms.

● **SUNDAY DANCES.**—Owing to the popularity of the Sunday dance at the Centre, so many people have endeavoured to get in that it has been decided to have an overflow dance in the Common Room. Popular prices: In the Hall 6d., with dance band; in the Common Room 3d., with records. M.C.'s, Mrs. Nyberg and Mrs. Lake.

● **WHIST DRIVES.**—The old Monday night whist drive, which was transferred to Sunday afternoon, is now reverting to its original time and will in future be held on Monday night at 7.30 at the Centre.

● **W.E.A. LECTURES.**—A series of lectures on Social Psychology, under the auspices of the Workers' Education Association, is being held at the Centre. The class meets every Friday evening at 7.30, and new members, men or women, are invited to join and take part in the discussions. A very small fee covers the cost. This is a great opportunity and a valuable way of spending a few hours once a week. Lecturer, Mr. Halstead.

● **YOUR GOOD TURN.**—There is an urgent need for sellers of the *Watling Resident*. This job takes about an hour and a half each month, and all you have to do is to deliver copies of the magazine to members in one street, or part of a street, and sell what you can to non-members. Volunteers are asked to hand in their names at the Centre.

● **THE GUILD OF PLAYERS** are hard at it with rehearsals, and hope to produce on May 17th a three-act comedy entitled "Short Story," by Robert Morley. Members and friends are advised not to miss this splendid piece of entertainment by a brilliant amateur cast.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN H.M. FORCES

Send them a copy of the "Resident"

Mr. Roblou recently gave some interesting information regarding members of the Watling Association serving in H.M. Forces, and the *Watling Resident*.

It appears that the recent series of articles by Mr. Sewell Harris under the heading of "What Was and What Might Be" aroused some criticism and produced much discussion in the hut to which Mr. Roblou's son was attached.

Various members of the battalion gave their opinions on the articles. Perhaps you have a son and husband or friend of the Watling Association who would like to see a copy of the *Resident*—if so, send him one.

The Editor would be pleased to receive any letters or articles that these friends in the Forces may care to write. So don't forget to forward your copy to the men. It is encouraging to think that the *Resident* travels so far and is so well digested.

EDITORIAL

THE NATION'S
MAN POWER

OWING to the fact that the *Watling Resident* is published the last Friday in each month, we cannot include a report in this month's issue of the Public Meeting held at the Centre last Sunday on the subject of "What We are Fighting For," but as a substitute we feel justified in giving expression to one or two fundamental viewpoints.

Much has been said and written concerning the plan for the future; of education in particular, and yet we are often fogged by what education in its fullest sense means. Elsewhere in this issue is a statement issued by the Men's Adult School on what its members consider to be the basic principles of a just Social Order; it is worthy of consideration if only it has one claim, that it promotes discussion and thought. It is one of the proud possessions of the British characteristics that we can "agree and disagree" and yet arrive at a workable and happy solution—call it compromise if you like.

One would imagine that 20,000 people living together in one community would be a force to be reckoned with. How many of them can name at once the name of their representative in Parliament? How many can name at once their representative of the ward in which they live on the Hendon Borough Council?—to be truthful, very few. What does this denote? Apathy or ignorance? We suggest it is a strong proportion of both.

Yet there is another force that has a very destructive result if let loose; that is inferiority complex of the people. It hinders progress; it chokes initiative, and, above all, it gives power to a few, some of whom are not possessed of the experience and knowledge to be sufficiently mindful of the needs and aspirations of those they are supposed to serve.

JUVENILE CRIME

This inferiority complex expresses itself in many ways. In some cases satisfaction is found in the day-dream, the sentimental novel, and the cinema, where those to whom real life has brought frustration find some compensation by identifying themselves with the heroes and heroines of the screen. Is not this a form of mental sickness, so terribly common to-day, a disease of the community as much as the individual?

The unemployed man, made to feel that he is of no value to the community, but only one of a vast number on the list of those who must be maintained by the State, may find his compensation in queer ways, but what of the society that has allowed him to become of so little value?

Many young people coming before the Juvenile Courts. Charged with stealing or damaging property, evidence shows that a younger brother or sister had pushed him out of that first place which had been his in the home; or possibly a second marriage has brought

about the same result—a feeling of unwantedness; a sense of hopelessness; incapability; all those traits that make and give a feeling of inferiority.

What is so seldom realized or even admitted is that a vast majority of the juveniles that appear in court have been indulging in what for them is their natural love for adventure. Mayfair calls it "high spirits of the young people," but to the youth of Hoxton, Bermondsey and Stepney, or even Watling, it is hooliganism.

By 1917 juvenile crime had doubled and the courts were stampeded into "protecting" itself by sending hundreds of young offenders to prison where in the opinion of the court they were out of harm's way, but instead became the criminals of to-day. These young offenders were expressing in their often too crude a way a desire to do things.

Now at this moment the nation needs every man and woman to pull his or her weight and "go to it" so that we can rid Europe and the world of the menace over which it is striving to-day.

You are an entity—a value; in both mind, body and wealth. You have at one stroke risen to the realm of importance. What of the war's aftermath; are you going to relinquish that position?

At a recent meeting at which the writer of these words attended it was admitted by a member of the audience that few had the ability to write reports or articles; some were nervous to hear their own voices in public. Because of their feeling of inability and nervous dilemma, many opportunities of service and living a fuller life are lost and wasted.

The opportunity to take possession of this knowledge is everyone's property. Evening classes and groups of learning are still held in the locality. Why not see that you go to a class for writing and speech training?—it will give you confidence if nothing else.

Accompanying this possession of the ability to speak and write must be a mental awakening to the power of being able to convey your thoughts and inspirations with the minimum of discomfort to the listener and reader. So many well-intentioned folk have injured their cause by becoming abusive and even violent in their manner of speech.

Conviction for the cause which one has at heart can be "carried over" without resort to these methods—and yet the beginner in his enthusiasm for his subject and the realisation of the power this new knowledge has given him unfortunately resorts to this method.

Write to the Secretary of the Association this magazine represents and ask him to form such a class or group that will give you that feeling of confidence and satisfaction and equip you for the task of restoring law and sanity to this beloved country of ours when the greatest problem of all will be "ours" to settle; the problem of the transitional period of demobilising the man power of the country and all the difficulties that lie in its path.

These are the ideals worth giving body and soul for; the freedom of expression; the right to share the good things of this earth; the full realisation of man's inheritance to the economic wealth of the world and, above all, the sanctity of the human being whatever his station in life, colour or creed.

WATLING ESTATE'S FIRST O.B.E.?

We believe that Sub Station Officer William Benjamin Mendham, of Banstock Road, is the first recipient of the O.B.E. living on the Watling Estate and herewith record an interview with him and his family granted exclusively to a representative of the "Watling Resident"

IT was necessary to make an appointment to see Mr. William B. Mendham and family owing to the nature of Mr. Mendham's hours of duty as a Sub-Officer in the London Fire Service.

It was with a feeling of embarrassment that I undertook to interview Mr. Mendham. I had a feeling that if anyone visited me to ask questions about myself I would feel, to say the least, very embarrassed. Not so with the figure of this story. I found Mr. Mendham absolutely at ease, and only too willing to help to reveal the story stage by stage.

The honour bestowed upon Mr. Mendham by His Majesty was in recognition of services on the night of September 9th. Londoners had not at that stage become hardened to the blitz, and it is evident that the coolness and courage of such men at that time helped considerably to avoid panic and disaster.

Naturally, when questioned, the hero of this story said how his effort came spontaneously without any thought of personal gain or reward.

A colleague, Senior Fireman Alfred North, was similarly rewarded for his part on the night of September 9, and here is the official description taken from the "London Gazette" of March 7th, 1941:—

"On the occasion of serious fires in the City, Company Officer Mendham worked unceasingly for over eight hours taking different crews into various buildings where fires had gained a strong hold.

MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY,
WHITEHALL,
S.W.1.

6th March, 1941.

SIR,

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to inform you that the Chairman of the London County Council drew his attention to your gallant conduct on the 9th September, 1940, when you worked unceasingly for over eight hours at the fires in King William Street, E.C., and succeeded in preventing the fires spreading and also, on the same evening, did excellent work at the fire in Watling Street, E.C.

Mr. Herbert Morrison felt that your courage and devotion to duty were deserving of high praise and he took steps to bring the matter to the notice of His Majesty the King. I now have the pleasure of informing you, that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to award you the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for Meritorious Service, in recognition of your exemplary conduct.

The notice of this award will appear in a list to be published as a Supplement to the London Gazette on the evening of Friday, 7th March, 1941.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. GATER.

Company Officer
William Benjamin Mendham.

These buildings were considered unsafe owing to hits by high explosive bombs. His prompt actions confined the fires to the scene of origin.

"Senior Fireman North led parties of men to upper floors of two separate eight-storey buildings where the fire had obtained a good hold, and was threatening other buildings as well as showing considerable light to the enemy overhead. By his exertions, leadership and initiative, the fires were confined to these two buildings and quickly subdued."

When I asked how the family felt at being invited to Buckingham Palace, Mr. Mendham related this interesting story:—

"My colleague and I had rehearsed beforehand to salute in the proper fashion, and you can imagine our dismay when on arrival our caps were taken from us. We questioned some soldiers who had been similarly treated, and they could not enlighten us as to the reason—we were temporarily beaten. Later an official explained that we were to bow before His Majesty, and

not one of us had practised bowing, so we wondered what kind of a show we would make of it.

"However, with instructions completed, we proceeded towards the King, and found him very reassuring and completely putting us at our ease. His manner of putting the person at ease was very noticeable. When a person appeared before him and did the bow in the correct manner His Majesty did likewise, but when the person gave only a slight movement of the body forward, so His Majesty did the same."

Mrs. Mendham and daughter witnessed the procedure from seats placed nearby, and although awed somewhat (and who wouldn't be) by the spectacle, were very much at ease. The daughter (I absent-mindedly forgot to ask her name and age), of about 3 years, wanted to go home before the investiture was over, and one gathered that had it not been for the band playing her ladyship would have become even more bored with the proceedings.

Mr. and Mrs. Mendham have themselves been "bombed out." They resided earlier at 18, Gunter's Grove, but owing to the bomb damage making their home uninhabitable, they were obliged to seek alternative accommodation at 75, Banstock Road.

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LEISURE: Shall We Know How To Use It?

By E. SEWELL HARRIS

WE have to eat in order to live, though sometimes we spend more time over eating than we need, or than is good for us. The necessary time can't be called leisure, though the extra time can. The same applies to sleep, and perhaps for some people to exercise, though if you have to take exercise apart from your work you can choose what form it takes, so perhaps we had better include that as leisure occupation. In order to get something to eat and somewhere to sleep most of us have to work, so the time for that also must be taken out of our twenty-four hour day before we consider our leisure time, which will be what is left.

One cannot always choose the work one wants, but one can choose, within limits, how one spends one's leisure and so in the use of our leisure we reveal to the world what we really are, our enthusiasms or our despair, our ideals or our apathy. What we do and how we do it is how what we have become, and they also help to determine what we shall become. Whether we shall know what to do with greater leisure, if and when we get it partly depends on how we use the leisure we have now.

The revealing power of leisure goes very deep. It exposes your thoughts about yourself, your relationship to others and indeed to the whole world. Do you think of yourself as an isolated individual who can do what she, or he, likes without reference to anyone else or to any moral code? Your use of leisure will show it. Are you a straw drifting on the stream of events? Your use of your leisure will show it. Have you some anchorage in life, do you try to be captain of your own soul, do you see yourself as one co-operating with others, as part of a great life movement, do you feel any responsibilities for the welfare or happiness of others, near or far from you? The way you use your leisure provides the answer.

Think what we owe to the way in which people in the past have used their leisure, often much more scant than ours! Thanks to their aspirations and efforts we enjoy many things they could not have. In her play "Inheritors," Susan Glaspell puts something of this thought into the mouth of an American pioneer who has just been told about the theory of evolution.

Morton.—"But think what it is you've said! If it's true that we *made* ourselves—made ourselves out of the wanting to be more—created ourselves you might say, by our own courage—our—what is it? Inspiration . . . Then we are what we are because through all that time there've been them that wanted to be more than life had been—why, then we aren't finished yet. . . . Then if we don't be—the most we can be, if we don't be more than life has been, we go back on all that life behind us; go back on—the—"

Fejevary.—"Go back on the dreaming and the darning of a million years."

If we keep that thought in mind we shall want to look carefully at the way in which we use our leisure, so as to make sure that we do not betray the past. Two main lines of activity open before us, one more concerned with our personal growth as individuals, the

other with our place in society and our relations with our fellows. These, of course, cannot be rigidly separated, but they indicate a difference in emphasis. For example, if you do P.T. exercises each morning to keep fit that may primarily be to develop an active body and mind, but by doing this you also make yourself a more useful and, other things being the same, a more agreeable, member of society. On the other hand, if you join a political group in order to work for certain improvements in the organisation of community you will find that you acquire a good deal of interesting information and a certain discipline of mind which develop you as an individual.

One of the conditions of knowing how to use our leisure is to know what the possibilities are, and here it is important that we should look at the position for ourselves with an unprejudiced eye and make up our minds on a rational basis as to the path we will choose. It is foolish to assume that just because my mate spends all his leisure at the "Pig and Whistle," therefore I must spend all mine there too. It is equally foolish to go to dances every night just because other girls do. If you decide after really trying the other possibilities, that the "Pig and Whistle" or the dance is the only thing which is going to make you a happier, more useful and more enjoyable person, then that's that, but the hope for the future would not be bright if everyone thought that way.

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Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6-30:—

May 4.—Mr. W. STUNT.

May 11.—Mr. A. B. HARLAND.

May 18.—Mr. C. GROVE.

May 25.—Mr. R. A. LAIDLAW.

WOMEN'S PAGE

LIFE NEEDS SWEETENING!

IT'S A DATE

SINCE writing in last month's *Resident*, we have been rationed with Jam, Syrup and Marmalade, and isn't it difficult to make the meagre 8 ozs. go round, especially if there are children in the family. My children seem to need more sugar now that sweets and chocolates are rare, for sugar is the fuel that provides the energy for these young whirlwinds.

Do keep your eyes open for Dates in the green-grocers, and buy as many as you can afford, they are rich in iron, and are an excellent source of natural sugar. They can be made into many kinds of food, and I hope the recipes on this page will be of help. I expect you know that stoned Dates rolled in desiccated Cocoanut make good sweets.

Whilst in my greengrocer's shop the other day I saw some Mushroom stalks at 1s. 4d. a lb, Mushrooms were 4s. a lb. These stalks are a very nice luxury to have for flavouring a soup: 2 ozs. would be a good amount to buy for this purpose, or a larger quantity would make a welcome addition to a piece of Steak, or Bacon. I can recommend this for a special occasion; you will be surprised at the difference they will make to an ordinary meal, and the gravy made from the pan will be pleasantly flavoured.

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Recipes of the Month

DATE SPREAD.

2 lbs. stoned Dates, 1 pint Lemon Jelly,
1½ pints of water, and 1 oz. Ground
Ginger if liked.

Cut the jelly small, chop Dates and add to the water and ground ginger. Simmer in a pan for three quarters of an hour, and put as for Jam in hot dry jars. This makes about 4½ lbs. of sweet spread and will keep for two weeks, or will keep longer if you sterilise it as you would for bottled fruit.

DATE AND RHUBARB CHEESE.

Prepare and cut up 1 lb. of Rhubarb into 1 inch lengths, and chop 4 ozs. of Dates. Mix together and place in a pudding basin. Cover with an upturned saucer, steam in a sauce-pan one third full of boiling water until the Rhubarb is quite tender and well mixed with the Dates. This is excellent for Tarts, Turnovers, and Sandwich filling.

HALF AN APPLE A DAY

It is hard to have to refuse the children fruit, and I was very glad to see cooking Apples on sale again. Although they are not so sweet as the Apples we are used to, they are well appreciated by the children. At 8d. a lb. they are not too expensive as things go these days, and half an Apple has to suffice my bairns per day. I found that constipation was beginning to be a problem on a fruitless diet, and I have found it a very good plan to double the amount of greenstuff at dinner time. Savoys, Cabbage, and Brussels have been plentiful this winter and cheap, so it has been no strain on the budget, and, of course, the garden has been a source of fresh greenstuff for the family. It adds interest to the meal if part of it is home-grown.

PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

You can prevent a bottle leaking in your bag by running two glass headed pins through the cork so that they cross inside the bottle. The points should extend right under the shoulder of the bottle neck.

An old broom head makes an excellent shoe cleaner to put outside the garden door. Cut the middle section of bristles to about 2 inches high, so that there are thick long bristles either side on which to rub the boots. Cut the handle short and ram well in the ground, hubby will have no excuse then for coming in the kitchen with muddy boots!

If you burn coal or coke and wish to sift the cinders for further burning, throw a cloth over the sieve before riddling them, this will prevent clouds of irritating dust rising.

May is the Month of



Activity in the Garden

DON'T FORGET THE FLOWERS

FLOWER GARDEN.—Sow hardy annual seeds for late flowering.

Sow seeds of hardy perennials in open beds.

Plant pansies, violets, sweet williams, Canterbury bells, carnations, pinks, hollyhocks and hardy plants generally.

Plant out dahlias and put the stake in at the same time as the tubers so as to avoid damaging the tubers later.

Place the chrysanthemums in their flowering pots.

Propagate ericas, epacris, cytisus and coronillas by cuttings.

Stake the sweet peas. Twiggy hazel branches are best for this purpose.

Watch the roses, especially the ramblers, for the appearance of green fly, which usually comes during cold east winds. Unless it is checked the points of the young shoots will soon become so badly infested that growth will be stunted and very few flowers of any quality will be produced. Syringe the plants with some insecticide, such as a solution of soft soap and quassia, which will not injure the foliage.

FRUIT GARDEN.—The leaves of gooseberry bushes infested with caterpillars should be dusted with soot or lime.

Put a mulching of littery manure on the strawberry bed.

Cherries will require careful watching for the appearance of slugworms. They are difficult to dislodge as the pest gets fixed between two leaves and spraying will not reach the slugs effectively enough to destroy them. Hand picking is the best method, though unpleasant but it is surprising how many slugs can be picked in a short time. Pinch the points out of the shoots when they are six to nine inches long in order to swell out the fruit.

Plums will also need to have the points of the shoots pinched out in order to concentrate the force near the base. Any shoots not required for extension should be immediately removed. By stopping the shoots in good time the fruit will have energy diverted to them and the tree will enjoy more light and air.

Outdoor vine culture is possible in the south and south-west of England, where excellent results may be obtained in a favourable season. Disbudding should now be proceeded with and weak growth removed. Retain two strong shoots to each spur. Pinch out the point two joints beyond the bunch of fruit and stop all laterals at the first leaf.

POTATOES AND BEANS

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Earth up the early potatoes as soon as the haulms appear above the ground to prevent injury by late frosts.

Sow French, runner and haricot beans.

Hoe the surface of the soil wherever possible, in fine weather, so as to destroy seedling weeds.

Examine the asparagus bed every morning as the shoots become ready for gathering. Endeavour to cut shoots of a uniform size; six inches is a convenient length. Long and short shoots mixed spoil the appearance of the dish.

The first or second week of May is a good time to sow the seeds of the main crop of beetroot. If the sowing is made at an earlier date the roots are liable to become too large and are of little use because of their pale colour. Select an open position and ground that has been deeply worked and has a fine tilth. Avoid using fresh manure. Wood ashes are very beneficial and should be worked into the soil when sowing.

Plant out vegetable marrows towards the end of the month on a prepared mound of rich soil, which is better than an old hotbed or manure heap. The marrows may not grow quite so robust by adopting the former method, but they will be much more plentiful and also last longer.—"Concerning Kew," Page 10.

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PETS IN THE BLITZ

Recently I had occasion to visit one of our most bombed towns. I saw the usual horrible destruction that some of us are getting familiar with. Perhaps this particular town affected me most because it was my birthplace.

As I walked through the ruined roads and streets in which I had played games as a boy; the old school, now nothing but a skeleton, a friend who was with me remarked, "What would old so and so say if he could see this. The old house and shop I was born in, with the stable which housed our pony Tom all destroyed?" The scene brought a lump to my throat as I stood and thought of the happier days.

The thing that arrested my attention most, I think, was the way the cats, although their homes had been destroyed, still sat where the window sill used to be. I counted in one street alone twenty cats all sitting on the site which was once their home. They all looked happy and content, as most cats do, but at the time I saw them they had only been homeless three days.

How they fared afterwards I cannot say. Perhaps the owners thought and worried about them, but at the time they had so much to worry about and no time for cats. I wondered why they had not a Blue Cross tab on their neck which, if they had, I supposed they would have been collected and cared for until the owner was free to enquire. Finally I am prompted to ask the question, "Have you registered your pet?"—C. S. SMITH.

WANTED.

GIRL'S Bicycle (second-hand), in good condition, for child 10-12. Write, giving particulars as to condition and price, to Box C185, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road.

"LEISURE"—Continued from Page Five.

Perhaps you think you have so little leisure now that it does not much matter what you do with it, but the habits you form now will determine to a large extent what you do with greater leisure when you get it. Besides, just as the less money you have the more important it is to you that it be spent wisely, so the less leisure you have the more important it is to spend that wisely.

Sometimes when one makes a suggestion, the reply is, "Oh, I can't afford that," so it may be worth while to remark that there is great variety in the cost of leisure occupations. One can spend as much on drinking as on hitch-hiking, or on dancing as on reading, subscriptions to political parties or fees for W.E.A. classes are usually less than those for football clubs or than the cost of regular visits to the dog track.

Even a short list of possible leisure time occupations may fill a whole page of the *Resident*, as indeed it nearly did last summer, but a few might receive special attention here.

As this is in the organ of a community association, we might think just of community service. A good deal of satisfaction can be found in taking up a particular job of service to the community and doing it as well as one can. Of course there are times of discouragement, as in anything which is worth while, when one has missed every shot at goal, or came out for a duck. The cost can be made to fit any pocket, the choice is very great and doing a job of work with others helps to make friends.

Finding out about the story of life is a fascinating occupation. How is it that horses, monkeys, whales, pigs, and men all have the same general bone structure, a backbone, head and four limbs, each with five digits at the ends, also where necessary a tail?

The stars are as thick in the sky as six specks of dust in Waterloo Station. The earth is probably the only object in the sky on which there is anything like life, unless perhaps it be Mars. What is the evidence for these statements?

"Music hath charms . . ." and in these days of wireless and recording, one can study and enjoy it even though not oneself a performer, and nearly everyone can join others in singing if they want to. Poetry, also, can lift our thoughts and lead us into a new world. Religion has been one of the most powerful influences in human history, and many people still give it the first place in their lives. Try it before you discard it, but make sure you know what you are looking for.

Shall we know how to use our leisure? That depends on how we use what we have, on our desires, our will and our self-discipline.

WATLING BOYS' CLUB

The Boys' Club that has been running so successfully during the winter months at Woodcroft School, Goldbeaters Grove, is, on Wednesday, April 23, changing its time of meeting to Wednesday evenings at Woodcroft School from 7—9.30 p.m.

It is hoped that the Club will gain additional members by this change, and parents are asked to encourage their sons, if between the ages of 14-18 years, to pay the Club a visit and become members. The Club hopes to take on additional activities during the summer months.

ADULT SCHOOLS'

Own Column

MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

A STATEMENT.

The Burnt Oak Men's Adult School are concerned as to the social and economic structure of the world, and below set forth some basic principles that they consider are essential to the establishment of a just order of society.

1. Everyone is entitled, without distinction of race, colour, or professed beliefs or opinions, to the nourishment, covering, and medical care needed to realise his physical and mental development.

2. The community shall maintain the principle of compulsory elementary education, and every person from childhood shall have equal opportunity of education suited to his capacities and desires.

3. So long as the use of armed force is not advocated to overthrow the Government of the day, expression of opinion should be absolutely free and uncensored in word, both spoken and printed, recognising laws of libel only. Libraries shall not bar any book or books for reason of political or religious bias.

4. In order to ensure these rights it is necessary to abolish private economic power of individuals or groups, such as banks and monopolistic organisations, over both those within their own national boundaries and those beyond. It is also necessary to abolish economic power of one nation over the other nations or peoples.

5. In particular, it is necessary to establish the common ownership of land and mineral wealth. The community may lease land to individuals or groups for such periods and under such conditions as it thinks best in the interest of the community, but the ownership and ultimate control of the use of the land must be in the hands of the people as a whole.

6. Governments shall be truly democratically elected by the people, shall consist of one house only, and shall be limited in their period of office.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Recalling to mind the many commodities produced from the by-products of coal, and the tremendous amount of energy and power of which coal is the source, thoughts were turned by Mrs. Durant, from a reading on April 7th, to the lives of the men whose task it is to bring to the surface of the earth this most precious mineral.

Another dangerous calling—even in normal times—is sea-faring; and in this present wartime the debt we owe to the crews of minesweepers is very great. In an effort to brighten the lives of some of these men, whom members have taken under their wings, a whist drive and social afternoon has been held and others arranged, the proceeds of which will be added to a Comforts Fund for the men.

We are sorry that Mrs. Theobald, who has served us so well as Secretary for some time, is obliged to be away for a while, but in her absence Mrs. Durant has kindly consented to fulfil these duties, and she will gladly welcome new members.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Picture on the Front Page is a challenge to all young readers—it was drawn by a 16 years' old girl, Helen McInnes, of Letchworth—See what YOU can do!

1st published letter from a child of ten years
as a result of the invitation printed last month

13th April, 1941.

26, THE MEADS,
BURNT OAK,
EDGWARE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

After reading your letter in the *Watling Resident*, I thought it would be a good idea to write and tell you of my favourite hobby.

In my spare time I write Fairy Tales and Poems. I have written two Fairy Tales and three Poems, one of which I will now write for you.

The Butterfly

As I was lying on the grass
I saw a butterfly,
It flitted o'er the daisies white
It looked so dainty in the light.

It had beautiful gossamer wings,
All red, white and brown,
And as it passed my head
It dropped some thistledown.

It seemed to have such dainty feet
With little golden shoes,
And beautiful silk stockings
The Fairy Queen might choose.

It seemed to have a golden crown
With rubies glowing red,
And a dainty little golden chain
To fasten round its head.

The Butterfly went on its way,
I followed where it led,
It flitted o'er the daisies white
Until it vanished from my sight.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Easter.

Yours truly,

JOSEPHINE COLEMAN.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR . . .

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Isn't it lovely to have the fairy-like poem, and the clever drawing on our cover this month? I do hope that these efforts will give you all courage to write for your very own page. I'm sure that there must be many other children just as clever as our two young contributors, and I will let you into a secret. The Editor was very pleased because someone had responded to his letter last month. I can only have a little space this month, so cheerio for now.

SNOW WHITE.

YOUR LIBRARY

By the Children's Librarian

Spring is here at last! How we long for the first warm days after the long cold winter. Now we can get into the country, watch the birds building their nests and look out for the first Spring flowers.

But perhaps you do not know the names of some of the birds and flowers. Here are some books that will help you:—

Wild Flowers of the Wayside and Woodland (Scott and Stokoe).

The Book of Wild Flowers and the Story of their Names (Browning).

The Junior Bird Watcher (Daglish).

Birds' Eggs and Nests (Hall).

A Pocket Book of British Birds (Hall).

A Book of Common Birds (Sandars).

There is just one thing to remember—always wash your hands before looking at your books and before coming to the library to change them.

LOOK OUT—

FOR

NEXT MONTH'S

“WATLING RESIDENT.”

Watling Week Programme

AND

A Number of Special Interest to
Choir Members and
Members of the Adult Schools

THE BOY SCOUT'S BELT

I wonder did the Random Note in a recent "Resident" on Boy Scouts' belts, arouse any interest in any of our readers? I wonder, too, if they know anything special about the Scout belt—why there should be a Scout belt at all? (It has nothing to do with the reason why Mr. Gladstone wore red—or blue—braces.)

Fastened to the bottom of the clasp is a twist of wire, whose naked ends are apt to scratch the hand of the wearer. This is not the result of carelessness or accident, but has been put there with "malice aforethought," to act as a reminder, if necessary, of the daily good turn.

When people have mentioned to them the Boy Scout movement, they invariably murmur something about the "Good turn once a day being a very good thing," and straightway go out of their way to find good turns for the boys to do, generally some job for themselves they think they can get done for nothing! Of course, this is all wrong. The good turn is more than a "very good thing," and is not just a "once a day" exercise.

It is the putting into practice of the first and second Scout Promises, which are: (1), to do one's duty to God and the King; (2) to help other people at all times. As I see it, our duty to God is as much making the best and fullest use of the gifts God has given us, after the manner of the Parable of the Talents, as it is, say, attending a place of worship. This is the aim which each Scout should have in life. He is encouraged to do his best in the certain knowledge that others in the Troop are also striving towards the same aim. And so the "good turn" becomes an attitude and an expression of that attitude.

The Scout belt wire, the knot in the scarf, and all such mechanical devices, are just incidents in the "game of Scouting" which appeal to the romantic imagination of the boys and carry the symbol of service-for-others for all the world to see.

B.B.

"WATLING RESIDENT" CONFERENCE AND SOCIAL

The Conference and Social held at the Centre on Saturday, April 5th, was very successful indeed.

Mr. E. E. Cole, the retiring Secretary to the Resident Committee, occupied the chair, and Mr. F. Lake and the Editor, Mr. A. Robert Croker, addressed the meeting.

Those present contributed fully to the discussion that followed on the many points under review.

The chief problem to the Committee was that of distribution of the copies each month. Sellers are badly needed, but the meeting was worth while if only because we were able to obtain the services of a new seller.

The discussion was very interesting and proved that those who attended were interested in its progress. The Committee value very much the ideas and suggestions that were offered, and hope to have such a conference again in the near future.

A social time followed the Social. Mr. A. I. Jones was able to gather a quartet from members of the Watling Association Choir, and they rendered two songs in a very fine manner. Games were enjoyed by the rest of the gathering. Watch for future announcement.

CONCERNING KEW—II

Last month we had a few historical notes about the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. Here are now some notes about a few, out of the many, objects of special interest that can be seen there to-day in the 280 acres which the Gardens cover.

Roughly speaking there are two main sections, viz.: the plants and trees that grow in the open air, and those that are grown under glass in a much higher temperature than the out-door plants.

The arrangement of the plants is systematic, that is, in accordance with their natural affinities. A geographical arrangement according to the countries of origin is, with a few exceptions not used, though there are plants from almost all the countries of the world.

A very attractive feature is the Sion Vista which was planted by Nesfield in 1845 and finally opened up in 1851. It is a level, smoothly mown, grass avenue 1,000 yards long, with a very fine view to the S.W. Beyond the Vista this view ranges over the Thames across the meadows of Sion Park to the woods near Isleworth. "In few places so near Charing Cross can so extensive a view be had without the intrusion of bricks and mortar.

Another beautiful feature of Kew is the Lake which covers four and a half acres. It is entirely artificial. It was finally completed in 1861. Much of the material excavated was used to make paths in the Gardens, of which there are about 15 miles, and a further large quantity was used to form the raised terrace on which Temperate House was afterwards built. A connecting culvert with the Thames was made and the river is still the sole source of the water supply, though water can only be obtained at high tides, usually when the moon is new or full.

There is a special pond for water lilies, which are seen to the greatest advantage at Kew. To see the lilies at their best the pond should be visited in the morning when the flowers are fully expanded.

The glass houses are a special attraction. There are twenty-six of these open to the public. One of the most interesting is the Tropical Fern House, where ferns from moist tropical forests will be found. The stag's horn ferns should also be noted.

Mention may also be made of the Conservatory which is deservedly a popular house. Here are magnificent specimens of flowering shrubs and plants with which we are familiar in our humble gardens and green-houses, such as hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, cyclamen, carnations, cinerarias, begonias, pelargoniums, primulas and lilies. Here there is a constant succession of wealth of blossom throughout the year.

DANCING TIME

Dancing is probably the most popular pastime of the young, and not so young, people of Watling, and this is well illustrated by the support given to this activity at the Centre. We often, when talking of dancing, think only of the ballroom variety, and forget that boisterous form of exercise called country dancing. The Centre, however, has not forgotten those enthusiasts who prefer to spend their spare time enjoying the same pursuits that their forefathers practised on the village green, and a Class is held on Monday evenings, when all who are interested are welcome. It is worth attending to witness the Secretary, having dropped the cares of office, tripping the light fantastic.

A COLUMN OF MEDICAL HINTS

By F. H. LAKE.

Instead of giving a sweet or piece of orange after the medicine, try giving it before. This will destroy the unpleasant taste of the medicine and there will be no further trouble.

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MEDICINE-BOTTLE CORKS.—Screw a dresser-hook into each cork. This saves trouble and delay with broken corks when medicine is required.

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IRON MEDICINE.—Medicine containing iron must always be taken through a tube, or it discolours the teeth. For a child, a stick of macaroni is even better than the glass tube sold for the purpose as the glass might be accidentally bitten.

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When sterilising a needle in boiling water to remove splinters, etc., it is often very difficult to remove the needle from the water. Try threading the needle with cotton, and there will be no necessity to burn your fingers when removing it.

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TO AVOID PRICKED FINGER.—Put a finger-shield (cost about a penny from any haberdashery store) on the first finger of the left hand when sewing. A thimble answers the same purpose, but is clumsy.

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Busy housewives find cut fingers are a nuisance to keep clean. But if the finger is dressed, then wrapped in a piece of transparent paper (like that covering cigarette packets), the dressing will remain clean and any risk of infection avoided.

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When adhesive tape is used for a cut finger it always leaves a dark sticky mark, which is very difficult to remove. A small piece of a clean white handkerchief (the same size as the adhesive tape required), wound round the finger first, prevents the tape from touching and staining the flesh.

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NEURITIS.—Slice threepenny-worth of camphor thinly and add to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of methylated spirits (costs about 7d.). When camphor dissolves, mixture is ready for use. Daub on affected part once or twice daily. (Do not rub.)

A hint for bandage rollers for emergency work: Obtain a sardine tin opener (as supplied with the tins). Roll the bandage round the end until it grips, and then proceed to roll up by turning opener round and round.

When bandage is completely rolled, hold firm and ease out the opener and you will have a nicely rolled bandage in half the time of rolling by hand and more evenly done.

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FISH-BONE IN THROAT.—Break a fresh egg into a teacup without breaking the egg and swallow the egg. You will find the bone gone.

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Two excellent remedies for hiccoughs:—

1. Stop up both ears and get someone to hold a glass of water which must be drunk rapidly.
2. Place an ordinary paper bag over the mouth and nose so that the carbonic acid gas is not expelled in the ordinary way. Breathing in this way for about two minutes usually stops the most severe hiccoughs.

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**"IS IT NOTHING TO YOU . . .
WHO PASS BY?"**

It is strange how we accept changes in our method of living after a few early grumbles, and settle down to a new environment happy and contented. The thousands who shelter on London's Underground stations are dwelling in palaces compared with those victims of circumstances over which they have no control, who find themselves too far away from the Underground to take shelter. They are forced to take shelter in underground warehouses, etc., some of which are considered very unsatisfactory.

One such shelter I visited recently, where the chief concern of its residents was how to keep the wet out. A Social Club was being formed for the young people, and when I shared in the pastimes of billiards, table tennis, darts, etc., I found I was walking about in puddles.

The Authorities are working very hard indeed on this problem of keeping the wet out, and all credit must be given to the Chief Shelter-Marshall in his efforts to make "his family of 900," as he referred to them, comfortable and happy.—"CONCERNED."

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RANDOM JOTTINGS

On The Green

Any Sunday afternoon now that the sun has consented to shine and you are in need of a walk, you will discover members of the Watling Association Bowling Club exercising their limbs and showing their skill on the bowling green in Watling Park. These tired husbands (I haven't seen any women members yet) seem to thoroughly enjoy this recreation.

Centurion Retires

The regular contributor under the pen name of "Centurion," owing to pressure of other work, is unable to continue his service to this magazine.

We thank Mr. S. Jones for his help in preparing this page, and look forward to the time when he may feel able to resume. Some may already know that he is giving all his time and energy to the running and organising of the Watling Boys' Club, which now is meeting about four times weekly.

Watling Week, 1941

You are advised to thoroughly study the programme of this year's "Watling Week" on pages 7-10 and make up your mind early which event you are attending and make sure you are punctual, otherwise you won't be sure of getting a seat—You have been warned!

Rummage Sale

I am asked to draw attention again to the need of more articles for the Rummage Sale to be held at the Centre during Watling Week. The more there is for sale the more there will be to buy, and don't forget dealers are not admitted. See programme for details of day and time of sale.

July "Resident"

Make sure you get your July issue of the *Resident*, as you will be able to read of the happenings during "Watling Week." Owing to the fact that the "week" ends on the 30th of June, it will not be possible to conclude the report until the August number is out.

Keeping Fit

Sunday morning. Time 10 o'clock. Venue the grass patch behind the Centre. Six young men whose only attire seems to be a pair of shorts, a pair of slippers and a pair of boxing gloves. This is the scene which confronted one on a recent warm day, and judging by the blows exchanged, the youth of Watling knows how to give and take it. To some of us there may seem pleasanter ways of spending leisure time, but no one could have found more enjoyment than these lads were apparently finding.

A Sad Loss

Mrs. L. King, a much valued member and worker of the Watling Association and devoted leader to members of the Veteran's Club as well as voluntary worker to many good causes in this locality, has recently suffered the tragic loss through enemy action of her husband, Mr. L. King.

We know how little words can suffice at times such as this through which she and her son, Reginald, are passing, but feel we would like them both to know how much our thoughts and prayers are with them in their sad bereavement.

"What We Are Fighting For"

Another meeting on the same subject was held at the Centre on Sunday, May 25th, but the report will have to be included in the July number of the *Resident*.

KEEP THIS COPY!

You will probably have noticed the number on the cover of your *Resident*, it is there for a purpose so don't destroy this month's copy until July issue is out.

Eight numbers are to be announced on Friday, June 27th at the Watling Week dinner, also in the July issue of the *Resident*. Should one of the numbers announced be the one on the cover of your copy of this

month's *Resident* you will be entitled to call at the Centre for a voucher entitling you to make purchases to the amount of 5/- at a shop named on your voucher.

Don't forget to keep your copy as it will have to be produced at the office before the voucher can be handed out. No claim can be entertained after Saturday, July 19th.

DRAMATICS

WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS PRESENT :

"SHORT STORY"

By Robert Morley

Reviewed by the "Resident's" Dramatic Critic.

On Saturday evening, 17th May, the Watling Guild of Players presented Robert Morley's three-act play, "Short Story," and a large and appreciative audience was treated to a fine performance.

Although the plot of the play was not strong, the actors seemed to have a good understanding of the characters they were representing, and the casting had obviously been given a great deal of attention. The producer had handled the whole play very well and the performance was smooth, with very few faults on the part of the actors with the dialogue.

The chief character, Simon Leigh, an author married to an actress, was played by Mr. Ernest Cole, and his wife, Georgina Leigh, played by Mrs. Edith Cole; and both parts were well performed. Penelope Marsh, the young lady who has an affair with Simon whilst cruising, and is nearly the cause of his home wrecking, was taken by Miss Florence Baldwin. Miss Baldwin played this difficult part well, but one felt that Penelope was a much more sophisticated person than the characterisation indicated.

Much of the lighter side of the play was introduced by a talkative person, Miss Flower, and Miss Edith Graysmark must receive special mention for some fine acting in this part; probably the finest individual performance in the play. The other characters were Lord and Lady Bucktrout, played by Mr. Frederick Lake and Miss G. V. Kimmenade, Mark Kurt by Mr. Sewell Harris, and the maid by Miss Irene Speller. Mr. Lake was amusing in his part, but was inclined to over-act, caused no doubt by enthusiasm or liking for the part. Miss Kimmenade, Mr. Harris and Miss Speller all played well and contributed to a finished production.

The producer was Miss Kimmenade, to whom must go much of the praise for a successful show.

The play will be presented again on June 26th, when any who were unable to obtain tickets for the first performance will have a second opportunity of seeing it.—S.J.

Peace and Quietness in Worship

Have you ever thought of attending a Friends (Quaker) Meeting for Worship, where for an hour we wait upon God for His help and guidance.

Such a Meeting is held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at the WATLING CENTRE, ORANGE HILL ROAD (Corner of Deansbrook Road).

CENTRE POINTS

By "STROLLER"

● **BOWLS CLUB.**—Commencing on Sunday, June 29th, there will be a Spoon Drive at the Centre on the last Sunday in every month. All those who are interested in a friendly game of whist are invited to come along. Winners of last Spoon Drive: Messrs. Robertson, Moore, jun., Knight, Dodd (skip).

● **OLD-TIME SOCIALS.**—Some of our elderly members have expressed a desire that the Saturday night socials—once so popular—should be revived. It will be remembered that these jolly evenings used to start off with 10 hands of whist, and from then on dancing, games and entertainment occupied the remainder of the evening. Will all those interested please give their names to Mr. Judd, Social Secretary, or to the office.

● **THE W.A. CHOIR,** whose picture appears on the front cover of this issue, regret that some members were unable to attend when the photograph was taken. In these difficult days it is not always possible to get a full attendance, nevertheless, all absent members can rest assured that their services are no less appreciated. The choir will be giving a concert during Watling Week in aid of funds for the Association, and all music lovers and supporters are advised to get their tickets early.

● **FOLK DANCING** is proving very popular at the Centre. There is room for new members. Every Monday night at 7.30.

● **THE BURNT OAK MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL,** which meets at the Centre every Sunday morning at 9.30, had some very interesting and instructional discussions during May, including such subjects as "Why Piccadilly," an informative discourse on the names of London streets, "The Limits of Compulsion," a wide subject on how far we should be *compelled* to do things, and "Local Government." These were just a few of the tit-bits and represent a fair average of the discussions taking place in the Men's Adult School. New members are invited.

● **A NEIGHBOURS' SOCIAL** takes place at the Centre every Friday evening at 7.30. This group originally consisted of members of the Association who were also members of the W.V.S. Now it is open to all ladies of the Watling Association. The evening is spent in dancing and games, and is a real effort to take your minds off war worry.

● **THE BOYS' CLUB** is now meeting every Wednesday evening at Woodcroft School, and its members are gradually increasing. Mr. Stanley Jones, who is working so hard to bring the club up to a high standard, is rewarded by the keenness displayed by the boys. A summer programme has been arranged, and includes cycling, camping, boxing, rambling, athletics, discussions and first-aid. It is hoped to add other items to the programme as time goes on.

● **THE GUILD OF PLAYERS'** latest show, "Short Story," a three-act comedy by Robert Morley, was given at the Centre on Saturday, May 17th, and, so far as advance reports go, it was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. Many of those present have seen previous performances, and compliment the Guild on improving every time they go on the stage.



WATLING WEEK 1941

WE do not apologise for the fact that repeatedly on this page we find it necessary to sing the praises or write of the virtues of the "Watling Association"; who would not publicise the efforts of any progressive body, these days in particular?

It has been mentioned also before that we are conscious that the Association this magazine represents is not a perfect organisation. If that were not so we should have little need to write of its work. The success of such a body depends on the drive and energy of those members who see the "goal" for which they are aiming—a real community spirit.

The four centre pages of this month's issue give to the reader a summary of what the Association can stage in one week. The carnival procession of pre-war days has been temporarily dropped, but with the events to be held at the Centre during this one "week" in the month and the advantage of the longer period of daylight, there is a wonderful opportunity for those who are familiar with the work of the Association and those who through necessity have not been regular in their support during the winter months to renew their interests and regain that sense of enjoyment and pleasure that such an association as "ours" can give.

Finally, a word for the timid and nervous; don't say after it is all over, "I wish I had gone, it sounds as though it was an excellent show"—come along and introduce yourself. New faces are always welcome, and with that we close this little epistle.

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ARE YOU A FIRE-WATCHER?

It is encouraging to those of us who believe that the salvation of mankind depends on how far the "people" can pull together that we support the move to establish an association of "Fire-Watchers" on the Watling Estate.

We commend this body to all those who have undertaken this service, and believe that before long its aims, now necessarily confined to the interests of members who are serving their country fire-watching will develop into a body of concerned men and women who cannot and will not drop their willingness to "work together"—see report of meeting in this magazine.

"WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR"

At the recent meeting under the above title held at the Centre under the chairmanship of Councillor T. Kirkland Bridge, the speaker, Mr. F. E. Dunning, of the Ministry of Information, had to face a barrage of questions.

The address obviously drew a certain amount of criticism, for the questions were numerous and to the point. Such posers as why did Britain grant a £2,000,000 loan to Spain; and why did the Government find it necessary to suppress a workers' newspaper, also why did the Government not release the India political prisoners if full support for the waging of the war was essential from the Indians as a nation, were typical of the questions put to the speaker.

The speaker did his best to satisfy the questioners. The audience consisted of about 40.

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FIRST-AID CLASSES FOR WOMEN

For some time many women living in the vicinity of the Centre have been attending First-Aid Classes and are rapidly becoming efficient. The class is now to be held every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Centre. Mr. Torrance, the instructor, is confident these ladies can and will render valuable service if the occasion should arise. There is, in the opinion of one member, no subject so interesting and useful at these times. The instructor wishes to thank all members for their loyal attention, and invites new members to come along any Saturday afternoon.

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If dried fruit is your problem, try chopped dates for a change.

And if eggs are your problem, *dried* eggs are still on the market and are very good.

JOYCE LORD.

LIKE most housewives, I have become almost afraid to go into a shop and ask for something that is not on view, for in most cases the assistant says with a sweet smile, "Sorry, madam, but we are out of stock, and I'm afraid I can't say when we shall be having any more. Of course, they are on order." I am thinking at this moment particularly of clothing for the family, and material by the yard, etc., and I thought, surely there must be a shop in the district which still has a reasonable stock, and is enterprising enough to be able to obtain further deliveries of rare and precious clothing.

Whilst in this mood, my mind turned to the advertisers in the *Resident*, and here on my own page each month was Messrs. Alfred's regular advertisement. So following the clue in the approved Scotland Yard manner, I called at the shop to investigate their stock, and I must say I felt like Alice in Wonderland. I was amazed at the stock of good things, the entire family seemed to be catered for, and I feel I must pass on to you some of the good "buys" now available for keen shoppers.

DRESSING BABY

One of the things that attracted me was the large range of baby garments; the whole layette could be bought very reasonably. I expect most young mothers use the muslin Nappies to slip inside the Terry Towelling Nappies, and this muslin, "Rompa" muslin, can be had for 10½d. a yard 36in wide. It is very absorbent material, and in the warm weather (when it comes!) will serve to take the place of the thick Nappie. Baby will feel much more free to kick, and, of course, they are dried in a fragment of the time.

Baby wool is hard to come by, and I was interested in the range of Shawls, from 8/11½ to 14/11½. You will agree that these are reasonable in price when you see them. There was one dainty silk and wool Shawl, in an openwork pattern that would be ideal for a summer baby. I think the price was 9/11½. There were also some very sweet silk locknit Dresses for a little baby, pale blue and pale pink were the ones that I noticed with embroidery on the front of the bodices, and these were 3/11½. There were also some floral Dresses in the same material, at the same price, and there are a few matching Jackets, at 3/11½.

Getting back to Nappies, I saw some ready-made ones, 11/9 a dozen. This may sound an awful lot, but when I saw the white Terry Towelling at 1/8½ a yard, I really believe that it will be cheaper to buy them ready for use, as it were. I was told that the Towelling was now bearing the purchase tax, and the Napkins were untaxed. Whilst we are on this absorbing sub-

ject, I saw a good array of Feeders, from 6½d. to 1/0½ each. There were a few of the jolly Mickey Mouse Bibs, and some overall type of Feeders. These are a good investment for the baby who is learning to feed itself and makes a little go a long way.

I could go on for a long while about baby clothes. There are some nice straw Bonnets for Sunday best, little Linen Coats, unlined, ideal for wearing in the pram on cool summer days, Baby Shoes, better Summer Coats—one I admired in a cool shade of green, lined with white, and white collar and cuffs, all very reasonable in price.

THE SCHOOL CHILD

For the older child, they have a good stock of Blazers, in all sizes, 4/6, 4/11, 7/11 and 8/11, according to quality, and, of course, size. Serviceable Slacks were price 9/11. Even critical young daughters would be happy to have these. There were also some smart Coat and Hat Sets; most of them have the false hem that can be let down and so lengthen the Coat another two inches. Woollen cloth, of course, has become very expensive, but these Sets were quite reasonable in price. I saw a mustard colour Set at 24/-, and in a better cloth there was another Set in a similar shade at 42/-. This was very well cut, with a shaped back, fashionable pockets, and a sweet matching Hat. The length was 22 inches. There were many other attractive Coats, but I'm afraid I have not the room to enlarge any further.

Now for home dressmakers. You really must visit this shop, for they have a very good collection of washing cottons, in all shades, and a variety of well-known brands. They mostly run about 1/6½ a yard, but for early shoppers, I did notice some gay Gingham at 10½d. a yard, and a few pieces of Cotton Print at 1/0½ a yard. Little frocks made from any of these materials would only cost a trifle, and some of the materials are quite suitable for your own washing frocks.

I do hope that I have made you curious, and anxious to get on the trail, too. I can assure you that you will make a good catch, and when your friends ask you where you buy the family's clothes, you can say in the words of Sherlock Holmes, "It's elementary, my dear Watson," adding, "Read the advertisement on the 'Women's Page' of the *Waiting Resident*, this month on Page 5 (opposite).

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ANSWERS TO RIDDLES

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| (1) Your reflection, of course. | (3) A rainbow. |
| (2) The window pane. | (4) A ball. |
| (5) A Ladybird. | |

UNCENSORED NEWS

Have you always imagined that Mrs. Beeton was a middle aged Victorian lady? Well, she published her first book on Household Management when she was 22 years old, and she died when she was about 30 years old! She crammed a lot of knowledge and work into the eight years of her literary life for her recipes go into thousands. She was also a store of household knowledge, such as how to equip the new home, and her lists of linen and utensils make our present day equipment seem like child's play. I wonder how she would have tackled rationing?

Did you know that Chalk Farm was at one time one of London's duelling grounds? It was from Chalk Farm that trains of the old London and Birmingham Railway were hauled to and from Euston by a cable.

Thomas Twining founded his Tea House in approximately 1710, it seems difficult to realise that the precious stuff which we use so carefully now was in being so long ago. Looking through records of early tea drinkers, I find that Dr. Johnson drank as many as 25 cups in rapid succession. However, we must not confuse this brew with that of Indian tea, for India was not then a Tea Garden, the Doctor probably drank a mild type of poor quality black tea, known as "Bohea." A Dutch enthusiast declared that twelve cups after dinner would hurt no one. But I might add that he only made the tea once, adding water ninety-and-nine times, and drinking from small cups. However, what do you think of the idea for making the ration go round?

Did you know that the name "Burnt Oak" is of Roman origin? To mark a boundary on land used by the Roman legions, they burned down an oak tree, leaving the charred stump visible, and this defined the boundary.

Cricket was first played in its form as a game for sides in 1746, in the Artillery Ground, and in 1774 some gentlemen players met at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall, to draw up the first rules of Cricket, on which are based the rules of to-day. The first important club met on the White Conduit Fields. One of the attendants, Thomas Lord, took another ground where Dorset Square now stands, and it was here that the now famous M.C.C. had its first home. Another position for a ground was taken later in St. John's Wood Road in 1815, and this was named like its forbear, "Lords."

Acknowledgments

We regret that owing to an error acknowledgment was not made in last month's issue of the source of the front cover picture. This was reprinted by kind permission from the St. Christopher School magazine.

VETERANS' CLUB

At the Annual Business Meeting held on Wednesday, May 14th, the President, Mrs. A. I. Jones, and all retiring officers were re-elected unanimously, also the proposal that Mrs. Grey-Skinner would be willing to serve the club as Vice-President was accepted with great approval. The date for the Anniversary Tea Party was fixed for May 28th. A report on the membership of the club now shows 80 members on the register, 18 of which live off the estate but in the locality. Ten new members were made during the year, and the average attendances were 45 to 50 each week. Future arrangements which the old folks are eagerly looking forward to are an outing to Boxmoor early in July and another trip into the country in August, place to be arranged.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Fulker, a respected member of the Veterans' Club, who passed away on Thursday, May 15th. A chaplet was given by the club in deep sympathy.

E.E.C.

Fellowship Meeting In June

Owing to the first Sunday falling on Whit Sunday, it has been decided to hold this meeting on June 8 at 3.30. Mr. Vines, of Mill Hill, is the speaker, and you are invited to join the fellowship of this group.

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ARE YOU A FIRE-WATCHER?

A MEETING was held on Friday, May 9th, 1941, at Watling Centre, for the purpose of forming "The Watling Fire-Watchers' Association." Mr. E. Sewell Harris, Secretary of the Watling Association, occupied the chair.

Among the audience were 37 representatives of 37 Fire Watching Groups, representing a total membership of 1,142.

On the adoption of the agenda, the chairman briefly addressed the meeting, commending the object and expressing the real interest of the Watling Association in furthering any movement likely to be of benefit to residents on the Watling Estate.

Mr. Sullivan, of Abbots Road, then outlined the reasons for calling the meeting and instanced some of the difficulties with which the voluntary fire watchers were faced and stressed the fact that only a central organisation could deal satisfactorily with the many problems which assail us now and might do so in the future. Considerable expression of support came from the audience, in which Mr. Cole (Residents and Tenants Welfare Officer of the Watling Association), Mr. Fulford (Cressingham Road), Miss Samwell (Wenlock Road) and Mr. Bedford (Trevor Road) took part.

Mr. Foster then moved the resolution "That we do now form the Watling Estate Fire Watchers Association." Considerable discussion ensued and it was finally put to the meeting and carried without opposition.

The constitution for the Association was then moved item by item and in its finally amended form was adopted as follows:—

- 1.—The Association shall be constituted by the voluntary affiliation of Fire Watchers Groups of the Watling Estate.
- 2.—Each affiliated group shall elect one representative to the Association and shall pay an affiliation fee of 1/- a quarter.
- 3.—The Association shall appoint annually president, secretary and treasurer together with three members to act as an executive council with power to co-opt not more than three people. This executive to meet not less than once a month and have the power to transact all business on behalf of the Association.
- 4.—The Association to meet annually to receive the report of the executive officers and to proceed to election for the ensuing year.

- 5.—There shall be three Quarterly Meetings of the Association at three months intervals in addition to the annual meeting and the Executive shall call a special meeting on the written request of 25 per cent. of the members.
6. The objects of the Association shall be to make representations for and on behalf of all members of the affiliated groups and to take all measures necessary in defence of fire watchers groups.
- 7.—The Association shall be terminable at the close of the war and any assets shall be distributed in accordance with the decision of a general meeting.
- 8.—This constitution may be amended by a specially summoned meeting called specifically for that purpose, or at the annual meeting.

The meeting then proceeded to elect the following officers pro-tem. for a period of one month:—

President, Mr. Foster; Secretary, Mr. Sullivan; Treasurer, Mr. Harris; Committee, Mr. Cole (Crispin), Mr. Nyberg (Banstock), Mr. Lavers (Homefield).

HENDON AND CIVIL DEFENCE

"Resident" Reporter's Comments

Many were the complaints voiced at the meeting as to the treatment regarding equipment, etc., received from the A.R.P. officials and others who are supposed to provide for our safety and well-being at these times from the Town Hall at Hendon.

My thoughts were turned to the other services in being in the borough, and without being vindictive or too aggressive, I am fearful as to how the central organisation and control would function in the event of Hendon being chosen by the enemy for a "blitz."

We are dependent too much on voluntary assistance. It stands to reason that those who would be most efficient and able to meet the sudden or unexpected attack are those who are constantly ready at their post and trained for their task.

Probably because Hendon is classified as a neutral area it is considered unnecessary to make provision for such events; but experience shows that the enemy has no respect for neutrals. I very strongly urge that the Borough Council appoint an officer with imagination and experience who can co-ordinate all the voluntary groups and see to it that we are truly like the Boy Scout and are "prepared."

Hendon is the largest borough in the country, and as such should be leading in its preparations. How often are the voluntarily-run Rest Centres visited and examined? What test has the Housing Committee had except for the tragic occurrence in one small section of the borough? What experience has the Public Assistance Committee had in respect of giving immediate relief to necessitous cases?

The success of all these services depends on the right type of personnel on the job from top to bottom; are we sure that persons entrusted to these very human tasks are the right persons able to give tolerance and human understanding so necessary to those who are the victims of such an attack that we trust will never befall Hendon.

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WATLING WEEK No. 13

Commencing June 19th, 1941

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ST. ALPHAGE HALL, at 7-30 p.m.

Well friends! we have had to endure a long and trying winter with little opportunity to enjoy much recreation in the evenings, now summer time is here let us make the most of the long daylight period and take a real Mental Tonic. As the poultry fans might say: "Keep Your Peckers Up."

ALL EVENTS HELD AT THE WATLING CENTRE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, JUNE 19th.

At 7.30 p.m.

His Worship the Mayor of Hendon will attend.

Grand Dance

At ST. ALPHAGE HALL.

FOX TROT COMPETITION

Judged by well-known Dancing Expert.

"The MAYFAIR TRIO DANCE BAND."

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Admission: 1/6 Single, 2/6 Double.

Organised by Mrs. Grey-Skinner.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20th.

At 7.30 p.m.

Special Social

DANCING : GAMES : ENTERTAINMENT : FUN IN PLENTY

Organised by Representatives of our Constituent Bodies.

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st.

At 2.30 p.m.

Children's Entertainment

Organised by Mrs. Durrant and Mrs. De Lattin.

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st.

At 3 p.m.

Poultry Exhibition

By the Kentish Town Poultry Club.

Organiser: Mr. A. Clark.

EGGS FOR SALE AT CLOSE OF EXHIBITION.

Admission: Threepence.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st.

At 7.30 p.m.

Grand Social

"A Revival of the Good Old Times."

M.C.: Mrs. L. Nyberg.

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.

*Watling Week Programme—continued***SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd.****At 7.30 p.m.****Grand Choral Concert****AT ST. ALPHAGE HALL.**

By the Watling Association Choir.

Conductor: Mr. A. I. Jones.

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children.**SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd.****At 7.30 p.m.****Grand Dance****COLE'S RHYTHMIC DANCE BAND.
MEMBERS ONLY.****Admission: Sixpence.****M.C.: Mr. C. Deacon.****MONDAY, JUNE 23rd.****At 3.0 p.m.****WAR-TIME****Cake Making Competition**To be judged by Miss J. A. B. Thomson, of the Gas Light and Coke Co. First prize 10/-. Second prize, 6/-.
A third prize will be awarded if there are sufficient entries.

See notes on page 10 concerning entry form and recipe for above competition.

MONDAY, JUNE 23rd.**At 7.45 and 8.15 p.m.**7.45 p.m. **MINIATURE DRIVE.** Admission 6d.
8.15 p.m. **GRAND WHIST DRIVE.** Admission 1/6.
£5.0.0 Top.**M.C.: Mr. O. E. Torrance, assisted by Mr. Frank Williams.****TUESDAY, JUNE 24th.****At 2.30 p.m.****Baby Show**

Entrance Form at the end of this programme.

Messrs. Harris & Co. regret that owing to enemy action they are unable to offer a perambulator this year. A Cup, however, will be presented to the Best Watling Baby.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24th.**At 7.30 p.m.****Juvenile Dance Competition****AT ST. ALPHAGE HALL.****TEAMS FROM SCHOOLS OF DANCING.**

Entrance forms on application to the Centre.

Organised by Messrs. C. J. Roblou and C. Fanthorpe.

Admission to Hall 1/-; Children 6d. Numbered and Reserved Seats, 1/6.**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th.****At 2.30 p.m.****Special Social Whist Drive****M.C.: Mrs. Crowe.
Admission 6d.****WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th.****At 7.45 and 8.15 p.m.**7.45 p.m. **MINIATURE DRIVE.** Admission 3d.
8.15 p.m. **WHIST DRIVE.** £2.0.0 Top. Admission 1/-.
M.C.: Mr. O. E. Torrance.**THURSDAY, JUNE 26th.****At 2.30 p.m.****Whist Drive****M.C.: Mrs. Crowe.****Admission: Sixpence.****10/- top and many other prizes.****THURSDAY, JUNE 26th.****At 8.0 p.m.**

The Watling Guild of Players present an Evening's Entertainment,

"Short Story"

A Comedy in Three Acts by Robert Morley.

Admission: Reserved 1/6; One Shilling; and Ninepence.

Tickets strictly limited in number.

Watling Week Programme—continued

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th.

Members' Dinner and Dance

7.30 for 7.45 p.m.

At the A.B.C. (late Pritchards),
Burnt Oak Broadway.

Tickets: 5/6.

Admission by ticket only.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th.

First Session 2.30.
Second Session 6.30.

Children's Talent Festival

AT ST. ALPHAGE HALL.

Organised by Mr. A. I. Jones (President).

Singing : Elocution : Instrumental Music : Pianoforte : Spelling Bee : Map Drawing : Essay Writing : Needlework

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children, each session.

See Notes at foot of programme for full details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th.

At 7.30 p.m.

Social and Short Whist

(10 hands)

Admission: Fourpence.

M.C.: Mrs. L. Nyberg.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th.

At 7.30 p.m.

"Go to it"

"We're not responsible for what happens here."

Admission: Sixpence, Adults; Threepence, Children (if under 14 and with an adult).

M.C.: Mr. J. Radley.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th.

At 7.30 p.m.

Special Dance

COLE'S RHYTHONIC DANCE BAND.

Admission: Sixpence.

FOR YOUNGER MEMBERS ONLY.

MONDAY, JUNE 30th.

At 2.30 p.m.

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TUESDAY, JULY 2nd.

At 8.0 p.m.

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MONDAY, JULY 7th.

7.30 sharp.

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Under A.B.A. Rules.

Organiser: Mr. A. R. Lodge.

Admission: Ring Side Seats 3/-; 2/-, and 1/6.

Now turn over to page 10 for Baby Show Entrance Form and Notes on the Children's Talent Festival and the War-time Cake-Making Competition and where you can obtain tickets for the various events taking place during

"Watling Week."

Watling Week Competitions

BABY SHOW ENTRANCE FORM

CLASS A.—Under 9 months.

CLASS B.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

CLASS C.—Over 18 months and under 2½ years.

The above three Classes are limited to tenants on the Watling Estate and Associate Members of the WATLING ASSOCIATION. The following three Classes are open to all:—

CLASS D.—Under 9 months.

CLASS E.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

CLASS F.—Twins under 2 years.

Ages on the day of Show. Birth Certificates to be produced.

No Baby can enter more than one Class.

Fill this in and return with Entrance Fee of 6d. per Class per Baby, to: BABY SHOW ORGANISER, WATLING CENTRE, ORANGE HILL ROAD, EDGWARE, before June 18th.

I wish to enter for the Baby Show.

(Full names of baby or babies)

Date of Birth of Baby Class Date.....

Address

NOTES:

Children's Talent Festival

Children may enter any items in this event, but must be under 15 years of age. The competition will be arranged in two sessions. Afternoon for children under 11 years, and evening for children under 15 years. Fee: Twopence per entry. Detailed programme and entry forms may be obtained at Watling Centre or at your School.

War-time Cake Making Competition

There will be no entrance fee, but the cakes will become the property of the Watling Association and will be sold for the benefit of the Watling Week Funds. Entry forms may be obtained at the Centre and must be returned before Saturday, the 21st June. The following recipe must be used:—

PLAIN FRUIT CAKE.

2 ozs. margarine.

2 ozs. sugar.

1 egg.

5 ozs. self-raising flour.

4 ozs. fruit.

2—3 ozs. raw grated carrot.

1 tablespoonful of tepid water if necessary.

METHOD.

Place the margarine and sugar in a basin and beat until it is soft and creamy. Beat in the egg, stir in the flour, stir in the grated carrot and add dried fruit. Place the mixture in a well greased tin and bake for 70 mins. to 90 mins. according to the size and shape being used.

Heat the oven at Regulo Mark 4 and when the cake is placed in turn down to Regulo Mark 3.

N.B.—If it were possible to secure ½lb. of Fruit, it would improve the cake.

We hope that you have now studied the programme and have found many interesting events which you would like to attend. Tickets may be obtained at the Centre for the following: Dance at St. Alphage; Juvenile Dance Competition; Drama; Members' Dinner; Choral Concert; Children's Talent; Boxing Tournament. Tickets are not issued for other events. The following Watling Week Committee accord you a hearty welcome: Mesdames L. Nyberg, Durrant; Messrs. Sewell Harris, C. J. Roblou, A. R. Lodge, C. Deacon, C. Fanthorpe, C. W. Nyberg; Organiser, Mr. E. E. Cole.

Make sure of YOUR copy of the July issue of the . . .

“WATLING RESIDENT”

for Reports on “Watling Week”

CHILDREN'S PAGE—

Look out for the Children's
events in the programme for
"Watling Week"—pages 7-10

WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I noticed recently in the newspapers that Shirley Temple has had her lovely curls cut off, she had 52 and they have all been cut, and I suddenly realised that this little actress who is a great favourite, is growing up. This made me think of my young readers, some of you have now left school, and are starting work. I expect you feel like Shirley must have felt when she saw her curls on the floor, not quite sure whether you like the new and grown up way! I do want to wish you a happy time at your various jobs of work, for in spite of the speed and strangeness of the workshop, office, or shop, you will not get on if you are not happy. A smiling face, and a cheerful voice are the best tonics that you can give to this poor old world.

Now a word to the younger boys and girls who are still at school, you will try to help your mother as much as you can, won't you? She is having a very hard time just now, waiting in queues for food, and walking from shop to shop trying to find the things that you like to eat. Remember that she comes in tired from shopping and may not be quite so ready to listen to your chatter, as she would if she were not so weary.

The clocks have been put on another hour, so that we get daylight until very late in the evening. Get out to your parks and open spaces as much as possible. After a winter of blackout, and closed windows, we shall all need plenty of sunshine and fresh air, and remember that the parks are far more attractive than your own roadway. Also there is not the danger of traffic, and balls do roll out into the road and get under cars, etc. The green of the grass, and shade of the trees are restful to the eyes, so for those of us who can't walk long distances, make for the open space of the local park.

Good luck and cheerio,

SNOW WHITE.

TRY THESE RIDDLES ON YOUR FRIENDS

(Answers on Women's Page.)

- (1) What is it that vanishes the moment you leave it?
- (2) What pain never aches?
- (3) What bow cannot be tied?
- (4) What looks round but cannot see?
- (5) What bird neither sings nor whistles?

YOUR LIBRARY

Here is a list of some of the new books which have been added to the library recently:—

FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

- Niggs, the Little Black Rabbit. (Burroughs).
Black, White and Caroline. [What would you do if Mrs. Black and Mrs. White, two fairies, came to visit you?] (Ertz).
William and his Kitten (Flack).
The Floating Island (Parrish).
Pere Castor's Wild Animal Books:—
Cuckoo.
Martin: the Kingfisher.
Banjo the Puppy (Stokes and Harnett).

FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS

- Yes, Cousin Joseph! (Joyce).
They Wanted Adventure [Thrilling adventures of two children on holiday in Scotland.] (MacFarlane).
Castles of England [Have you heard these plays Broadcast during the children's hour?] (Peach).
A Quiet Time for Molly [But Molly did not have a quiet time!] (Pulling).
Wrong Foot Foremost [A school story for boys] (Strong).
Story of the Pacific (Van Loon).
How to Draw 'Planes (Wootton).
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BY A WOMAN DOCTOR IN N.W. LONDON

A remodelling of medical practice and hospital services is likely to be the outcome of the British Medical Association's medical planning commission which met for the first time recently

WHEN this war draws to its close and peace is restored it is the great hope of all of us that we shall find a new, better and fairer way of living in a reformed society, and one of the improvements of that society must necessarily be an efficient medical service.

Since the last war medicine has made great strides, and it is necessary that there should be greater facilities for medical research, which should be as great as, if not greater, than the recent industrial research. Such research would lead to the prevention and control of disease and the early detection of disease and abnormal workings of the human frame.

It is hoped that the aim of the new society will be of the greatest happiness of the greatest number of people, and one of the first essentials of happiness is maximum health. It is a fact to-day that many body diseases are due to lack of means or to lack of knowledge as to diet, exercise, recreation and general way of living.

PREVENTION OF DISEASE

Just as at present every school child, and most infants and toddlers, receive a general medical and dental examination at regular intervals during the first fourteen years of life, so it should be possible for every adult to be examined at intervals.

When a young mother takes her infant to a clinic she also receives instruction in the general management and hygiene of infancy. In this way the child starts life in good health and certain diseases are prevented. The striking instances are scurvy and rickets. Both are deficiency diseases, which are preventable. If anything does go wrong in the management and early signs of disorder appear, the condition can be detected early and got under control. In the grown-up diseases of insidious onset, such as tuberculosis and cancer, could be detected in the early stages when a cure is possible. When treatment is recommended at such routine examination facilities for the carrying of such treatment should be easy and less scaled to suit the pocket of the individual. In the past twenty or thirty years it has been possible to wipe out such scourges as typhus, typhoid fever, smallpox, by prevention inoculation and general hygiene. With improved medical research more and

more diseases could be controlled, and it is probable that influenza, possibly cancer, will be under control in a few more years. Even now diphtheria could be stamped out by preventive immunisation, and it only remains to educate the public to accept such inoculation.

Our hospital service could also be improved, for so many have been damaged that in the period of reconstruction we should aim at building them in more suitable surroundings and remove them from London's noisiest streets into the country. The old London hospitals would still have their use for casualties and diagnostic clinics.

Readers are invited to write to the Editor giving their own ideas on this subject to appear in the letters column next month.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

- June 1.—Mr. J. Senwick Adams.
- " 8.—Dr. Ernest White.
- " 15.—Mr. E. W. Rogers.
- " 22.—Mr. J. W. Laing.
- " 29.—Mr. R. Scammell.

June is the Month for



Results in the Garden

FLOWERS, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Flower Garden. Plant out the summer bedding plants into their flowering quarters. This is an important piece of work for this month, but it can be quickly done if the details have been arranged beforehand.

Roses should be treated to a liberal supply of liquid manure.

Weeding must be closely attended to and many plants will require to be neatly tied up and staked.

Place a mulching of well-rotted manure round the dahlias on the surface of the soil.

Fuchsias growing freely should be watered with liquid manure.

Sow Brompton stocks and wallflowers out of doors.

Sow hollyhock seeds and Canterbury bells.

Sow primula and cinetaria seed to provide plants for winter flowering.

Box edgings may be trimmed this month.

Pick off the seed pods from early flowering rhododendrons and azaleas.

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Fruit garden.—Thin out the raspberry stools to five or six canes each.

If there is a prospect of a heavy crop of apples, plums or pears, thin out the smallest fruit.

Continue to debud peaches and nectarines. Do it freely so that there shall be ample room for the shoots that remain to complete a perfect and uninterrupted growth.

Newly-planted fruit trees of all kinds should receive attention in the way of watering. A good mulch will check evaporation after watering. It will also prevent the ground from cracking.

Strawberry plants should be supplied with water in dry weather. The labour will be amply repaid by the increased weight and quality of the fruit.

On the first signs of colour in the fruit the bed should be given some kind of protection from the ravages of birds. Netting, especially if it can be fixed four or five feet from the ground, is the best.

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Vegetable Garden. As soon as the tops of the potatoes have come through the soil, earth them up with the hoe. An application of soot will promote rapid growth.

Make another sowing of French beans. A border that has been cleared of early potatoes forms a suitable place.

The last sowing of peas should be made before the end of the month. Choose an *early* variety of dwarf stature for preference. Plants of short growth can be more easily covered in the event of frost in the autumn.

Dust celery plants with soot so as to prevent the fly from laying its eggs on the foliage.

Plant leeks in a rich soil.

Sow turnip seed.

The value of hoeing can hardly be over-estimated. Not only can weeds be destroyed, but the surface of the soil can be cultivated. An appropriate motto is "hoe at every favourable opportunity and in every quarter."

THE EGYPTIAN GARDEN

The Garden of Eden may be regarded by some as the first garden and we read in the second chapter of Genesis that the Lord put Adam into the garden to dress it and keep it.

But probably the earliest record of man as an agriculturist and gardener is to be found in the remains of the Swiss Lake Dwellings, which were inhabited by men of the Stone Age long before the dawn of history.

We first hear of man as a gardener in Egypt. Wanderers from their earlier homes would no doubt at length reach the rich plain watered by the broad Nile and the fruitful soil, combined with the balmy air and sunny skies of Egypt, would render all further wandering needless. There they would settle down as an agricultural people and grow in wealth and wisdom.

GARDENS IN THE YEAR 4,000 B.C.

As early as 4000 B.C. we can learn from hieroglyphic inscriptions that the city of Memphis was famous for its palaces, terraces and villas, and for its ornamental gardens and lakes; its groves of date palms, sycamores and acacias. And all through the subsequent long period of Egyptian history the representation of flowers, fruit and vegetables, are constantly met with, so that the most minute details concerning them are made known to us.

The larger gardens were usually divided into separate sections of flower, fruit and vegetable garden. There is thus a good precedent for the arrangement of the "Notes" appearing in "The Watling Resident." Vineyards were a prominent feature of these gardens.

At first they were usually formal in character, but later on changed to something less formal. Those of any considerable size were often connected with the river by a canal and almost all of them contained a pond or tank of water surrounded by a grass plot, where ornamental birds were kept and where the delicate lotus flower flourished.

FRUIT WAS PLENTIFUL

The principal fruit trees grown were palms, figs, pomegranates, olives, peaches, almonds and locusts. Among the garden trees and shrubs not bearing fruit were the tamarisk, cassia, myrtle and acacia. The castor oil plant and others of a medicinal nature were also cultivated.

The Egyptians seem to have been very fond of growing rare plants. These were sometimes made part of the tribute exacted from foreign countries. Some of them flourished more profusely in the land of their adoption than in their native land: so much so that roses, violets and other flowers blossomed even in winter.

The inhabitants of the Nile Valley were also at an early date noted for their drugs and wines, both of which were exported to foreign countries in large quantities.

[These notes are based on "Everybody's Guide to Gardening," by H. H. Warner.]

An Appeal To The Member : WATLING ASSOCIATION AND ITS JOURNAL

By The Editor

IT has been suggested to me that I might address a few remarks to the member and reader on what are my conclusions after six months of editorship of the *Watling Resident*.

First, I knew when I took office that my predecessor, Mr. F. Lake, had served the Association so faithfully for eight years as Editor that I could not hope to rival his achievements even if I had a wish to; and secondly, I had assumed office so suddenly that I hardly realised that the January issue was due to be published in four days' time, and consequently the time and thought that went into that first number might kill the standard and reputation of the magazine—happily this did not happen.

The association with the Committee, and in particular Mr. E. E. Cole, have been most encouraging and helpful that I hardly realise that I ever had a beginning with this Committee.

To edit a journal that is run entirely voluntarily is not an easy matter, for one has not the whip of a cheque book to keep contributors to time. One sometimes has to urge members to write something that they have in mind, the difficulty being to emphasise that it has to be received by a certain date.

Some activities at the Centre fail to get reported because there is not a sufficiently keen member who is able to forward a few notes on what took place and what was said. If only each group appointed a *Resident* correspondent who would willingly undertake to write a few lines each month on the activities of their group and place it in the Editor's drawer in the Secretary's office, the *Resident* would be more informative for the various groups that meet each week.

I have endeavoured recently to get "snippets" of activities, and that anonymous contributor has done his best for me under the pen name of "Stroller."

In the matter of distribution, it is again a matter of voluntary workers, and we are greatly indebted to those ardent supporters who religiously month after month undertake this difficult job. Why can't you come along and offer to assist and so relieve the load and make a wider distribution possible?

The same applies to Advertisement Manager. It is no easy task to ask tradesmen these days to take new space, but this task is taken voluntarily and willingly for the sake of the Association and its official publication. Our advertisers have had faith in this magazine for years, and we thank them for their continued support.

Now, don't think the magazine is dying—far from it. I am pleased to say it is developing and increasing its circulation each month, but I am concerned that it should have more in the nature of Group Reports, and that is only possible when the group itself sees that a report is in the hands of the Editor by the 13th of each month. I have personally tremendous faith in this the only journal of its kind in the district for miles around, and look forward to the not too distant future when it will be in demand by every one of the 4,000 homes on the Watling Estate.

Of course, you like articles and features, I agree, but I have to see that the Association we represent gets a good "look in" each month.

Finally, if you want to be of service to the Association and feel you cannot write reports or articles, you can volunteer as a seller and help in distribution each month. Mr. Lake and Mr. Harris would be pleased to have your name and address.

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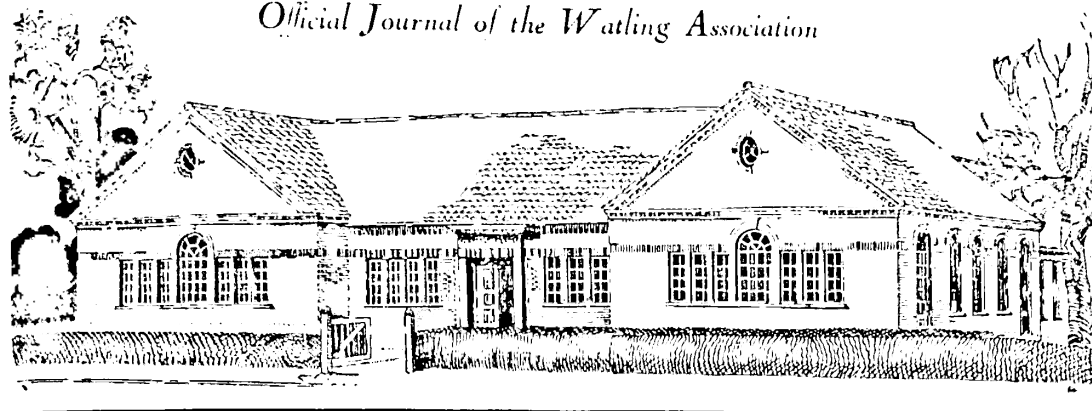
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RANDOM JOTTINGS

Acknowledgments

We are indebted to the "Hendon and Finchley Times" for the photo appearing on the front cover this month of Alderman Naar, Mayor of Hendon, who is taking such a live interest in this year's "Watling Week."

Baby Show

The yearly Baby Show appears to be as keenly sought after as in previous years, judging by the requests for application forms that have been received at the office. Who are the lucky babies this year?—See August issue of the "Resident."

You Lucky Pig!

At a recent meeting of the Hendon Borough Council, the Borough Treasurer submitted the following particulars regarding Pigs owned by the Council.

The number of pigs owned was 20 and that 225 cwt. of Pig Swill had been purchased for feeding, at a cost of £11 5s. A number of these 20 pigs had recently been sold at a good profit and that instructions had been issued for the purchase of another 10 animals.

Concerning the housing of these animals, it was reported that the erection of pigsties cost £148 3s. 11d. and that they were brick built.

Shoppers and Gas Attack

I understand that the building being erected on the open space at the bottom of Orange Hill Road is a decontamination Station. It is one of several that are being erected in the Borough of Hendon at points where shoppers, if caught out in a Gas Attack, can receive immediate attention.

PRIZE WINNING NUMBERS

Readers possessing a copy of the June *Watling Resident* with any one of the following numbers printed on the front cover, may apply, producing the *Resident* as evidence, to the Secretary at the Centre, Orange Hill Road, for a voucher, worth 5/-, to be spent at the trader whose name appears thereon.

266	446	596	927
362	1233	897	1376

Competition valid until July 10th.

On the Home Front

Gilbert Tatham, of 85, Abbots Road, has an invalid mother and his father is serving in the Navy. Gilbert, who is the eldest of 4 children, is aged 17 years. In an effort to help the family, he is maintaining two allotments in Mill Hill single-handed.

We think that his effort is worthy of a note here and probably there are other plucky young men and women in the district who are doing similar deeds—we should be pleased to hear of them.

School Leaving Age 18!

Mr. H. Ramsbotham, President of the Board of Education, told the annual conference of Education Committees at Caxton Hall recently, that they must set 18 as the age when State education should cease. It must not be forgotten, however, that the Bill passed by Parliament before the war and makes the school leaving age 15 years, has not yet been put into operation.

"Watling Week," 1941

Many members and friends, whilst enjoying the events of the week of the year of the Association, I am sure, don't realise the amount of planning and work that has gone into the preparation of such a programme. The committee that is appointed each year have to work in the faith that come what may the "Week" will be held and we are deeply grateful to all those members and this committee who have worked on our behalf. This year in particular we would express our gratitude to Mr. E. E. Cole, the Hon. Organiser.

THE PRESIDENT'S GUESTS

A Meeting of the Constituent Bodies.

The organisations which help to constitute the Watling Association do not always know much about each other, nor take as active a part in the work of the Association as they should do, so after the last Council meeting the President gathered together secretaries and representatives of about a dozen of these Constituent Bodies, in order that he and they might learn about their activities.

Light refreshments were enjoyed by all and then one representative from each society give a brief account of their objects and methods. The majority of the societies were interested either in some educational or cultural activity such as the Orchestra, Youth Hostel Association, Townswomen's Guild and Adult Schools, or in some form of community service like the Mill Hill Social Service Committee and the London and National Councils of Social Service. The only purely religious organisation represented was the Society of Friends, as the Congregationalist, Church of England and Wesleyan representatives were unfortunately prevented from coming. No Trade Union was represented, but it was nice to have the N.U.W.M. there. It was also a pleasure to see Alderman Potter, who represents Hendon Borough Council on the Watling Association Council.

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YOUTH HITS OUT!

Watling Boys' Club Boxing Contests.

On Wednesday, 11th June, an invitation was extended to parents and friends of members of the Watling Boys' Club to see a series of boxing contests. Six bouts were staged and the audience was treated to a fine display by the boys.

The first contest was between Kenneth Green and Albert Leach, and after a very fine and clean fight Green's superior weight triumphed, but the loser gave a stylish performance. Next on the programme came two cousins, Alan Croft and Bernard Burgess, and Burgess gained the decision. After this a lively contest between Ted Jones and Alf Green proved very exciting, and Jones emerged the winner. Then followed two special four-round contests, the first between Fred Guy and Stanley Jones, and the second between Harry Hall and A. Harvey; both were much appreciated. The final bout was between Kenneth Green and George Richardson, and although Richardson gave a plucky performance, he was not able to beat Green's greater experience.

Much of the success of the evening was due to the help given by Mr. Lodge as referee, and Mr. Guy and Mr. Hall as judges, and also to the announcing of Stanley Hoy. The club is also indebted to Harry Hall and A. Harvey, who came along at short notice and gave a fine exhibition of boxing.

This demonstrates just one section of the Club's activities. New members are welcomed. The Club meets every Wednesday evening at Woodcroft School at 7.30 p.m.

S.T.J.

CENTRE O POINTS

By "STROLLER"

● THE WATLING NEIGHBOURS, an energetic group of women who meet at the Centre every Friday evening, is developing into a very cheerful and useful group. The group was organised by women who felt that they wanted to be of service in these difficult times, also to foster companionship. It is not for the duration of the war only, but it is hoped to carry on the good work of neighbourliness after the war so that no woman in Watling need feel lonely and friendless. Here are just a couple of instances of "good turns" done by the Neighbours. It came to their notice that a woman was ill and unable to do her shopping. The Neighbour promptly obliged. A young woman wanted to go on a journey, but was anxious about leaving her invalid mother. A Neighbour stayed with the old lady so that the young woman could go her journey. There are no rigid rules in the group. It is free and friendly and gives women an opportunity of being real neighbours.

● THE BOWLS CLUB increases in popularity every season and the friendly spirit which prevails is very encouraging. There are now more members than ever before and it is quite a pleasure to see old faces again. The Club handicap shield presented by Cpl. Jones, of the R.A.F., was greatly appreciated. The last spoon drive was very popular and there is to be one on the last Sunday in each month. The match with Criklewood Garage resulted in a win for Watling. Result: 53 shots to 27. Members are looking forward to an interesting and enjoyable season. There is to be a match at Mill Hill on July 13th and a return match in Watling Park on August 17th. Further fixtures will be published and reported in the "Watling Resident".

● THE H.S.A. Secretary, Mr. Wakeling, informs me that he is inundated with work, but is managing to keep on top of it. He has asked me to request members *not to send queries or contributions by post, as it is impossible to answer them.* Also, members are particularly requested to fill up claim forms correctly. This will save much delay.

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THIS MAN WENT ON CLIMBING

On June 20th an interesting presentation took place at the Estate Office in Deansbrook Road, when Alderman Naar, M.B.E., Mayor of Hendon, made a presentation to Mr. George Beaumont for his great act of courage. The presentation took the form of a framed certificate of the R.S.P.C.A.

Mr. Beaumont, of 49, Deans Lane, with two other men, took a 40-foot ladder to a tall tree for the purpose of rescuing a cat, but unfortunately the cat decided to climb higher when the ladder was in position. Mr. Beaumont went up the ladder and when he got near the cat, which was then 15 feet or more higher up the tree than the top rung of the 40-foot ladder, he reached for the animal, but it sprang and landed in the roadway, after which it disappeared, apparently none the worse for the jump. This was a heroic action, for if Mr. Beaumont had slipped from the height of 55 feet it would have been with fatal results.

The presentation took place in the presence of the Superintendent, and the chair was taken by Mr. E. Sewell Harris, who thanked the Mayor.



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The Centre, Orange Hill Road, Watling, Edgware

Hon. Sec.: FREDERICK LAKE, 4, Littlefield Road, Burnt Oak

PROGRESS—" ACCORDING TO PLAN "

THERE are people who at the very mention of the word "Plan" show a definite sense of opposition; it means to them regimentation, or orders and lack of personal choice of decision.

We have come to accept such necessities as rationing of foodstuffs and now clothes, we are still able to make our choice of what we eat, although perhaps not so freely as those days of pre-rationing. Clothes are rationed; but we can as yet make our own choice of colour and quality of material and style of cut. All this rationing is according to "Plan."

We cannot please ourselves what income tax we pay or whether we pay it at all, that is decided for us and is according to "Plan"; and because we can't please ourselves and have no redress against it we have a grumble. All this talk of a "Plan" looms to the forefront of our lives now because the one object in this "Plan" is that we are planning to win a war of great importance to us all. All the non-essentials are voluntarily given up by the community or those that are not so readily given up are taken from us because according to "Plan" they are considered superfluous to our needs at this hour, and we accept the decisions and rulings of our rulers in order that the "Plan" shall be successful.

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This state of affairs is not new to us, we experienced it during the last war of 1914-18, and when victory was ours we resorted to the old ways of each man for himself with the result that until 1929 we enjoyed a state of more or less prosperity. The economic blizzard took us by storm in 1931 and then again we had to resort to a "Plan" to get us out of the rut in which we were placed. This economic blizzard brought in its trail, unemployment and suffering such as we have never known before in times of peace.

It is well then that we consider the advisability of drawing up a "Plan" now for the years that will follow when this war is over, and not let the chaos come, as come it will, if we do not think for the "morrow."

In this new "Plan," however, men will be called upon to make new sacrifices, sacrifices that will affect their whole lives and their economic security. There will have to be a levelling up of standards; no more of the "haves and the have-nots."

This you will probably say you agree to, we have said that before and meant it no doubt; but this time we shall have a plan for action and not just a talking machine.

With changes nationally, so we shall see to it that in practice they work internationally; that no

more will men be drawn into conflict one against another, it will be ridiculous to comprehend when man's needs are met.

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Now, to put this into action there will have to be a responsible minister or controller, and great will be his task and yet we must realise great will be his opportunity to guide the scheme or schemes into channels other than those where we wish the scheme to flow. Who is going to act as controller of the controller? Why you and I. We must see to it that our minds and hearts are attune to the great ideal and that we voice our approval of a "Plan" that will at all cost prevent a repetition of history of the last 30-50 years. Shall we call it a Plan for Peace? This is vital to us as a community and as individuals so don't let us be afraid of our responsibilities. This is *not* party politics, but plain commonsense.

A PUBLIC MEETING

will be held at

WATLING CENTRE

on

SUNDAY, JULY 6th, at 8 p.m.

when six young people will speak on

*"What Youth
is Fighting For"*

Chairman: Mr. P. ABELSON.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

DISCUSSION.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

All of us are interested in hospitals and last month our first talk was a lively description of the training of a hospital nurse and of her varied experiences, given by Mrs. Atkinson, formerly of Guy's Hospital.

May 14th Mrs. Currie Martin visited us and told the story of a Japanese lady, carrying us out of the world of war into a more leisurely time and into a country of colour and charm.

We spent a busy and talkative afternoon the following week, and in the pauses in our conversation, four members gave us ten minute stories of their lives, ranging from childhood in a Lancashire industrial town in the 19th Century to journeyings in tropical countries. Our oldest and our youngest members both gave their life stories.

On May 28th we enjoyed an afternoon of community singing, letting ourselves go in singing some of the old favourites whilst Mrs. Mantripp played for us.

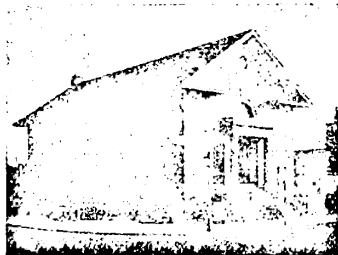
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Watling Boys' Club

We have just received the first "News Sheet," issued by the Watling Boys' Club. Recently a number of new members have joined, all of whom are very welcome, and it is hoped to build up the club and so make this the best Youth Organisation in Hendon. This can only be brought about by regular attendance, and the effort of each member to pull his weight.

The "News Sheet" consists of a typewritten sheet giving the programme for the month. It shows initiative and enterprise—good luck to the Club!

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



*You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6-30:—*

July 6.—Mr. R. W. McADAM.

July 13.—Mr. H. J. BREAREY.

July 20.—Dr. W. HOWAT LINDSAY.

July 27.—Mr. F. N. MARTIN.

UNCENSORED NEWS

In the sixteenth century Southwark was a place of Inns and show people. The show people had no guide or company to protect their rights, and the citizens of London would not have them within the city walls. The Inns were highly respectable, being houses of immense size, capable of lodging two or three hundred guests and their horses. The gateways into the large courtyards were narrow so that the Inns could be easily defended in case of attack, for rich merchants often lodged in them, with valuable merchandise. The quarter used by the show people was somewhat disreputable, and there were low drinking booths along Bankside. The Borough stood on the great road that led to the southern counties and to the ports of the Continent, and it was the most convenient point for arrival and departure. All traffic from the south and south-west must have entered London by this route, when old London Bridge was the only way into the City over the Thames. A traveller in 1577 wrote, "Each comer is sure to be in a clean sheet." No wonder the Southwark Inns were famous in all the civilised world!

In Southern Rhodesia there are trees called "Rain-ing Trees," and these curious trees begin to rain in October, although no rain falls after the month of March. After seven months of dry weather every tree bears sweet scented blooms, which are followed by lovely pale green foliage. If you stand under one of these spring clad trees for shade from the hot sun, you will find you are in what seems to be an April shower. The solution is that thousands of small beetles feed on the tree, and have the power of absorbing moisture from the air. This moisture oozes from their bodies so quickly that the small particles collect and fall in drops from the twigs, or run down the dark, like rain. The liquid is clear and tasteless.

In 1928 learned men of the College of Pestology declared that if all the vermin which infested town and country were swept away by a magician's broom, there would be no need to pay Income Tax, for Great Britain would save four hundred million pounds a year! They supported this statement by showing what a cost to the nation in health as well as in money are the ravages of the house-fly, mosquito, and the caterpillars which ravage trees and crops. Some of these pests are mentioned in the Bible, for instance in the plagues of Egypt, but they are still the plagues of the whole world.

More than a thousand bees must work a lifetime to produce a pound of honey, this is indeed a splendid example of co-operation. The bee hive is a well run community, each bee has his own function, and although they suffer the drones during the summer, when the cold weather approaches, these non-productive members are turned out to die, thus conserving food for the workers. In this Spartan community, it is said that no damaged bee is allowed to return to the hive, even if he has only lost his sting!

WATLING WEEK No. 13

Commencing June 19th, 1941

Opened by HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF HENDON

Owing to the fact that "Watling Week" is still in progress at the time the "Resident" for July goes to press, we are only able to give a report up to and including Monday afternoon, June 23rd. August issue, we hope to include reports of the remaining items in this popular yearly event.

The one big chance that has to be taken when arranging events to be held some time ahead is that of the weather. Fortunately the weather clerk favoured us again this year, for when Thursday, June 19th, came round the weather was the very best, although many probably thought it *too* hot for dancing.

Thursday, June 19th

The Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon attended the opening Dance at St. Alphage Hall. They were formally welcomed by Mr. A. I. Jones, president of the Watling Association.

In opening Watling Week the Mayor said he was pleased to be among Watling people again and wished the Association a most successful "Week." He then introduced Bobby Israel, world's champion "Mixed" Ballroom Dancer and champion of England.

The Dance was very well attended and 17 couples entered into the Fox Trot competition. The Fox Trot competition was judged by Bobby Israel and the winners were: 1st, Mr. L. Wrap and Miss R. Netland; 2, Mr. P. Messenger and Miss J. Davis; 3, Mr. A. Martin and Miss J. Barker.

Bobby Israel afterwards gave a demonstration with Miss R. Netland at partner.

Many spot prizes were awarded during the evening. Mrs. M. Grey-Skinner, who organised the Dance, was M.C.; music supplied by Mayfair Trio Dance Band. Stewards: Messrs. C. J. Roblou, S. Harris, C. Smith, C. Deacon, C. J. Nyberg. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Littler, Cole, Roblou, Lodge and Luffman.

Friday, June 20th

The "Special Social" organised by representatives of our constituent bodies held on Friday evening was very well attended. The music for the dancing was supplied by Fred Cole's Band and the M.C. was Mr. W. Pratten.

Songs were given by Mrs. Goddard and Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Dimond gave the company monologues. These items were very much appreciated by the company assembled.

During the evening the company entered fully into the games and competitions arranged for them by the M.C.

Our thanks go to Mesdames Coleman, Preston, Artist and Roe, also to Messrs. Lord and Jones, for a very enjoyable evening.

Saturday, June 21st

The Children's Entertainment arranged by Mrs. Durrant and Mrs. De Lattin proved to be a performance by the "Moggies" Concert Party. Space does not allow for mention of everyone's name who helped to entertain, but the satisfaction of the children was very obvious. The compère was Mr. T. Judd. The helpers were Mesdames Richardson, Green, Montill, Restor, Nyberg and Lake, while Mrs. Guy attended to the distribution of programmes.

Saturday, June 21st—Poultry Exhibition

This proved a very popular event. The exhibition was arranged by Mr. A. Clark, secretary of the Kentish Town Poultry Club.

We were honoured to have Mr. W. Powell Owen, President of the Poultry Club of England, to act as judge of the 48 birds entered (all 1941 stock) and the 21 plates of eggs.

The results were as follows:—

Class I, Buff Rock Female: 1st, S. Tottman; 2nd, F. Sharp; 3rd, G. T. Dobedoe; very highly commended, F. S. Wood, and highly commended, G. T. Dobedoe.

Class II, A.O.V. Heavy Female: 1st, A. Weatherly; 2nd, W. Davis; 3rd, W. Gooden.

Class III, Semi Variety Heavy Cockerel: 1st, G. T. Dobedoe; 2nd, F. Sharp; 3rd, A. Harris; reserve, F. Sharp; v.h.c., A. Harris; h.c., S. Tottman; commended, D. Lodge.

Class IV, A.V. Light Female: 1st and reserve, W. E. Ebsworth; 2nd, P. H. Jones; 3rd, W. Gooden.

Class V, A.V. Light Cockerel: 1st, W. E. Ebsworth; 2nd, Mrs. C. Bedford.

Class VI, First Cross Female: 1st, F. Parley.

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TWO PAGES FOR THE FAMILY

66 COUPONS AND WHAT E

By Prudentian

A TWO-YEAR CAMPAIGN

LAST month the Board of Trade gave us a great surprise, 66 coupons and a list of necessary clothes and their coupon value. Housewives will soon be experienced mathematicians and economists, so once again we must put on our thinking caps, and budget sensibly for the family's needs. Fortunately, unless we are "bombed persons," we all have a few clothes, perhaps a little dated, but nevertheless useable clothes. What should we put first on the list of new "buys"? I suppose this will depend on the particular needs of your own folk, but I think most of you will agree that shoes and warm underclothing will take a prominent place. We must keep in mind that we need more clothing in the winter, so the biggest proportion of the coupons should be saved for that purpose, also woollen material, or woollen goods take more of the coupons.

For my own family of four I have worked out a preliminary budget, and thought it might be of interest to you, it has not been easy to arrive at, and of course, will be subject to alteration, children's shoes, for example, do not wear out to plan! Our family consists of

MEN.

Suit	26	Overcoat	16	Winter Cap	
2 Shirts	10	Flannel Trousers	8	Skirt	
1 pr. Shoes	7	2 sets Pants and Vests	16	2 Blouses	
Pair Pyjamas	8	Pair Pyjamas	8	1 pr. Shoes	
3 prs. Socks	9	1 Shirt	5	Corset	
4 Collars	4	2 Collars	2	2 Seta Undies	
2 Ties	2	1 pr. Shoes	7	13 pairs	
		1 pr. Socks	3	2 prs. Stockings	
		2 Handkerchiefs	2	2 Hankies	
	66		66		

two adults and two children, one of whom is a school child. In planning, I found it easier to make a two year plan, 66 coupons will not supply all the necessities for a year for the man of the house. Underclothes and pyjamas usually last two years, so I plan to buy underclothes one year and pyjamas the next. Shirts will need a yearly renewal, this goes for collars, socks and shoes. By the way you can save a coupon if you knit your husbands socks, ready-made they take three coupons, and you can buy four ounces of wool for two coupons. I have found this amount of wool ample for an ordinary ribbed sock, leaving a little for mending.

Next I thought of my requirements, stockings, shoes and undies seem to take preference, my last winter's coat will do service for at least another year, and I have one or two frocks that will do for early autumn, but I need warm jumpers, or dresses with long sleeves for the cold weather.

The children will need new shoes, underclothes, socks, in fact, almost everything. I shall find it hard having so little wool for knitting, but I hope to make a collection from relations for old shabby knitted jumpers, which will pull back and make suitable jerseys or pull-overs. Also I hope to make coats and frocks from my old garments, so this will leave extra coupons for odd purchases.

I am sorry that the Board of Trade has not been a little more liberal with cloth per coupon, for like most of you I shall be unable to pay the fancy prices now asked for ready-made costumes, and coats, etc., so actually home dressmakers will not have the value of their coupons if they happen to be "hard to do." If the Board are trying to even up buying in all classes of

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Mr. WATLING RESIDENT

WHAT THEY CAN DO!

By Prudence Pennywise

CAMPAIGN WITH SPECIMEN CHARTS

BOY.			GIRL.			
A 1 Year Plan for Boys and Girls.						
They grow so quickly.						
16	Winter	11	Overcoat	11	Overcoat	
8	Shirts	5	Jacket and	7	Mackintosh	
15	2 Shirts	12	Trousers	14	Drill Tunic	
4	1 pair	4	Sets, Pants and	3	Blouses	
2	1 pair	3	Vests	2	pr. Shoes	
5	1 pair	4	Shirts	2	Vests and	
7	1 pair	12	Collars	2	Knickers	
3	1 pair	7	Mackintosh	4	Bodices	
2	1 pair	10	2 prs. Shoes	6	4 prs. Stockings	
66		66	2 prs. Socks	2	Ankle Socks	
				6	Gloves	
				8	Hankies	
					2	6 ozs. Wool
						66

society, I do suggest that we should be able to buy cloth for a costume for the same number of coupons as our more well-to-do sisters do for a ready-made or tailored-to-measure suit.

Well I hope the lists I have drawn up will help you with your planning. Each family will vary somewhat, according to the occupations of the members, but if we keep in mind the cold weather wear, we shall not go far wrong. I shall be glad to hear from any of my readers, if you have any brain waves will you share them with us? If you care to send your ideas on this subject, the Editor will try to publish them promptly. Remember, many heads are better than one!

GARDEN PRODUCE

With so many allotments and a late season, it is possible that some people may have more vegetables than they can eat themselves, or give to their friends, but there are others, particularly wives of men in the Forces with young children, who cannot manage an allotment and would be glad of more food.

The Watling Association would be glad to receive any surplus products which gardeners cannot dispose of themselves in order to pass them on to others who need them. If there is any variety in surpluses produced it may be possible to arrange exchanges.

HOLIDAYS AND RECREATION!

By "ATHLETE"

Lighter evenings have brought with them thoughts of fresh air, sport and cycling, in fact all types of recreation. Recently a member of Parliament spoke on the wireless about our summer holidays this year, and advised us to take them, but stay at home, unless we could cycle or walk in the country surrounding our home town. What will you do for your week's well earned rest?

Recently I visited Messrs. Pegleys, of Watling Avenue, who advertise regularly in the *Resident*, and came away with the conviction that this store seems well equipped to meet the needs of any one spending their holiday at "Stop-at-Home." I thought it would be helpful if I mentioned just a few items from their present stock.

To start with they have over 500 cycles in stock, prices from £6 6s. to £13, in most of the popular makes. Fittingly, they keep a good variety of cyclists' waterproof clothing, because English weather being what it is, we never know when we shall need the protection of such garments. For dry days, I saw some excellent Zip Jackets, prices from 12/6; Leather Jackets (not the garden pest!) can be had at 45/-. These Jackets are splendid for the gardener or hiker, when the weather is cooler, in fact I have seen during the past winter quite a few worn by workers who have to get out early in the morning, such as tradesmen, milkmen, bakers, etc. These leather coats are quite wind proof. Whilst mainly on the subject of the cyclist, I noticed a good line in Shorts for ladies and gentlemen, price from 8/11, which I am told is pre-war value.

For those who like fishing, equipment can be bought at this shop, and I must say that there is much to be said for a quiet spot on the river bank, where one can be alone (with alogopies to a film star), and away from the noise and rush of the work-a-day world.

Indoor games, I noticed, are well catered for, there are Dartboards, non-soak type, price 8/6-12/6, these should interest most Civil Defence folk, for I believe that it is right to say that since the war, the standard of Dart throwing has risen to great heights. Pre-Blitz days, one always saw the local Warden going to his duty, complete with darts. Shoveha'penny boards, chess, in fact all board games can be had, to say nothing of Billiard Tables, so I advise you to go along next time you are thinking of getting something for your lighter moments.

Returning more to realities, I saw Stirrup Pumps, price 20/6, Rubber Boots at 17/6, and a very cleverly designed Helmet and Gas Mask Haversack, designed by Mr. Coleman, who is manager of the shop. It is so arranged that the helmet is carried outside, and easily got at, and inside there are two divisions, one takes either the service or civilian gas mask, and the other compartment is for a thermos flask. I like the idea of the flask! This carrier is priced at 12/6, so ladies, remember this when you are wracking your brains for ideas in presents. You will not be able to give socks, gloves and hankies this year remember!

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sunday

Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
6 Astronomy. Miss H. Gladys Johnson.

13 Luther Burbank. Mrs. Currie Martin.

20 C. F. Andrews. Mr. K. M. Simkins.

27 Expression in Poetry. Miss V. Henriques.

Society of Friends. Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
Weight Lifters, 12 noon.
Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Mondays—

Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.

Mixed Choir, 7 p.m.

Folk Dancing, 7.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays—

Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.

W.V.S. First-Aid Class, 7 p.m.

Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.
JULY, 1941.Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8 p.m.

Wednesdays—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.

2 The Home of Tomorrow.

Mrs. Lorna Reekie.

9 Courage. Miss Joan Fry.

16 Visit to Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue. Rabbi Bernstein.

23 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Harris.

30 Picnic at Stanmore.

Veterans' Club, 4.15 p.m.

Girls Club, 7.30 p.m., at Orange Hill School.

Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.
Cyclists' Touring Club, 8 p.m.

Thursdays—

Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.

Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.

Youth Hostels Association, 7 p.m.

Women's Discussion Group, 7.30 p.m.

Watling Association Youth Club, 7.30 p.m.

Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.

Fridays—

H.S.A., 7 p.m.

Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.

Saturdays—

Poor Man's Lawyer, 3 p.m.

Members' Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

Tues.	1	Gay Bunch
Thurs.	3	Townsmen's Guild Social
Sun.	6	Followers of the Cross
Mon.	7	Boxing Tournament at Barnfield
Thurs.	10	Rebecca's Tea Party Club, 7.30 p.m.
Fri.	11	Discussion Group, 7.30 p.m.
Sat.	12	Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun.	13	Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Thurs.	17	Townsmen's Guild Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Thurs.	24	Rebecca's Tea Party Club, 7.30 p.m.
Fri.	25	Discussion Group, 7.30 p.m.
Sat.	26	Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun.	27	Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Thurs.	31	Townsmen's Guild Social, 2.30 p.m.

"Watling Week" Reports—Continued from page 5.

Class VI, First Cross Female, 3 weeks old: 1st, H. Davis; 2nd and 3rd, W. Davis; reserve, A. J. Seale.

Class VII, Plate of Eggs: 1st, G. Hunt; 2nd, L. C. Ball; 3rd, H. Coker; reserve, M. H. Serine; v.h.c., A. Weatherley; v.h.c., H. C. Sharpe; v.h.c., H. C. Sharpe; h.c., H. C. Sharpe; h.c., Mr. Scaire; commended, Mr. Robertson; commended, H. Edsworth.

Best Bird in Show: S. Tottman. Runner-up: H. C. Edsworth.

Steward: C. Smith.

Saturday, June 21st—Grand Social

This Social certainly came up to expectations, as a very large number of people attended. The M.C. was Mrs. Nyberg and many were the words of praise heard for the revival of items enjoyed by so many in "the good old times."

Stewards were Mesdames Lake and Richardson and Mr. T. Judd.

Sunday, June 22nd—Grand Choral Concert

The Watling Association Mixed Choir, under the leadership of Mr. A. I. Jones, certainly lived up to its excellent reputation when it gave a Concert at St. Alphage Hall.

A study of the programme assured one of the quality that was to be presented. A new feature was the number of duets and solo items included. The list of composers' works included was very varied, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Sullivan being perhaps the best known. The soloists were Mesdames Mills, Lake, Nyberg, Preston, Durrant and Dimond and Messrs. Lock, Bouchard, Lake, Singleton, all of whom were a credit to themselves and to the choir.

This excellent choir is in need of more members and they meet on Mondays at the Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, June 22nd

Whilst music lovers were enjoying the Concert at St. Alphage Hall, other members were at the Centre enjoying a "Grand Dance." The M.C. was Mr. C. Deacon and the music was supplied by Cole's Rhythmic Dance Band. One could not help but wonder whether it was really too hot for dancing!

Monday, June 23rd—Cake Making Competition

The difficulty of buying fruit and other ingredients for cakes did not seem to greatly limit the number of entries for this competition.

Miss J. A. B. Thomson, of the Gas Light and Coke Co., consented to act as judge and after very careful consideration she awarded the first prize of 10/- to Mrs. Sewell, of 12, Wenlock Road; 2nd prize of 6/- to Mrs. Preston, of 15, Edrick Road; runner-up being Mrs. R. Lodge, of 12, Langham Road. Two were given special mention for their entries: Mrs. Rimell and Mrs. Jeffries.

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CHILDREN— HERE'S SOMETHING FISHY

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

The months are slipping by quickly, and if it was not for the war, I expect many of you would be looking forward to your summer holiday, at the sea most likely. However, it is no use feeling sorry for ourselves, so as July is nearly here, I thought I would tell you a few facts about shrimps.

Do you know why it is so hard to see them alive on the seashore? It is because they are so like the sand and so pale in water. They only become pink when they are boiled. When the shrimp wants to hide it buries itself in the sand, with just its eyes and tiny bits of legs showing. The eyes are on small "stalks" and the shrimp does not bury its eyes because it wants to know what is going on, and it can tell by the shadows that pass across the pool. Shrimps can walk on the sandy bed of the pool, but it is very slow, however it is a rapid swimmer. If a big fish dashes at a shrimp which is out for a quiet swim, the shrimp darts backwards as quick as lightning, buries itself in the sand, and throws up a cloud of fine sand right into the fish's eyes. Sometimes there is not time to reach the sheltering sand, so the shrimp bends his tail under him and up he flies like a Jack-in-the-Box, with a jump, and the astonished Mr. Fish must just gape, whilst the clever shrimp dives to safety in the sand, and burrows.

Next time you go shrimping, you must remember all these tactics, and perhaps you will catch more!

Well, bye, boys and girls, I do hope that you are enjoying Watling Week, which will be drawing to a close soon after you get your *Resident*, make the most of the good things that have been planned, it won't come round again for twelve whole months.

Cheerio,
SNOW WHITE.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

By the time you read this I hope we shall be having some warm sunshine and you will be wondering how to make the most of the long summer days. If you have a bicycle it is an easy matter to get out into the country; or if you must stay at home, there is cricket, tennis, swimming, gardening, drawing or camping. Look at this list; you will find something that will interest you.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- Boys' book of cricket (*Henley*).
- Bowling (*Nichols*).
- Tennis for girls (*Round*).
- Swimming (*Francis*).
- Swim book (*Hedges*).
- The Seasons and the gardener (*Bates*).
- The Junior Gardener (*Price*).
- How to draw trees (*Brown*).
- How to draw birds (*Sheppard*).
- Simple drawing in line (*Doust*).
- Book of outdoor games (*Collins*).
- Boy scouts' book of outdoor hobbies (*Mathieson*).
- Camp cooking and catering (*Gorman*).

If you cannot find these books on the shelves ask the Librarian—she will help you.

VETERANS' CLUB

The Veterans' celebrated their sixth anniversary with a tea and entertainment at the Centre on Wednesday, May 28th. The attendance was a record; 75 members were present. Mrs. A. I. Jones, who presided, expressed her appreciation at the steady growth of the Club, and that so many were able to attend. She wished them all continued good health and every happiness.

Messages were read from County Councillor Mrs. Grey-Skinner (Vice-president), who apologised for being unable to attend, and Miss Wilkenson, an old friend of the Club, now engaged on Canteen work for the R.A.F. An expression of sympathy was voiced to Mrs. L. King (Club Chairman) in the recent loss of her husband.

Thanks were expressed on behalf of the old folk by Miss Reeves, to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cole, the Secretary and all the lady helpers for the tea they had provided.

After the tea the old folk adjourned to the Main Hall for an entertainment given by juvenile members of the Broadfield Park Steppers, pupils of Miss G. W. Croudy, with Mrs. M. Cavallone as accompanist at the piano, followed by the Gay Girls Concert Party, and members of the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School, with Mrs. A. Durrant at the piano. The entertainment was heartily enjoyed by all.

In a game of "passing the parcel," among the old folk, Mr. E. Torrance was the winner of a toy dog. The next big event for the Veterans is an outing to Aylesbury returning to Boxmore for tea on Wednesday, July 2nd. E.E.C.

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July is the Month for



Flowers in the Garden

WHAT TO DO IN JULY

The budding of roses and the choicer fruit trees, and watering, are the chief occupations of this month. The later part of the day is the best for watering, which should be done thoroughly or not at all.

Hollies and laurels may be pruned into shape. Use a knife, not shears for this purpose.

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FLOWER GARDEN.—Pansy seed may be sown now on a shady border. Cuttings of pansies and violas may be placed in a sandy soil. Remove the seed pods from azaleas and rhododendrons if that was not done last month. Sow candytuft, mignonette, sweet alyssum and other hardy annuals to flower late in the autumn.

Carnations are deservedly popular. To secure strong plants layering should be done early, as soon as flowering is over.

Plants in the rock-garden, especially those of a straggling habit, that grow rapidly, should not be allowed to encroach upon their neighbours. Small plants may easily be choked in this way.

Roses will repay careful attention at this time of year. Budding may be taken in hand. Dull weather is best for this operation. Keep the rose beds free from weeds. Roses will not thrive on poor soil. Make free use of liquid manure or give a top-dressing of some good fertiliser and water it in. A wealth of bloom can be assured that should continue until the frosts come.

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FRUIT GARDEN.—Plum crops, especially if heavy, should be thinned. All varieties are better for judicious thinning, but those intended for dessert or exhibition are particularly improved by it.

Gooseberries delight in rich cultivation and no fruit responds more freely to it. They should, therefore, be given some liquid manure or be top-dressed with cow manure.

Pears should be frequently examined for the pear midge. Persevere in picking off the diseased fruits of apples, as well as pears, and burn them; otherwise they will fall to the ground and the pests secrete themselves for the season.

As soon as the strawberries are cleared from the early varieties the runners and weeds should be removed. Beds that have been planted longest, and have begun to decline in fruitfulness, should be cleared entirely and the ground manured and dug for some other crop. The life of a strawberry bed is three or four years.

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VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Plant borecole and winter greens, two feet apart each way, in vacant ground.

Two or even three sowings of cabbage seeds may be made; the first between the 20th and the end of July; the second during the first week of August and the third a week later. The seed may be sown broadcast in an open, airy position on ground of a fine tilth

that is not heavily manured. Give a thorough watering in and protect from birds.

Early celery should have a liberal supply of water. French beans may still be sown.

Spinach for winter use should be sown towards the end of the month.

Continue to plant cauliflowers from the late sowings. They should be put into good ground that has been deeply dug.

Self protecting broccoli, which is very similar to a cauliflower, is an invaluable variety and will with attention, provide a constant supply up to the end of the year.

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GARDEN BOOKS

If you have not already met him, let me introduce you to Tickner Edwardes. He is the author of at least five charming books that should be read and re-read by all lovers of nature, gardens and the open-air life.

One book has the title "The Lore of the Honey-Bee," and is a fascinating account of these wonderful insects.

Another book is entitled "A Downland Year," and consists of 365 little sketches of the country-side—one for every day of the year. This is a book that can be dipped into, opened anywhere and read haphazard rather than sat down to and read through. But there is a subtle charm about it that may lead you to do more than just dip into it.

It is recorded that the late Lord Oxford and Asquith sat up one night reading the Bee Book until in the small hours of the morning, he had read it through from cover to cover! This might equally well happen with "A Downland Year."

The range covered by the latter is a wide one, but space will not permit more than two quotations. Here is one about spiders which appeals to me because I have noted a similar phenomenon in my potato patch. Under date July 3rd, we read: "Some idea of the immensity of the spider population in summer-time, may be gathered by walking on an ordinary country house lawn an hour or two after sunrise on a fine morning and noting the infinity of tiny webs that give back an iridescent glow among the grass-blades in the slanting light. At daybreak the whole lawn was white with dew-drops; but under the hot sun the dew threaded on the blades, soon ran down and disappeared, leaving the webs still carrying their load of infinitesimal water-drops; countless little tremulous rounds and ovals flashing in the sunshine as though they had been sifted over with diamond-dust. Without this revealing dew, it would be impossible to see the webs; but now if you turn your back to the light, they become sharply visible, covering the whole expanse of the lawn with their rainbow lustre. You may count fifteen or twenty separate webs in every square foot of ground. Assuming that each of the tiny webs is the work of a different

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WATLING RESIDENT

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

BY THE HON. SOCIAL SECRETARY

By the time my remarks are in print "Watling Week" No. 13 will be over. I do hope all members and friends took advantage of the various activities and now that we have to return to the normal functions let us make the most of the light evenings and endeavour to support all that is going on at the "Centre."

The Whist Drives held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. have during the past months been well supported by a body of keen players. Sunday evening dances for members only have also been well supported—this is encouraging for the "Building" Fund and I trust that the time when the extension to the present building can be commenced will not be too long delayed. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Secretary of the Savoy Cinema for providing the spot prizes given at these Sunday evening Dances.

A function that has been missed is the Saturday Social; those jolly evenings we used to spend together; to hands of whist followed by the good old dances. We would like to revive those popular socials. I should be glad to hear what you think. Drop a line to me at the office. I should like to revive these socials, as they were such a mental tonic to me, as I am sure they were to many others.

T. JUDD.

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Our Guests

Among those who have accepted the invitation of the Council of the Watling Association to be present at the Members' Dinner on Friday, June 27, are the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon; Alderman Latham, of the L.C.C.; Mr. Carter, Secretary of the R.I.B.A.; and Mrs. Monro, well known for her work for the W.V.S. locally and friend of the Watling Association.

Progress

We are glad to be able to report that the sales and circulation figures for the June issue of the "Resident" shows a substantial increase on that of the same number last year.

GARDEN BOOKS—Continued from Page 10

spider, how many thousands of these must inhabit one grassplot alone?"

And under the date of August 9th we read: "There is a new sound, or rather an old sound renewed, in all the village gardens to-day—the dainty, diffident sweetness of the robin's song. The robins have been silent about the villages for a month or more, albeit few have missed their music in the rush and preoccupation of full summertime. Probably robins never leave off singing the whole year through; but in the summer heats they seem to grow tired of human company and go off to the woodlands, where you can always see and hear them in July, though there may be scarce another note of singing bird from one end of the wood to the other. Yet so soon as August is begun the green solitude seems suddenly to pall on them, and back they come to their ancient haunts in the cottage gay-grounds and spinneys round about the villages. There is something curiously winning and fresh in these first days of the robin's renovated song."

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"WATLING RESIDENT" TRAVELS FAR

Honorary Editor,
Watling Resident.

3, Newhall Street,
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10th June, 1941.

DEAR EDITOR,

Whilst at a recent conference of Secretaries at Leicester, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Sewell Harris, and took the opportunity of expressing to him how very much I appreciated receiving each month with unfailing regularity a copy of the "Resident." It was very nice, therefore, to find, on returning from my lunch today, your magazine, and to do what I always do, namely, to read it through there and then from cover to cover. I have had a little experience myself in running a magazine both in Liverpool and here, and I know what work it entails. The date of publication seems to come round with greater rapidity than any other day in the month.

I am a very keen "magazinish," if I may use that expression, and I think that every resident on a new housing estate where there is a magazine should support it, and if they have not a magazine they should "create enough disturbance" until they get one. What I like about your magazine is that it is so varied, and gives the impression that some real live work is going on. I was particularly attracted this month by the photographic cover and hope that you are able to continue this form of presentation. "Live photographs" such as you have given this month, make a tremendous appeal to people, but I know the question of obtaining blocks each month is difficult.

With all good wishes to you and to the Association.
Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR S. DAVIES,
Organising Secretary,
Birmingham Council for Community
Associations.

A PROTEST !

(The Letter has been abbreviated - Editor)

328, Deansbrook Road.

DEAR EDITOR,

The Executive of the Association has refused to allow the Women's Discussion Group the use of a room for a Public Meeting in support of a Women's Parliament, to be held in London in July.

I would like readers to become aware of the object of this meeting. The idea is to give ordinary working women the opportunity to give voice to many difficulties troubling them at the present time.

Take for instance the case of the young woman with children whose husband is in the Forces, who will need to turn out to work in the factory. What pay will she get? What will the Trade Unions do about her. Will she get equal pay for equal work when skilled? What of her little ones? Will there be Nurseries and Community Feeding Centres to take care of them? How will she do her shopping? Will she get time off to spend a few days with her husband when home on leave?

Then there is the food question and the worry to nourish the children and keep them healthy. All very human questions and the Community Centre the place for them.

Now, Mr. Editor, it has been of little use for yourself and the Secretary to write progressive items and articles in the "Resident," pointing out the value to individuals to take part in all forms of Education, Political, Economic, etc., during our leisure time; how taking part in such removes prejudice and a bigoted outlook; helps one to be tolerant and more understanding; how can the "Resident" publish such, when a group of women like ourselves try to help the people we are frustrated in our efforts.

Has not the Association always claimed to be non-party-political and non-Sectarian?

At a recent debate at the Centre a question was put to the housewife, Mrs. Parker asking her her opinion for the backwardness of women in taking part in public affairs. She replied: "It's the men that keep the women back."

Yours very sincerely,

ELLEN LEWINGTON.

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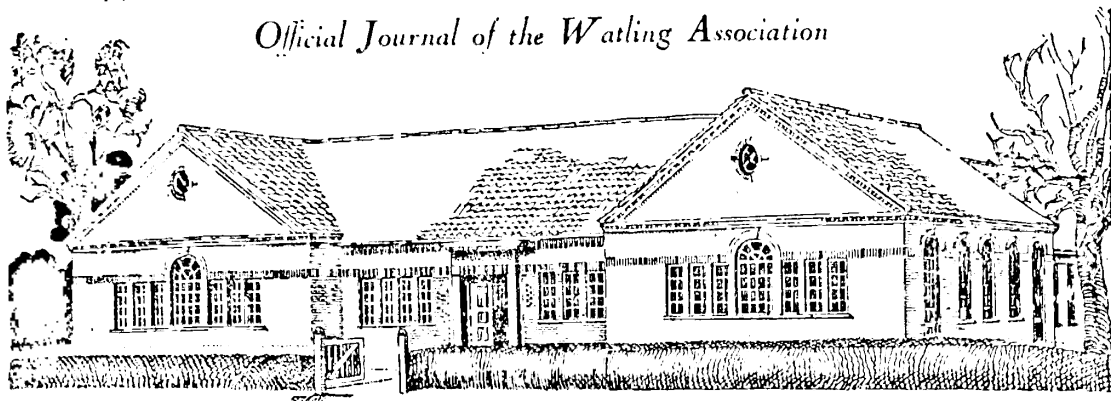
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RANDOM JOTTINGS

Birmingham and Cambridge

Last month we published a letter from Mr. Davies of Birmingham, and this month we publish one received from Dr. Barker of Cambridge. It is encouraging to learn that the journal covers so many miles and that what is intended to interest the people of Watling is also of interest to others many miles removed from home.

They Say it with Flowers

It is remarkable how we all take for granted those things that we see every day and enjoy and think somehow look after themselves.

But we do not, I am sure, realise the amount of time and care that Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Price have put into the rose garden in front of the Centre. It is their contribution to the Association, and we do appreciate it although we may say little or nothing about it. We would soon cry if we did not have those wonderful blooms to gaze upon each year—thank you!

August Fellowship Meeting

It has been agreed to hold the Fellowship Meeting for August on the second Sunday this month in place of the usual first Sunday. This alteration is only for the month of August. The meeting is held at 3.30 p.m.

Watling Babies

The photograph appearing on the front cover this month of the prize-winning babies in the Baby Show held during Watling Week was taken by Mr. Gwyn Jones, son of Mr. A. T. Jones, President of our Association.

It was there for the asking !!

An observer noticed that of the five gentlemen who either proposed the toasts or responded to them at the Annual Dinner, four of them did without alcoholic liquor in performing their task—and why not?

It Nearly Missed the "Bus"

On one of his many journeys the editor of this magazine had with him an attache case with copy and proofs of the *Resident* inside this said case. In making a change of trains the said case was left behind on a seat at the station. Having gone about three stations further on, the discovery that some of his luggage was not with him was made. Immediately he returned by the next train, and there, much to the relief of the then distracted editor, was the attache case—and so the *Resident* is out again.

Names of Lucky Number Prize Winners

Gift Vouchers on June Issue lucky Nos. have been claimed by the following people:—

No. 446, Mr. Berthelmy, 164, Watling Avenue;

No. 807, Mrs. Denyer, 28, Colchester Road;

No. 927, Mrs. Headland, 9, Deans Lane;

No. 1233, Mrs. M. O. Reilly, 174, Ballards-lane, N.3.

Four Vouchers were not claimed by the date declared as closing the scheme.

Broken Windows

The Centre has suffered badly lately through the thoughtless throwing of stones by young members of the community.

Many windows have been broken and the executive is considering seriously what action can be taken to prevent what appears to be willful damage. They realise that the root of the trouble is a lack of something constructive for these young hands to do.

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU SERVICE ?

In July this Bureau commenced on a new schedule of days and hours—two morning sessions and one afternoon, and a number of people have taken advantage of the new arrangement.

For those who have not yet been in contact with it, we may say the objects of the Bureau are to provide a centre of advice and information on all kinds of personal and domestic problems.

The Bureau does not give any form of relief, either in cash or in kind, but explains legislation and endeavours to see that no one misses, through ignorance, the provisions made on his behalf, and puts people in touch with the best means of obtaining the help they need, whether it be legal, financial or any other kind.

The Bureau is run by voluntary workers, and no charge is made to inquirers. All inquiries are treated in a sympathetic manner, and are entirely confidential.

To give some idea of the problems that are brought to Citizens' Advice Bureaux, such questions as these are asked:—

1. Would you help me to fill up this Form?
2. How do I apply for an allowance for a baby that's not born yet?
3. I can't pay the whole of my rent (or the whole of my instalments to Building Society), since my husband joined the Services, what shall I do?
4. Can I apply for Old Age Pension while I still have some savings in the bank?

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CENTRE ● POINTS

By "STROLLER"

● THE CONTINUED hot weather in the early part of July caused a certain amount of discomfort to some people, but I think most people enjoyed it. Women look their best in charming summer frocks, and even some men discarded their jackets and went about in open-necked shirts. When will sensible summer clothes be made for men? Variety is the spice of life, and we certainly get it in our weather. We no sooner get used to going out in summer attire when along comes a thunder storm and we are freezing again. Fortunately, the weather for Watling Week was ideal, although the climax of a hot period was reached when the boxing events took place at Barnfield School. The rounds were fought out in the stifling heat of a top floor schoolroom.

● THE U.S.A. GROUP started at the Centre a short while ago is gaining more members every week, and Mr. Wakeling and his assistants are kept busy. Don't forget, no queries can be answered by post. All notices, etc., will be published in this magazine. So be sure to get your copy.

● THE GAY GIRLIES gave a successful show to the Harrow Blind Club recently. The audience was composed of blind members, their helpers and friends, who heartily joined in the choruses, especially in the old songs.

● FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS are held on the first Sunday in every month at the Centre at 3.30. These gatherings are brief and bright and are open to all.

● THE ADELPHI PLAYERS will be giving a performance of "The Little Plays of St. Francis" at the Centre on August 1st at 8 o'clock. Tickets, 2/6, 1/6, 6d.

● THE BLIND CLUB is not meeting at the Centre during August.

● FRUIT BOTTLING.—Now is the time to bottle and save all the fruit you can get. The Women's neighbourhood Guild are giving a demonstration at the Centre on August 20th. So if you want a few raspberries round about Christmas time, now is the time to bottle 'em.

● KEW GARDENS.—A sunny day, a nice tea and a tour round the wonderful gardens. This is what the Men's Adult School hope to enjoy on Saturday, July 26th. An interesting winter programme has also been worked out, and when the school meets on Sunday mornings they can look forward to an intellectual feast.

● OPEN-AIR SINGING. Did you hear the choir practicing in the grounds at the back of the Centre a short time ago? The weather was warm enough for us to do that. Although we could not be seen from the road, we were informed that many a person hastening along suddenly slowed their pace to listen to the harmonious strains of the mixed voices. An audience of children inside the grounds was persuaded by the choir conductor, Mr. A. I. Jones, to join in and sing. Many requests have been made for the choir to give an open-air concert.

● THE GUILD OF PLAYERS are considering new plays with a view to production in October. New members are invited, Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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7 DAYS FREEDOM

LET us take a lead from the Women's Page this month, where the chief topic is "Holidays."

What memories that word "Holidays" suggests to mind; the sea-waves to splash about in; swim for the more adventuresome; sand pies and castles for the children; walks along the esplanade, whether it be Southend or Harrogate; a sense of freedom removed from care and anxieties.

Some folk are having "Holidays" this year, but alas the prospects of a normal Holiday is remote. For the Londoner his usual seaside resorts are not open to him.

Where can he go and what can he do? These are the questions uppermost in his mind. He wants as much as ever before, and perhaps more than usual, to get away from work and worries (without being irresponsible) after a Winter spent cramped in shelters and under cover. Work at high pressure and sometimes in great personal danger, he seeks to relieve himself of all these fetters.

Now is when his knowledge of the great open spaces in and around his home town is going to be of great service to him. To relax on Hampstead Heath or to swim at the open air baths at Mill Hill, or to cycle out to St. Albans and see the cathedral or a visit to some place of interest, such as the London Zoo, is going to give him a feeling of having "done" something.

And as man to man, let me advise you on one thing: remember whereas at the seaside your good wife may not even put a kettle on the gas, she it is who is going to have least of the bargain this year. She will still have to think about feeding the family and preparation of meals, so you won't forget a hand in the morning will be greatly appreciated.

GOOD LITERATURE

At the RECENT Dinner for members and friends held during the middle of "Watling Week" the Mayor, Alderman Naar, M.B.E., J.P., quoted from a recent issue of the *Resident* when proposing the toast of the Watling Association.

He mentioned that he was a regular reader of the journal, and at a later stage in the proceedings His Worship was "congratulated" on his choice of literature by the Editor when he was proposing the toast of "The Visitors."

The Council language in minute form would probably be that it has been "noted."

STOP THAT TRAIN!

IN NORMAL TIMES this is the month of holidays, and you know how exacting we are when arrangements have to be made concerning how the journey to our holiday resort is to be made; careful enquiry is made as to what time the train or coach leaves its terminus; we always catch the train or coach for we know it will not wait for us if we are not there at the appointed hour.

Why is it, then, that when it is holidays or our daily "clocking on" at work that we strain every nerve to be there at the required hour; and yet when a group of individuals agree to meet for discussion or social interlude at a time previously agreed upon, when the time arrives the meeting cannot proceed because its members fail to put in an appearance at the chosen time?

This slackness won't do; if we can be punctual for work so we can for pleasure. If we can't it shows only a half-hearted interest in what we profess to be interested in.

Several instances recently held at the Centre have been notorious for their slackness in commencing business at an hour much removed from the appointed time.

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The *Resident* Committee is proud of its recent achievement in meeting within five minutes of the appointed hour and concluding its business in 45 minutes.

SPECIAL NOTICE

to Residents in Deansbrook Road
and Camrose Avenue area

REQUEST TO L.P.T.B. FOR BUS SERVICE

We feel that a bus service from Mill Hill passing through Deansbrook Road to Orange Hill Road and then down Orange Hill Road to Burnt Oak Station, or as an alternative through Deansbrook Road crossing the Edgware Road and through Camrose Avenue to Queensbury Station, would render a valuable service to people who live in this area. It is our intention to approach the L.P.T.B. on this matter, and it would help us if we could have the views of those interested.

Would you please write to us or call at the Centre stating which route would serve you best.

F. E. CORE

(Tenants' and Residents' Welfare Officer.)

THE MERCHANT NAVY

By ALLAN WATSON, of Watling, who is in the Service.

To youngsters (and those not so young) who aspire to the carefree life which the sea offers, the Royal Navy, with its centuries of glorious tradition and matchless efficiency, would appear to have primary appeal.

The Merchant Navy appears to the mind as a quiet and little-known Service, with the result that the polished brass and gleaming steel of the Royal Navy is gloriously enhanced.

With many people the thoughts conjured by the terms "abroad" and "foreign" are never-to-be-realised dreams—a private world to be entered for true mental relaxation and temporary escape from life's realities. And can it be denied by those possessed of such imagination that there is an exclusive glamour attached to cargoes which is lacking in the duties of the Royal Navy? Oil from Persia—spices from Singapore—cocoa beans from the Gold Coast—coffee from Brazil; roll these phrases round your tongue and deny if you can the romance of Britain's universal trade!

So, to all those with sea-fever, pure and simple, a desire to roam, and a thirst for the bizarre and unusual, I say, "The Merchant Navy every time."

We will leave the warships to the other, equally indispensable, present and would-be sailors—the practical, hard-headed realists.

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Inspector Hornleigh—A Clue!

Who is the keen member of the Kentish Town Poultry Club that is also an ardent vegetarian? Is it the eggs or the bird he is anxious to acquire?

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30:—

August 3.—Mr. W. THREADGOLD.

August 10.—Mr. R. COLBERT.

August 17.—Mr. D. SAYER.

August 24.—Mr. CLAUDE G. GROVE

August 31.—Mr. J. B. WATSON.

UNCENSORED NEWS

AN IROQUOIS RED INDIAN made the following statement to a white man, many years ago, and it certainly causes thought. "There must be a great many dishonest folk among you civilised people, for you can do nothing without the aid of witnesses, a signed contract, an oath, a priest, or a lawyer."

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"Nay, Some I have seen will choose a beehive for their sign and gloss their soul-delusion with a muddled thought, picturing a skep of straw, the beekeeper's device, a millowner's workshop, for totem of their tribe: Not knowing the high goal of our great endeavour is spiritual attainment, individual worth, at all cost to be sought and at all cost pursued, to be won at all cost and at all cost assured."

The above quotation from Robert Bridges' "Testament of Beauty" has been inserted on the request of Dr. Barker, of Cambridge.—See his letter under "Letters to Editor" column.

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SOME FAINT IDEA of the length and bulk of our English records may be obtained from the fact that a single statute, the Land Tax Commissioner's Act, passed in the first year of the reign of George IV, measures when unrolled upwards of nine hundred feet, or nearly twice the length of St. Paul's Cathedral within the walls, and if ever it should become necessary to consult the fearful volume, an able-bodied man would be employed for three hours in coiling and unrolling the folds of words.

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WE HAVE HAD many witty authors, but few have made so much laughter and happiness as Lewis Carroll. Strangely enough, this man was one of the most serious people who ever lived, he was serious to the point of sternness, yet there is no hint of this in those two delightful "Alice" books. Lewis Carroll was only a pen-name, the author's real name was Charles Lutwidge-Dodgson, and he was a lecturer on mathematics at Christ Church, Oxford. It is said that when he was among children he became Lewis Carroll, all fun and jollity; when he was with adults he became Mr. Dodgson, and behaved like a schoolmaster in the presence of sixth form boys, much to the annoyance of the grown-ups!

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ONE OF THE GREATEST discoveries that we owe to China is that of Silk. Whilst Europeans were wrapping themselves in skins of wild beasts, the Celestial Empire of China knew how to rear silkworms, reel the silk and spin a fine silk cloth. It is on record that in 2640 B.C. the wife of a famous Emperor devoted herself to cultivating mulberry trees, on which the silk worm feeds. Silk was unknown to the older Egyptians; in spite of their remarkable civilisation, no shred has been found in the tombs of Pharaoh, and it was unknown to the children of Israel.

WATLING RESIDENT

WATLING WEEK No 13 ACCOUNTS

Profits of Activities				£	s.	d.
Grand Dance	...	...	...	19	17	3
Special Social	...	...	...	1	13	5
Children's Entertainment	...	...	...	1	17	2
Poultry Exhibition	...	...	...	3	7	7
Grand Social	...	...	...	1	18	9
Grand Choral Concert	...	...	...	0	12	4
Grand Dance	...	...	...	0	11	10
Cake Making Competition	...	...	...	0	15	10
Grand Whist Drive	...	...	...	5	0	10
Baby Show	...	...	...	1	9	0
Juvenile Dance Competition	...	...	...	16	9	0
Social Social Whist Drive	...	...	...	1	14	0
Whist Drive	...	...	...	2	0	3
Whist Drive	...	...	...	0	10	0
Short Story	...	...	...	0	9	2
Social and Whist Drive	...	...	...	0	15	6½
Go To It	...	...	...	1	5	11
Social Dance	...	...	...	1	2	0
Rummage Sale	...	...	...	9	5	6½
Gay Girls Concert Party	...	...	...	4	3	8
Donations	...	...	...	43	2	10½
Watch Draw	...	...	...	14	11	6
Felt Flowers	...	...	...	0	11	3
				£133	4	8½

General Expenses				£	s.	d.
Caretaker, St. Alphage	...	...	...	1	0	0
Posters	...	...	...	1	9	0
Resident	...	...	...	4	8	0
Postage	...	...	...	1	1	3½
Children's Talent Festival Loss	...	...	...	1	13	2
Boxing Loss	...	...	...	3	13	3
				£13	4	8½

Donations

De Havilland, £5 5s.; Mrs. Price, £1; Sir Chas. McRea, £1 1s.; Mr. Gwynne Jones, 10/6; Dr. Hunt Cooke, 10/6; Mr. G. D. Herbert, £2 2s.; Mrs. Wills, £1; Mrs. Piercey, £1 1s.; Mr. Laing, £10; Mr. S. Jones, 2/6; Anonymous, £20 10s. 4½d.

THE ORGANISER SUMS UP

Our second wartime "Watling Week" has come to an end, and, in this month's issue we publish details of the latter half of the "Week," also list of accounts, etc. The purpose of this year's "Watling Week" was twofold. We hoped to raise £100 towards the upkeep of our Centre and, in planning our programme, we felt it should be as wide and varied as possible so that Watling people would have an opportunity of enjoying a week of social recreation, so necessary if we are to keep fit and rational under the great war strain which we are subjected to.

The accounts have not yet been audited, and there may be slight alterations, but we think it safe to state we raised about £120. Financially, then, "Watling Week" was a success. You will notice if you study the accounts that some events show a much greater return than others. Some even show a loss. We are not perturbed by this; we feel that every activity was worth while.

The smaller audiences enjoyed their recreation just as much as the larger, and after all, financially, it's the final results that count. Now let us turn to the social side. We feel that this also was a success. We saw many old friends attending the activities, also many new ones. Everyone seemed sorry when the "Week" came to an end. So many people came forward to help us that it would be dangerous to attempt a list of names. We would in all probability miss one or two, and they would naturally feel offended. So will all those good people who assisted please accept our most grateful thanks?

Our thanks are also extended to the subscribers, whose donations contributed greatly to our success. To His Worship the Mayor of Hendon, who opened the "Week" and showed a great interest in what we were attempting. To County Councillor Mrs. Grey-Skinner for her most splendid efforts on our behalf. To the business houses who supported our Baby Show and gave the prizes. And finally my personal thanks to the Watling Week Committee for their co-operation and fine team work.

ERNEST E. COLE,

Organiser, Watling Week No. 13.

Baby Show Prizes

We wish to express our gratitude to the following firms, who so kindly gave prizes in connection with our Baby Show, and so helped to make the show a success: Messrs. Kellogg's; Mellin's Food Ltd.; Keen Robinson & Co., Ltd.; Farleys Infant Food Ltd.; Cow & Gate Ltd.; Benger's Food Ltd.; A. Wander Ltd.; Virol Ltd.; D. & W. Gibbs Ltd.; Libby, McNeill & Libby, Ltd.; The British Drug Houses Ltd.

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CONTINUING from July issue here is the report of the remaining events of "Watling Week No. 13."

We included last month the Cake-making Competition and now recommence with the Baby Show held on the Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday, June 24th—Baby Show

The best Watling first-born baby was Dorothy Ann Winifred Morley and the best baby in the show was John Michael Ascott.

There were 57 entries, and one did not envy the judges their task. These three doctors, Dr. Cree, Dr. Morley, and Dr. Price, worked hard and to the onlooker all of the babies seemed worthy of prizes. It certainly needed the professional eye to discern the points that count.

All of the mothers present were to be commended for their normal healthy bairns, these children showed no signs of war diet, or blitz nerves, in fact they were remarkably good tempered, for Baby Shows must be very trying to you if you are wanting to go to the park to see the ducks. One can honestly say that if these healthy young children are the citizens of to-morrow, we need have no fears about the future.

The winners were as follows:—

OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS AND TENANTS OF WATLING COMMUNITY ESTATE.—Class A, under 9 months: Jacqueline Brenda Cox and James Edward Farrah. Class B, over 9 and under 18 months: Barry Jenkins and Dorothy Ann Winifred Morley. Class C, over 18 months and under 2½ years: John Michael Ascott and Jennifer Ann Hatchley.

OPEN TO ALL.—Class D, under 9 months: Maureen Ann Luker and Allen John Lewington. Class E, over 9 months and under 18 months: Marian Wyvill and Arthur R. Lodge. Class F, twins under 2 years: Katherine and Margaret White.

Tuesday, June 14—Juvenile Dance Competition

On Tuesday evening to a packed audience in St. Alphage Hall, two Schools of Dancing competed for a Silver Cup, and the standard of dancing was therefore quite high.

The first School to go on was the Broadfield Park Steppers, under the tuition of Miss Croudy, and they put on a colourful show. The costumes were both pretty and sophisticated, and were worn to good advantage. This school's programme was well balanced, and included a novelty "Toe Tap" dance by Elsie Goodwright, who also did an acrobatic dance. There was also a display of acrobatics by Jean Turner.

After the interval, Miss Stella Maris's school gave their display, which was very ambitious. The average age of this school was I think a little younger than that of the Steppers, but they gave a very polished performance. The two "hits" of this show, judging by the applause, were "Tin Soldiers" and a Russian Dance, the first item was ably led by Betty Brace, and the second was a solo by the same talented young lady. Little Jean Hall also gave a good account of herself, both in tap and ballet dancing, and the dresses of this school were very neat and not without colour.

Mrs. Shiels kindly came along to act as judge, and the audience were in complete agreement with her judgment, for the applause was with her when it was announced that Miss Stella Maris's school had again won the cup, which they held from last year. Jean Hall was

Concluding Report

Baby Show
Juvenile Dance
Competition
Dramatics
Annual Dinner

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time and services
"Watling Week"*

then presented with a small cup, and Betty Brace also received a presentation. Two of Miss Maris's senior pupils who should have appeared, have recently been engaged for a London company, so this meant last minute re-arrangement of the programme.

There was, however, one little performer, who in my judgment is worthy of the attention of an enterprising producer. She has a natural gift for acting, it is so natural that it is not acting, and her voice is full of melody. In fact she is not a bit like the average idea of a talented child, her naturalness bubbles over and the twinkle in her eye is that of real mischief. I am referring to little Gillian Vincent, who sang and danced, "It's Foolish but it's Fun." I think this very young lady has a future in front of her.

Thursday, June 26—Dramatics

The amateur dramatics were presented by the Watling Guild of Players at the Centre on Thursday evening. The production was a comedy, "Short Story," by Robert Morley. Produced by Miss G. V. Kimmenade, of the Mill Hill Union Players, it was one of the Guild's best efforts.

Mr. Ernest Cole, as the erring husband, was well supported by Miss Florence Baldwin, and Mrs. Edith Cole, as the wife and a former stage actress. Others in the cast were Miss G. M. Kimmenade, as a titled cousin of the wife; Mr. Frederick H. Lake (her spouse), Miss Edith Graysmark (spinster-organiser of the village fete), Mr. E. Sewell Harris (film producer), Miss Irene Speller (the charming maid). The play was a variation of the eternal triangle theme, full of sparkling lines with the characters skilfully drawn, and all making full use of their opportunities.

Mr. A. R. Lodge was stage manager; Mrs. L. Roblou and Miss Iris Cole prompters; Mr. Roy Cole, jun., looked after the curtains; and Mr. C. J. Roblou was steward.

Friday, June 27—Members' Dinner and Dance

The dinner was held at the A.B.C. Restaurant, Burnt Oak Broadway, on Friday evening. Mr. A. I. Jones, president of the Association, presided. Principal guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon (Alderman A. A. Naar and Mrs. Naar), and Mr. Charles Latham (Leader of the L.C.C.).

After the loyal toast, received with musical honours the Mayor proposed a toast to the Watling Association, paying tribute to its great work for the community.

He read from the June issue of the Watling Resi-

Report of "Watling Week"

We wish to thank those who gave their time and energy to make the 13th "Watling Week" a success.

Juvenile Talent Contest Members "Go To It" Rummage Sale "Gay Girlies"

gent quoting the questions raised by a reporter on what Hendon had done in the matter of Civil Defence.

Dealing with the rehousing of those who had suffered in air raids, the Mayor gave figures in support of the strenuous efforts made by the Council to cope with distress. His recollections of the Watling Association were over many years and he mentioned the experiences of those early pioneers of the movement, both on the Council and those stalwarts of the Association.

In conclusion, he wished the Watling Association prosperity.

Mr. C. J. Roblou thanked the Mayor for his keen interest and good wishes.

In a toast to the visitors, Mr. A. R. Croker, Editor of the *Resident*, said the Community Association movement was even now still in its infancy. He felt great changes would come after the war. Its ideals were a deep sense of fellowship and brotherhood on the basis of true civilisation.

Mr. Charles Latham (Leader of the L.C.C.) expressed warm thanks and congratulations to the Association, its officers and members for their fine work. The builder might erect the framework of life in a district, but it was left to the residents to establish a fine community. His biting remarks as to the early days of the Watling Estate (from the L.C.C. angle) and the nervousness of some of the Councillors of the then Urban District Council, brought peals of laughter from everyone, although one had the impression that he was "scoring" hits. It was good to hear and see the spirit with which these remarks were received.

Touching on national affairs, he hoped that when peace was won a broader point of view with one another would be established.

With a toast to "absent friends," Mr. A. I. Jones paid a tribute to the pioneers whose work of long ago contributed to the fine spirit existing in the Association today.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, with Mr. Jack Radley as M.C., and music by Cole's Rhythmic Band.

Saturday, June 28—Juvenile Talent Contest

A high standard was reached at the Children's Talent Festival arranged by Mr. A. I. Jones at St. Alphage Hall. The adjudicators were Miss Gwendoline Harries, L.R.A.M. (singing and pianoforte), Miss Muriel Aked (elocution) and Mr. P. Callear (essay writing, reading and spelling bee). The awards were certificates

beautifully executed by Mrs. W. J. Pratten and presented to the winners by Miss Muriel Aked.

Results were as follows:—

Singing, under 11 years: 1, Megan Griffiths. Singing, girls 11-15 years: 1, Joy E. Griffiths; 2, Pamela Vincent; 3, Elizabeth Pollett; 4, Phyllis Cooper, Angela Mealing. Singing, boys 11-15 years: 1, Alan B. Ashmore; 2, Ralph Redstone; 3, James Sweet. Pianoforte, 11-15 years: 1, Marjorie Bland; 2, Patricia Grow. Essay Writing, under 11 years: 1, Rosalind Allen; special award, Josephine Coleman. Essay Writing, 11-15 years: 1, Jean Brewer and Phyllis Cooper; 3, Marjorie Bland; 4, Jeanne Bubb; commended, Raynor Powell, Ralph Redstone, Angela Mealing, Pamela Hyams. Reading, 11-15 years: 1, Ann Hilton; 2, Josephine Coleman; 3, Natalie Frankel; commended, Peggy Rawlings, Angela Mealing, Leslie Cherry, Elizabeth Pollett, June Newman. Individual Spelling Bee: 1, Jean Bubb; 2, Jean Brewer; 3, Ellen Harvey; special award, Josephine Coleman. Team Spelling Bee: 1, Roy Grant (leader), Phyllis Millar, Natalie Frankel, Eileen King, Heather Saunders, Marylynne Younger (Edgware School). Elocution, girls 11-15: 1, Julie Gooch; 2, Jean Haydon; 3, Elizabeth Pollett; 4, Pamela Vincent; 5, Doreen Taylor. Elocution, boys 11-15: 1, Raymond Powell; 2, Ralph Redstone; 3, Cyril Lipstein; 4, Alan Jensen; 5, James Brownsort.

Sunday, June 29—"Go To It"

"Go to it" provided an entertaining social evening for members of the Watling Association. It was organised by Mr. Jack Radley, as M.C. and compere, and the "crazy gang" crashed in and burlesqued all the items given by the artistes, provoking hilarious laughter from a large audience.

Miss Peggy Beard, soprano, was followed by Mrs. L. Nyberg with comedy song imitation. An excellent performance was given by Mr. T. Collin and his musical comedy three, in song, humour and instrumental entertainment which was cleverly burlesqued by the "Crazy Trio," Messrs. F. H. Lake, G. W. Nyberg and F. Bouchard. A fine ventriloquial act was given by Mr. E. E. Cole, the Watling Week organiser, with Victor Hobbs as his puppet. Music was provided by Mr. Ben Bolt and Mr. F. H. Lake (violins) with Mrs. Marie De Lattin at the piano.

A dance for the younger members of the Watling Association was held in the Common Room, with music supplied by Cole's Rhythmic Band.

Monday, June 30—Rummage Sale

An excellent afternoon of bargain-hunting was spent by many women at this popular annual event, and in view of coupons, it had an added attraction this year. The sale was ably arranged by Mrs. Lodge, and everything was sold.

Tuesday, July 1—The Gay Girlies

This entertainment by the "Gay Girlies" concert party, was well received. The varied programme was compiled by Mrs. L. Nyberg, and there were talented performances by Mesdames A. Preston, K. Hicks, M. Lake, A. Richardson, M. Grifley, A. Durant and E. Artiss. Mrs. Durant was accompanist at the piano.

Owing to pressure on space the Whist Drives have not been reported, though the value of them as part of "Watling Week" has not been overlooked.—Editor.

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Lady's Wristlet Watch

In an effort to help the proceeds of "Watling Week," Mr. R. Lodge organised a draw for a Lady's Wristlet Watch which was won by Mrs. Smith of Cricklewood, she is known locally as an assistant in one of the shops in Deansbrook Road.

WOMEN'S PAGE

"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

Holidays this year are a problem (to those who have one) and Prudence Pennywise offers suggestions of what can be done—without much travelling or expense

HOLIDAYS this year are going to need some careful thought on the part of the housewife, if she is going to get any benefit from the family break from work. It is, however, well worth giving careful consideration to this before the children break up, and here are a few thoughts on how to spend some happy, but inexpensive, days in the surrounding district.

The local parks offer quiet mornings for the children, and father, whilst mother does the essential work of the house, not every day, but washing, etc., has to be done, and father will be doing his bit if he takes the young members out of the way. In the afternoon a pleasant time can be had at the swimming pool, even if you do not swim or bathe. Take a picnic tea, and let the youngsters revel in the water; they will not quarrel with your choice of entertainment.

For the older children who like a walk, have you ever visited the Horses' Rest Home on the Barnet By-Pass, just past Scratch Wood and turn left at the roundabout? Here there is a clever white horse who

rings a bell, but only when you give him something to eat! There are a number of tired horses and donkeys resting in this quiet place, and it is interesting to read their names, ages, and complaints on the cards adorning the stable doors.

Elstree is a good place for the family. A three-penny bus ride from Edgware, half fares for children, brings you to a short walk from the lake, and I hear that there is a shop in the High Street where you can buy a good cup of tea for 2d. with sugar. Does this tempt you? A whole day could be spent at Elstree, and by taking your food, it need only cost a few pence per head.

If you have a school girl or boy who is interested in cathedrals, why not get a train from Mill Hill L.M.S. and visit the lovely cathedral of St. Albans. Here architectural terms come to life; the Abbey Church, which was rebuilt in the latter part of the 11th century, has preserved its Norman character in spite of various new features in each of the Gothic styles. This cathedral is closely linked with our past history, so it may interest scholarship children in particular.

'APPY 'AMPSTEAD

Hampstead Heath is well known to most of you, and for the small boy. It has a good yacht pond, just at the top of Heath Street, and, of course, the Heath affords an ideal place for a picnic.

If there is a wet day, why not visit the Golders Green Hippodrome? Perhaps you never go to the theatre. Well, why not give yourself a complete change? Then there is the excellent Public Library at Mill Hill, where all tastes are catered for; you may find just the book you have been wanting to read. I must not forget to mention the children's libraries at the Watling Centre, and at The Orchard, Mill Hill Broadway, where any child can find the stories of their favourite author, or maybe a book about their particular hobby. The cinemas are too well known for me to mention, but I would mention a place which seems so obvious, but yet escapes the notice of many. I mean the Watling Centre. Why not come along during your holiday? You will find a diary of events in this issue. I am sure that there is something of interest to every member of the family, and it will be a well-spent holiday if it leads you to take an active part in your Community Organisation.

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*Head downward hung the bat,
He looked on field and town
It's plain (he chattered) that
The world is upside down.*

*How funny! laughed the pup:
But then it isn't true,
The world is right side up,
What's upside down is you!*

"Meet the Sun Half-way"

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

By the time you read this little letter you will have broken up from school, and what are you going to do with these precious days? I do hope that you will try to help Mother all you can by getting out into the sunshine, and building up your health, so that when the dark winter days come you will have stored a lot of sunshine in your bodies. This will help you to keep fit during the sunless days ahead. I seem to have written about this subject before but it is so very important that I feel it cannot be mentioned too often. Going out in the sunshine gives results. Arms and legs get brown, but do remember to wear a light hat with a brim to protect the back of the neck—sunstroke is one of the results of unwise sunbathing. Have you ever thought of the old-fashioned sun bonnet with the frill all round the lower edge? The farm lasses who wore them were not so slow, for they knew how unkind the sun could be.

Cheerio, a happy holiday.

SNOW WHITE.

YOUR LIBRARY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS are here again and you are planning all sorts of things you want to do. In between your swimming, walking or cycling you may have time to read what other children have done with their holiday.

Here is a list of books—all exciting stories that I know you will enjoy:—

- The Easter Holiday (Barne).
- The Secret of Spiggly Holes (Blyton).
- Treasure Hunters (Blyton).
- The Children of Cherry Tree Farm (Blyton).
- Californian Holiday (Estcourt).
- Explorers Awheel (Hogg).
- Explorers on the Wall (Hogg).
- Yes, Cousin Joseph! (Joyce).
- The Ship that Flew (Lewis).
- A Quiet Time for Molly (Pulling).
- Pigeon Post (Ransome).
- Winter Holiday (Ransome).
- Mrs. Bunch's Caravan (Woodward).
- High Holiday (Wates).

"WHAT YOUTH IS FIGHTING FOR"

An enthusiastic meeting was held at the Watling Centre on Sunday, July 6th, when eight young speakers spoke on "What Youth is Fighting For."

The first speaker, Mr. J. Baker, started by saying that those who have already died fighting have not died in vain, and added that the present system was the cause of the present combat. He then stated that German youth has been militarised and forced to fight, the results of which we have seen and are continuing to see. Mr. Baker finished by saying that the outcome of this war must be a reshaping of the world by youth, and that this reshaping must take the form of a Christian mode of life.

The next speaker, Miss M. Jackson, began her talk by stating in her opinion the present conflict was a continuation of the Great War, and that the years between 1918 and 1939 had not been years of true peace, but in effect an Armistice. She pointed out that one of the evils of this war was that research work in connection with diseases such as cancer and tuberculosis had been curtailed.

Mr. C. Ableson stated that youth had been watching those in authority dilly-dallying with vital issues and always considering first how their parties would be affected at the next election. Youth, he said, must no longer remain silent, and it was imperative that youth should realise that world affairs was its problem, and that an answer must be found to all the complex problems of today.

Mr. T. Rathbone said that youth has the right to an equal opportunity for advancement and has the right to express itself. He suggested that there should be a national youth movement embracing all classes.

Miss Wheeler stated that youth was fighting for freedom and added that if Germany won this war British youth would have very little left to live for.

Mr. Shortz asked whether the outcome of this war would make for a better living for those who make for a future generation. What new changes, he asked, would the youth of today like to see?

Mr. Stockwell gave a brief description of the Nazi regime and added that the youth of this country must work hard to force its opinion on the Government.

The last speaker, Mr. Doodney, stated that youth was today fighting for the equality of all classes, and it was fighting to eradicate the causes of wars for all times.

A lively discussion followed and many interesting points of view were exchanged, among which it was suggested that age should be given an opportunity of replying to youth.

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WHAT TO DO IN AUGUST

FLOWER GARDEN.—Continue to sow annuals for blooming in the Spring. Some kinds flower much more quickly than others, and these should not be sown too early or they will not withstand the winter. Locality, soil and situation are important factors relating to the hardness of these plants.

Cornflowers will, if grown thinly, withstand the severest of our winters when sown in September or even in August. Transplant those intended for spring bedding should they become over-crowded. This will assist them to survive the winter.

Wallflowers and other biennials that have been raised from seeds sown early in the Summer should now be pricked out. About six inches apart is suitable for wallflowers. Each variety should have a label so that the colours can be properly arranged at the final planting.

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FRUIT GARDEN.—Cherries should be pruned and cleaned as the trees are cleared of fruit, whether by human beings or birds! Give plenty of water to the roots as well as thoroughly wash the trees.

Earwigs and wood lice are usually plentiful among the fruit trees at this season of the year. These can be trapped by placing six inch lengths of broadbean stalks among the branches of the trees. These should be examined every morning and the pests blown into a vessel containing very hot water.

Cut out old raspberry canes that have borne this year's crop. Their removal will allow the new canes to have more air and sunshine. Raspberries intended for the production of fruit in the autumn should be netted and freely supplied with water. Grapes in the course of ripening require an abundance of air night and day.

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VEGETABLE GARDEN.—The first half of August is the most suitable time for sowing the seeds of Spring cabbages, which are such an important crop. If sown sooner the plants will run to seed and will therefore be of little value. Sow the seeds thinly in shallow drills 15 to 18 inches apart upon ground which has been cleared of early potatoes. Carefully prepare the ground and make it fairly firm. Little difficulty will then be experienced in keeping down the weeds or in drawing the plants when large enough to handle.

Earth up early celery and give it a liberal supply of liquid manure.

Plant out seedling lettuces ten inches apart in rows a foot asunder in any spare plot of land.

Keep up a succession of sowings of winter spinach. Several small sowings are better than one large one. An open position is best for all vegetables that are to stand the winter, as the plants become hardier when growing in exposed conditions and are therefore better suited to withstand the cold.

WHAT ABOUT A GOOD LAUGH?

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR INCOME TAX?

If you have, read the following

With the heading "An Appropriate National Theme Song," the "International Bookbinder" (published in Washington, U.S.A.) prints a letter which, although there are a few phrases that are peculiarly American in application, has many sentences which apply to people in this country, especially now that income tax is at 10s. in the pound. Here is the letter:—

"Dear Friend,—In reply to your request to send a cheque, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to Federal laws, State laws, City laws, Corporation laws, Liquor laws, Mother-in-laws, Brother-in-laws, Sister-in-laws, Santa Claus, and Outlaws.

"Through these laws, I am compelled to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, school tax, food tax, income tax, furniture tax, gas tax, road tax, hacks tax, hardtacks, thumb tacks, and excise tax. Even my brains are taxed. I am required to get a business licence, car licence, truck licence, not to mention a marriage licence and a dog licence.

"I am also required to contribute to every society and organisation which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life; to women's relief, the unemployed relief, and gold diggers' relief. Also to every hospital and charitable institution in the city, including the Green Cross, the Black Cross, the Purple Cross, the Fiery Cross, and the Double Cross.

"For my own safety, I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, burglar insurance, accident insurance, business insurance, earthquake insurance, tornado insurance, unemployment insurance, old age insurance and fire insurance.

"My business is so governed that it is no easy matter to find out who owns it. I am inspected, expected, suspected, disrespected, rejected, examined, fined, commanded, compelled, until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every human need, desire, or hope of the human race.

"Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up or down, and robbed until I am almost ruined.

"I can tell you honestly that, except for the miracle that happened, I could not enclose this cheque. The wolf that comes to my door nowadays just had pups in the kitchen. I sold them and here is the money.—Very truly yours, John P. D. Q. Taxpayer."

—Reprinted from the "London Typographical Journal."

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You call this a Pain in the Neck

When Max Baer was injured in his fight with Lou Nova recently the doctors' diagnosis was:

"Fracture of an ossicle on the ventral surface anterior border of the sixth cervical vertebra and a detachment of a traumatic arthritic extending from the sixth to the seventh vertebra."

Baer told Reuter it was just a "pain in the neck" to him.

—Reuter and "Evening Standard."

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Woodcroft Hall, Watling Avenue.—See

Advertisement.



WAR WORKERS—LODGINGS REQUIRED

7th July, 1941.

TOWN HALL, HENDON, N.W.4.

DEAR EDITOR,

May I ask space in your magazine to draw attention to the following matter:—

Help is required in finding lodging accommodation for some 300-400 men and women, to be engaged within the next three or four months on work of national importance.

This is not official billeting, so that it will be necessary for the war workers concerned to conclude their own financial arrangements with any householders, but it can safely be said that having regard to the subsistence allowances which are made to the workers, the minimum which any householder should expect to receive would be 24s. 6d. per week, but it is not uncommon for higher rates to be agreed. This should include breakfast, a light evening meal, and all meals at week-ends when the men or women are at home, plus, of course, adequate sleeping facilities.

As already stated, the influx will probably be within the next three or four months, and to secure adequate provision of accommodation, it is desirable that those of your readers who are willing to take war workers should register their names and addresses with the undersigned at the earliest possible moment, and state the number and sex of workers for whom accommodation would be available.

Your faithfully,

A. E. HARDING,

Rehousing Officer.

THE "RESIDENT" AT CAMBRIDGE

17, CRANMER ROAD, CAMBRIDGE.

5th July, 1941.

DEAR EDITOR,

I was interested in, and delighted by, the column in the last number of the *Watling Resident* called "Uncensored News" (Page four, column one). It caught my eye by its good title: it engaged my attention by its good substance. But I disagree with the last paragraph—unless it is ironical. Bees are a very bad analogy for human beings, and the worst "example of co-operation." I wish the next issue could quote Bridge's Testament of Beauty, Book II, lines 200-207.

Yours sincerely,

DR. ERNEST BARKER.

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Our Columnist replies:

I agree that there seems to be a complete lack of warmth and natural emotion in the bee colony; they do not tolerate either the lazy, or the infirm. They seem, however, to follow faithfully the natural laws governing their community, and I have yet to find evidence that they suffer from unemployment, square pegs in round holes, a high suicide rate, or unwanted children! (See quotation requested under "Uncensored News.")

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sundays—

Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.

3 No meeting.

10 Right Judgment. Mr. Balmora.

17 Printing a Newspaper. Mr. A. R. Croker (engagements permitting).

24 The Administration of our Common Property. Mr. W. Pratten.

31 The Machinery of Democratic Government.

Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Weight Lifters, 12 noon.

Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Mondays—

Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.

Mixed Choir, 7 p.m.

Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

Edgware Model Aero Club, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays—

Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

AUGUST, 1941.

W.V.S. First-Aid Class, 7 p.m.

Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.

Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.

Watling Guild of Players, 8 p.m.

Wednesdays—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.45 p.m.

6 France and Her People. Mr. G. Scott Farnell.

13 Pottery Demonstration. Miss M. Hare.

20 Fruit Bottling. Miss Thomson. Gas Light and Coke Co.

27 Members' Talks.

Veterans' Club, 4.15 p.m.

Girls' Club, 7.30 p.m., at Orange Hill School.

Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

Cyclists' Touring Club, 8 p.m.

Thursdays—

Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.

Veterans' Club, 2.30 p.m.

Youth Hostels Association, 7 p.m.

Women's Discussion Group, 7.30 p.m.

Watling Association Youth Club, 7.30 p.m.

Weight Lifting Club, 8 p.m.

Fridays—

H.S.A., 7 p.m.

Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.

Saturdays—

Poor Man's Lawyer, 3 p.m.

Members' Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

Fri. 1 Little Phyllis, 10 p.m.

Players, 8 p.m.

Thurs. 7 Kentish Town P. try Club, 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 8 Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Sun. 10 Odd Fellows, 10 p.m.

Fellowship, 10 p.m.

Thurs. 14 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.

Thurs. 21 Kentish Town P. try Club, 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 22 Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Sun. 24 Odd Fellows, 10 p.m.

Thurs. 28 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.

Thurs. 28 Watling Association Council, 7.30 p.m.

RANDOM JOTTINGS—(Continued)

Co-Operators' Conference

An important Trade Conference will be held on Wednesday, 17th September, at St. Lawrence Church Hall, Whitechurch Lane, Edgware. Mr. G. T. Horsnell, well-known member of the L.C.S. Management Committee, will deal with Co-operative Trade Under War Conditions. Mr. R. Ball, L.C.S. Education Committee, is the Chairman. All Co-operators are invited to attend and admission is free. Doors open 2.30. Commence 3 p.m.

A Contemporary

"Food and Fruit," the magazine of the Kingsbury Food and Production Association, will this month celebrate its first anniversary. The Association it represents is very go-ahead in its organisation for allotment holders and those energetic members who are able to form themselves into Pig Clubs. Wembley Council have had to acknowledge in no small detail the work of the Association, and has had to seek the co-operation of the Association's Secretary, Mr. W. T. Stobart.

Members are able to purchase gardening and allotment necessities at greatly reduced prices, and consequently do not begrudge the 1s. 6d. annual subscription asked from each member. We send our hearty good wishes to the Kingsbury Food Production Association and acknowledge their fine community service.

Veterans' Summer Outing

Two coaches left the Centre on Wednesday, the 2nd July, with a party of veterans out to enjoy their annual outing. Aylesbury was the first destination. It was market day, and the old folk were able to wander around the market and watch the livestock put up for auction. Four o'clock in the afternoon they boarded the coaches again en route for Boxmoor, where they stopped for tea. After tea they were permitted to sit out on the lawn at the back of the premises. Gramophone music was relayed by loud speaker, and the old folk had a very enjoyable time.

The weather was perfect, and at 9 o'clock they once again boarded the coaches for the return journey, arriving at the Centre just after 10 o'clock—12 hours of enjoyment.

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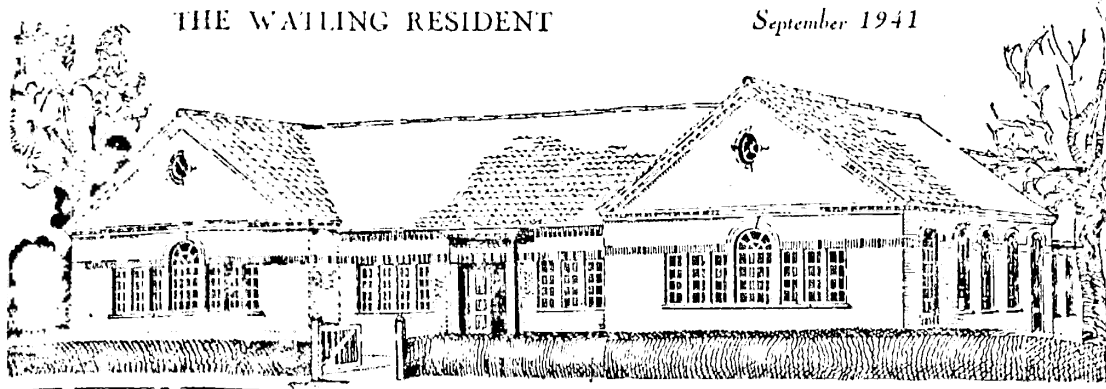
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WHO RUNS THE CENTRE ?

A challenging article calling for serious consideration, by

F. H. LAKE, Hon. Secretary, "Resident" Committee

A CASUAL remark which I overheard, that the Watling Association is in the hands of a small clique, set me wondering whether there was any truth in this statement.

As we all know, the Centre was not built for any particular sect or section, but for all people who wish to make legitimate use of the communal facilities there. There are no favourites, and each member has a full right to have a say in the conduct of the business of the Association.

A way of avoiding charges like the above, which may or may not have some grain of truth in them, is for more members to offer themselves for service in the Association.

RANDOM
JOTTINGS
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THE VOICE OF YOUTH

More encouragement could be given to new members to take office, especially the younger members.

At a recent meeting held by the youth of the community there was a discussion on "What we are fighting for," and during the meeting much stress was laid on the fact that youth has not had a fair chance of making its voice heard in the affairs of the country. In a community association there is plenty of opportunity for youth to train itself; to be more confident in public speaking, and there are many ways in which youth can accustom itself to doing public service. After all, if youth wishes to rule it must first learn to serve. We hope therefore that in future our younger members will not be content to remain in the background and leave the older ones to get on with the work, but that they will come forward and get elected on to the various committees, and so make their presence felt.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Watling Association, when officers are elected, there is a tendency to re-elect the same people, which is some justification for the work falling into the hands of a few. There is a definite value in holding some office of responsibility, and in my opinion more members could be persuaded to take office providing the way was

not blocked by people who have dug themselves in and fenced their little job round. If the same people are always on the committees, then most likely the same supporters will turn up to the functions, which leads to a certain amount of staleness. Every year there should be a reshuffle of officers in all sections. Would it interfere with the successful running of the Association if a rule was made that no one should hold office for more than two consecutive years if a successor could possibly be found, also that no member should hold more than two official positions or sit on more than one major committee, i.e., the Executive, Financial, or Resident Committees. At present the same people who sit on the Executive Committee may sit on the other committees, so that it is a farce and a waste of time to recommend a resolution for another committee's approval, as the first committee could pass it without further ado.

NO POLITICS

Also, a constant change of officers would prevent the possibility of the Association coming under the influence of any political group. We are nominally a non-party political organisation, but we all have political views, and any section, if so minded, provided it could get enough support, could put its views into action.

This is a Community Association, and not a limited company. Greater opportunity should be given to members, however amateur, to develop their talents. A very small proportion of the work of a community association is more or less specialised, but no one is indispensable, and a continual flow of fresh blood is very necessary to keep it fresh and active, bringing in new members and new ideas.

If the Centre is not run to our liking we have the power to remedy it. It is our Centre, and it is up to us by using our goodwill and co-operation to make it work for the common good.

Who runs the Centre? You do. If it is a success, yours is the credit. If it is a failure, yours is the blame.

WATLING ASSOCIATION MUSICAL SOCIETY

The second Annual Meeting of the Watling Association Mixed Choir was held at the Community Centre recently. Mr. A. I. Jones, the conductor, presided.

Mr. L. Lock, Hon. Secretary, reported that the membership had been consistently maintained with full attendances at the various concerts given by the choir. These included performances for the Veterans' Club, the John Groom Crippage, John Keble Girls' Club, Burnt Oak Adult School annual breakfast, and at St. Alphage Hall in aid of Watling Week.

It was decided to form a small orchestra to co-operate with the choir for rendering operatic pieces, the first selected being "The Pirates of Penzance" in concert version.

Owing to the inclusion of these instrumentalists under the title of the Watling Association Orchestra, with Mr. Foley as conductor, it was decided to change the name of the choir to the Watling Association Musical Society.

Officers elected were: Mr. A. I. Jones, conductor; Mr. Foley, deputy conductor; Mr. L. Lock, hon. secretary; Mr. Wakeling, librarian; and Mrs. Marie de Lattin, accompanist; with Mesdames Mills, Coleman and Messrs. Cox, Singleton and Wakeling on the committee.

Mr. G. R. Richardson was appointed hon. auditor, and Mr. Wakeling to be in charge of all music accounts.

Votes of thanks were accorded Mrs. Marie de Lattin for her services as accompanist, and to Mr. A. I. Jones for his conductorship of the choir.

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CENTRE ● POINTS

By "STROLLER"

● A SERIES OF MEETINGS, primarily for youth, will be held at the Centre in the near future. Some interesting subjects are in process of formation, and it is expected that many people, old and young, will support the meetings.

● Ministry of Information FILMS

The public are invited to an
Open Meeting of "The Neighbours"
which will be held at the Centre
on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
at 8 p.m. at which
M. of I. Films will be shown

● A SOCIAL has been arranged for the older member on September 6th at the Centre, when it is intended to arrange an old-time Saturday Evening Social.

● THE YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION is one of the most virile groups meeting at the Centre. There are now over 100 members.

● BRIGHTER FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS are now a regular feature at the Centre on the first Sunday in each month. A few hymns, a talk by a speaker, and a musical item make up a very pleasant and helpful hour. The musical item at the last meeting was provided by Miss Coleman and Mr. F. H. Lake, who gave flute and piano duets. These meetings are open to all, and we hope that the next one, on Sunday, September 7th, at 3.30, will be well attended.

● SERVICE to the community is now more to the fore than it was, and there are still many ways in which we can render service. For instance, groups of young people could collect bottles from the streets and so remove the danger of broken glass. Another good job of work would be to offer to dig the gardens of soldiers who are away from home, also widows' gardens.

● THE BRITISH RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN PENNY A WEEK FUND is now well under way in Hendon. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be willing to contribute a penny a week to this good cause. The contributions will be collected each week by regular collectors. Anyone who is willing to collect a street once a week are asked to give their names in at the Centre. Watling must not be behind.

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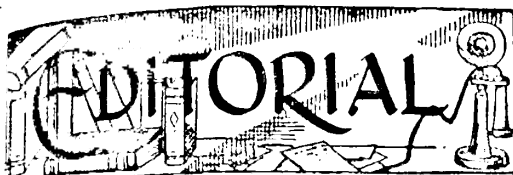
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THE WATLING RESIDENT

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The Watling Association is the Community Association of the people living on the Watling Estate

The Centre, Orange Hill Road, Watling, Edgware

Hon. Sec.: FREDERICK LAKE, 4, Littlefield Road, Burnt Oak

SHOP WINDOWS!

It is amazing what a lure a bookshop is to some people. The other day I was attracted to a shop that had a plentiful supply of books on show and gazing longingly at several I should have had to have possessed if my purse had allowed it, I caught sight of a small book of W. H. Davies going for the temptation was too much for me—I fell for

Now this is of no interest to the reader, I suppose, yet the point I want to bring home is this. The title, "The Adventures of Johnny Walker, Tramp," is, as the title suggests, about tramps—these in particular the American. They travelled from town to town and State to State and achieved in no small way all the "booby" they set out for.

They were seldom defeated in their efforts to obtain a meal or bed wherever they went. If the call at one place resulted in abuse and refusal, they tried again. Of course, I am not for one moment suggesting that we could all become tramps and live on the backs of other people; far from it, but what I do suggest is that we could acquire that technique of never being defeated in our endeavours providing, of course, that they are prompted with the right spirit—and that is, governed by the approach to the problem as to what is good for me must be good for the community.

This boils down to the fact that to always appreciate what is good for the community is not always easy to discover, and groups in such subjects as are advertised in the two middle pages this month are groups that will in the main help us to discover the wants of this troubled world of ours.

So let us take the opportunity of acquiring knowledge so that we may be able to know what we really want and go to it without being defeated in our endeavours.

I know some people find it difficult to concentrate these days, but do we realise sufficiently that an occupied mind is far healthier than one which is a blank.

HEAVEN OR HELL?

SOME PEOPLE THINK that all you have to do is to plan and everything will be all right. Heaven. Others think that if you start planning everyone will be forced to do what some bureaucrat tells them, and they think that's Hell. Of course, both are wrong.

Whether planning leads to one place or the other depends on what the object of the plan is; planning may be for good ends, bad ends, pleasant ends, horrid ends, any old ends, so what we have to do is to see that we, the people determine the purposes for which plans are made, in other words, we must control the planners.

It's a good thing, therefore, to get some idea of the possibilities, of what is within range now with our

present knowledge and skill. Anyone who wants to run his or her own life and not have someone else do it, everyone who feels a sense of responsibility in this direction ought to make sure that they listen-in to the series of talks to be broadcast on Mondays at 7.35 p.m., starting September 20th, and ought to discuss these talks with other people.

The series is being planned with imagination. Starting from the situations in which various people find themselves now, thanks to the war, homes bombed, workplace out of action, children evacuated, tomatoes difficult to get, the many problems which need thought will be considered, and a typical family will interview experts in all sorts of directions, experts in building houses, in planning towns, in growing food, in transporting goods, in locating industry.

If you have any sense of responsibility for your own life, if you have any love for your children, if you have any patriotism, consider these things. If you want to join others in the consideration there will be opportunity at the Centre each week to listen-in to the series and to discuss the ideas put forward.

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Some of the questions that are asked are:—

How can I find out if I am due any pension, assistance, or supplementary pension?

My husband is a sailor, and I can't feed the children and pay the rent.

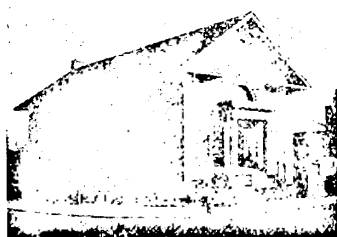
I am a soldier's wife and I must take an unfurnished house, but I haven't any furniture. What shall I do?

I used to keep house for father, but he died, and I am not well enough to work. What shall I do?

The Army have refused my application for an allowance for my son, and I can't keep on my insurance and club subscriptions on the money I get. What shall I do?

The Bureau is open at the Watling Centre on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10.30 till 12.30 and Friday afternoons from 2.30 till 4 o'clock.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30:—

Sept. 7.—National Day of Prayer.
Mr. F. N. MARTIN.

Sept. 14.—Mr. R. W. McADAM.

Sept. 21.—Mr. J. B. WATSON.

Sept. 28.—Mr. J. W. LAING.

HOUSE FULL—

or should have been

On the first of August at the Centre, the Adelphi Players gave their audience a feast of good acting by their interpretation of five of the Little Plays of St. Francis. This talented group of professional actors and actresses have formed a company which is not run on a profit making basis, and I think this high motive must account for the freshness and earnestness which permeates the cast. It is like a breath of fresh air.

The plays, Brother Elias; Brother Ass; Brother Sin; Holy Disobedience and the Fool's Errand, written by Laurence Housman, portray Brother Francis, who lived out his Christian faith in his daily life, sharing all with those in need. Cecil Davies took the part of Brother Francis with dignity, but the character seemed to lack a measure of humility. A strong character who stood out was that of Brother Leo, played by R. H. Ward. This was a skilful piece of acting, and a good contrast to the puckish innocence of the beloved Brother Juniper, so ably played by Geoffrey Palmer. In the play Brother Ass, we saw that it needs a very wise man to be a fool.

The chorus spoken by Greta Newall preceded each play and it was a pleasure to hear such well-spoken English. In fact, all the cast spoke up well. I can call to mind quite a few more experienced actors and actresses who would do well to take a lesson from the Adelphi Players.

The setting of the plays was quite simple, the costumes were mostly drab coloured gowns, but because of the high quality of the acting and speaking, no padding was needed. The audience was most appreciative, the play commanded attention, and I sincerely hope that we may again have the pleasure of seeing this group. In these war-clouded days we need all the inspiration we can get; a good play often gives that lift, and I for one caught a glimpse of the better world that might be.

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WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Some have wondered what the Women's Discussion Group discuss and what their objects are. The group is not affiliated to the Watling Association, but only rent accommodation at the "Centre." Their aims and a record of what the group has achieved has been supplied by Mrs. E. Lewington, of 328, Deansbrook Road, Burnt Oak.

The aims are as follows:—

1. Striving for the unity of the peoples of this country with our Allies, the people of the Soviet Union.
2. Giving all practical support possible, military, etc., now to the Soviet Union to end this dreadful war and defeat Fascism everywhere.
3. For friendship with the only Socialist country in the world, paying the way for the abolition of wars and poverty, with the ultimate aim of all thinking people, economic security and equal opportunity for all.
4. We are prepared to co-operate with people of goodwill for social reforms.

WATLING RESIDENT

Feeding Your Dog in War-Time

By CHARLES R. JOHNS,

Secretary, National Canine Defence League

THE food question is the most difficult of all the dog-owner's problems. Many of the dog-foods of peace-time are no longer available.

The distribution of dog-food to retailers in various parts of the country leaves much to be desired. In some districts the shops have been displaying, for long periods on end, notices bearing the words, "NO DOG FOOD," and dogs have had to depend for their sustenance upon household scraps.

In these days of rigid economy such scraps are far from plentiful, and the Waste of Food Order deters dog-owners from feeding their dogs on edibles fit for human consumption. In this regard the attitude of the Ministry of Food is of considerable importance.

"Dogs," the Ministry says, "should, as far as possible, be fed on food that is not suitable for human consumption. The pet dog should be fed as far as possible on household scraps that would otherwise have to be thrown away. These scraps should be supplemented, if necessary, by any of the usual purchased dog foods or other non-human foods. *Only when the available quantities of the foregoing foods are insufficient should any human food be used, and the quantity of such food should be kept to a minimum.*"

The following suggestions on the food problem are accordingly offered as a general guide:—

MEAT AND FISH Meat considered suitable for human consumption is no longer allowed to be sold except as rations for the human population. Accordingly the only flesh foods now available for dogs are cow-meat, offals classified as unfit for the table, and horse-flesh. In regard to horse-flesh, the meat from both sound and unsound carcasses is at the time of writing sold as dog-food. Under an Order issued on the 19th October, 1940, all meat (including horse-flesh) which is not fit for human consumption is required to be impregnated with green dye. As, however, the dyes specified in the Order are not always obtainable, it would be unsafe to assume that any undyed meat offered for sale as dog-food is perfectly sound. We therefore recommend that all purchases of dog's meat should be boiled before use. Horse-flesh, when obtainable, should be the staple flesh food.

Alternatives are cow-meat of a quality unsuitable for the table, such odds and ends as may be had from the butcher, and any household scraps (including gristle, skin and bacon rind) which may be available. Bones, too, have considerable nutritive value. Sharp splintery bones such as are found in chops, poultry, rabbit and hare should never be given to dogs unless they can be softened by cooking in a high pressure cooker. Otherwise they can be used in the making of soups and stews. Sheep's heads, including practically all the bone, can be made edible by high-pressure cooking. The same applies to some fish bones.

Proprietary foods containing meat, which were formerly only packed in tins, are now packed in glass jars as well.

As regard supplementary foods with a meat content, congealed ox blood is sometimes obtainable from slaughterhouses, while dried raw bone meal is supplied by some of the factories engaged in the manufacture of fertilisers, etc. It should be emphasized that these substances are not staple foods, and should only be used to give variety to the diet. The bone meal should be boiled, or scalded, with three or four times its own weight of boiling water. It can be rendered more appetising by adding a pinch of ground dried blood such as is used as a garden fertiliser.

BISCUITS AND OTHER CEREALS There is a shortage of biscuit foods for dogs. This is due to the fact that the supply of raw materials to manufacturers of dog foods has now been reduced to one-third of their peace-time allocation. Distribution, too, leaves much to be desired. This, apart from transport difficulties, may be due in some measure to the movements of the dog population—many dogs having been evacuated from the big cities. Dog-owners should, however, be able to obtain approximately one-third of the amount they formerly purchased. If the retailer cannot supply he should be requested to make representations to his wholesaler. In the absence of biscuit foods a very limited use of stale bread-crusts is, we think, justifiable—always bearing in mind the official warning quoted above. The crusts can be lightly crisped in the oven, or toasted.

OTHER FOODS In pre-war days, potatoes were rather frowned upon as an article of canine diet, although even in those days many dogs were fed upon a mainly potato diet and suffered no ill-effects. Now, however, the shortage of cereals has prompted their wider use, and had it not been for potatoes many dogs would have had to go hungry during the past few months. Bearing in mind the view of the Ministry of Food regarding the use of foods fit for human consumption, every possible use should be made of potato-peel and the small, low-grade potatoes sometimes called "chats." Potatoes by themselves are not very attractive to a dog; they can be mixed with the parings of carrots, turnips, swedes and the outside leaves of green vegetables, boiled for 15 to 20 minutes, and then moistened with soup or gravy made from bones, table scraps, pea-pods, etc. Alternatively the "hash" made as above can be placed, after boiling, in a flat tin with any odd scraps of meat, fish and bacon rind and baked in the oven until brown. A baked pudding of this kind provides something for the dog to "get his teeth into," and is better for his digestion than meals of a sloppy nature.

WATER It should be borne in mind that a dog is a thirsty animal, and a bowl of fresh clean water should always be within his reach. The bowl itself should be kept scrupulously clean, and in hot weather should be placed in the shade. During dry spells the bowl of water, especially if kept outside, should be changed two or three times a day.

1941-42 PROGRAMME of WINTER AFTERNOONS

ARRANGED BY THE WATLING

SUMMARISED PROGRAMME FOR THOSE OVER 14

(For details of activities marked * see next columns.)

Monday

- 2.30 p.m. *Women's Adult School.
- 7.30 p.m. *Making Plans.
- 7.45 p.m. Whist Drive.
- 8.0 p.m. *Folk Dancing, Edgware Model Aero Club, *Watling Association Musical Society.

Tuesday

- 10.0 a.m. *Birth Control Clinic.
- 10.30 a.m. *Citizens' Advice Bureau.
- 2.30 p.m. *Dressmaking Class.
- 7.30 p.m. Watling Association Youth Club.
- 8.0 p.m. *Watling Guild of Players.

Wednesday

- 2.30 p.m. *Women's Neighbourhood Guild.
- 4.15 p.m. *Veterans' Club.
- 7.30 p.m. Dance.
- 7.45 p.m. Whist Drive.
- 8.0 p.m. *Local Government Study Group, Cyclists' Touring Club Branch, *Dressmaking for girls.

Thursday

- 10.30 a.m. *Citizens' Advice Bureau.
- 2.30 p.m. Whist Drive, Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, Women's Discussion Group.
- 3.0 p.m. *Cookery Demonstrations.
- 7.0 p.m. *Youth Hostels Association, Hendon Group.
- 7.30 p.m. *Watling Association Youth Club.
- *Kentish Town Poultry Club.

Friday

- 2.30 p.m. *Citizens' Advice Bureau.
- 7.0 p.m. Hospital Savings Association.
- 7.30 p.m. *The Neighbours, National Builders, Labourers and Constructional Workers' Society.
- 8.0 p.m. *Understanding Ourselves.

Saturday

- 2.30 p.m. N.A.S.O.H. and S. Painters and Decorators, Blind Club, Transport and General Workers Union, *Poor Man's Lawyer.
- 7.30 p.m. Members' Social.

Sunday

- 9.30 a.m. *Men's Adult School.
- 10.0 a.m. Odd Fellows.
- 11.0 a.m. Society of Friends Meeting for Worship and Children's classes.
- 3.30 p.m. *Fellowship Meeting.
- 7.30 p.m. Dances, *Public Meetings.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14

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| Mondays | 5.30 p.m. | Tap Dancing. |
| | 6.0 p.m. | Concert Party |
| Tuesdays | 6.0 p.m. | Games. |
| Wednesdays | 5.30 p.m. | Carpentry. |
| | 6.0 p.m. | Needlework, Embroidery. |
| Thursdays | 5.30 p.m. | Boys' Physical Training |
| | 6.0 p.m. | Girls' Folk Dancing. |
| Fridays | 6.0 p.m. | Knitting, Painting. |

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Understanding Ourselves

A series of lectures arranged by the W.E.A. We are faced by overwhelming social problems—a record of human failures. Can we, by getting to know ourselves better, find new sources of energy and direct them towards better personal and social ends? These lectures will supply the answer. First meeting Friday, Sept. 5th, at 8 p.m. If you can't come let the Secretary know.

Adult Schools

Two Adult Schools, affiliated to the National Adult School Union, meet at the Centre for study and fellowship, and will welcome new members.

The Men's School, on Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

- Sept. 7th. Purpose of Education.—Mr. F. H. Lake.
- 14th. Electricity in Medicine.—Dr. P. Roschfeld.
- 21st. Schools of To-morrow.—Mrs. Cook.
- 28th. Life Long Education.—Mr. M. Waterfall.
- Oct. 5th. Our Own Movement.—Mr. E. E. Cole.
- 12th. Fleet Street.—Mr. Will Kent.

Later subjects will include Jesus, God and Men, Jesus and Tradition, The Rebel, The Administrator, Whitbread Holtby, Town Planning.

The Women's School, on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

Open to all, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 10.30 till 12.30, and Friday afternoons 2.30 till 4. Objects are to put people in touch with the help they need—to see that no one misses the benefits made to help them in any difficulty arising from the War or not. Help to fill up forms given.

Poor Man's Lawyer

sits at the Centre on Saturdays at 2.30 p.m. to advise those who are in legal difficulties and cannot afford a lawyer. Those with accident claims, insurance difficulties, lapsed policies, etc., should make sure of their position.

Watling Association Youth Club

meets Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. for games—darts, table tennis, chess, draughts, billiards, shove-halfpenny, etc.; and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. for lectures, discussions, film shows, musical evenings, socials. Sec., Mr. Rathbone, 333, Deansbrook Rd.

Watling Association Musical Society

The choir has now enlarged its scope and changed its name to include instrumentalists also. Preparations are starting for the production of the concert version of "The Pirates of Penzance." Any musicians (singers or players) who would like to join will be welcome. Conductor, Mr. A. L. Jones. Secretary, Mr. L. Lock, 17, Edrick Road. Practices, Choir Mon. 8 p.m., Instrumentalists Wed. 8 p.m.

Fellowship Meetings

arranged by the Adult Schools and the Society of Friends are held on the first Sunday of the month at 3.30 p.m. They are homely meetings of fellowship and worship with an address on some helpful subject. Items of vocal or instrumental music are included.

- Sept. 7th. The New Jerusalem.—Mr. C. Foster.
- Oct. 5th. Community at Home.—Mr. J. Abbott.

If you want to take part in any of these activities, but can't attend, let the Secretary know.

WATLING AND EVENING ACTIVITIES

All held at Watling Centre unless otherwise stated

THE WATLING ASSOCIATION AND OTHER BODIES

★ MAKING INS ★
Subject on the new house it needs, the kind of house it wants, considerations, etc. National Planning Authority, all these questions will be discussed on Mondays, starting September 29th. YOU ought to discuss them in to these 12.

Dressmaking for Girls
Can help in making their frocks. This group will meet at 13, Gunter Grove, under the leadership of Mrs. Harris, on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., starting on 1st. Any girl will be welcome, whether she wants the help or detailed instruction.

Veterans' Club
Open to all residents on the Watling Estate who are 16 years of age, without subscription. It meets on Mondays at 4.15 p.m. for a talk, tea, games and entertainment and other weekdays at 2.30 for games. Secretary, Mr. E. Cole, 10, Crispin Road.

Wentish Town Poultry Club
Meets at 7.30 p.m., September 4th, and alternate days, for lectures, egg competitions, etc. Special attention is paid to wartime problems of poultry keepers. Sports are always willing to help the novices. Poultry questions can be obtained through the Club. Secretary, Mr. Clark, 30, Auckland Road, Potters Bar, Middx.

The Neighbours
A group of lady members of the Watling Association have come together in order to give better service to the neighbours. Some do this through the W.V.S., in canteens, knitting and sewing for the Forces and others, etc., others help with shopping for those who cannot do their own, minding children, etc. All are prepared to give a helping hand to any one who needs it. The group meets on Fridays, 7.30—9.30, for a social time and sewing party; requests for help will be welcomed at that time. Open meeting on Sept. 12th, M. of I. films.

Youth Hostels Association (Hendon Group)
Meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for discussion, games and films and to plan rambles, cycle rides and visits to parks. Sec., Miss M. Barrett, 104, Farm Road, Edgware.

Goldbeaters Parent Teacher Group
Primarily for parents and teachers of Goldbeaters School, others who wish to attend meetings will be welcome. It meets once a month, if circumstances allow, to hear speakers and to discuss problems connected with, bringing up children both at home and at school. Secretary, Mr. E. Sewell, 13, Gunter Grove.

Boxing
Any boys or men who are interested in joining a Boxing Club are asked to communicate with Mr. A. R. Lodge, Watling Centre, in order that the time and day of the Club may be fixed to suit the majority.

Birth Control Clinic
For family spacing and women's health problems, on Tuesday at 10 a.m., under the auspices of the North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre.

Not attend the opening day, please notify the Secretary

Local Government

A short series of six meetings, primarily for young people, to study the local government of England, will be held on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., starting September 3rd.

The first meeting will be devoted to a general outline of the system and to deciding what particular aspects should be studied at future meetings.

Public Meetings

primarily for young people will be held on the second Sunday in each month at 8 p.m. to discuss problems of interest to youth.

Sept. 14th The Ideals of Youth.

Oct. 12th Youth and Industry.

Watling Guild of Players

Rehearsals on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and at other times when necessary. New members are invited to join both for acting and for scenery, property and costume making. Secretary, Mr. F. H. Lake, 4, Littlefield Road.

Dressmaking

A class with a teacher provided by the Middlesex Education Committee meets on Tuesdays at 2.30. Fee 2s. 6d. for course of twelve lessons.

Classes in MILLINERY, COOKERY and UP-HOLSTERY will be arranged if sufficient numbers enrol. If you want to join send your name to the Centre at once.

Women's Neighbourhood Guild

Meets every Wednesday at 2.45 p.m. Each meeting usually includes a short social time, a talk on some subject of interest, and a time for questions and discussion. Here is the Sept. programme:—

Sept. 3rd Picnic at Hampstead Garden Suburb. (if wet social at Centre).

10th Holland.—Mrs. Meynen.

17th Iceland.—Miss W. Delp.

24th Japan. (illustrated with lantern slides)

Mrs. Currie Martin.

The programme for October and November is very varied, but space does not permit publication.

Cookery Demonstrations

arranged in conjunction with the Gas Light and Coke Co. on Thursdays in September at 3 p.m.

4th Preservation of Fruit and Vegetables—Bottling and Drying.

11th Pickles and Chutney.

18th Balanced Meals—a complete dinner will be cooked.

25th Dishes from Garden Produce.

Folk Dancing Group

Mondays, 8—10 p.m., starting September 8th, for men and women. New dances will be learned, as well as old ones being enjoyed, so that both beginners and those more advanced can be sure of an enjoyable evening. Admission, 3d. to members of the Watling Association, 4d. to others.

WOMEN'S PAGE

for the sake of the Children

YOU MUST KEEP CALM!

*Prudence Pennywise
discusses Black-out
problems*

NOW that we have lost one of the summer time hours our thoughts naturally turn to dark evenings, black-out, and other things connected with a war-time winter. Not a very cheerful subject, but one which must have some thought, and action, if we are to give our families the maximum amount of comfort and assurance.

We must overhaul our black-out arrangements. They may have been perfect last winter, but wood, paper and cloth show signs of wear, especially if they have been unused for the summer months. So before the warden comes to remind you that you are showing chinks of light, test all of your curtains. Black-out cloth is couponless, fortunately. If wooden shutters have warped a little, line them with black paper, pasted on; if the shutters have shrunk, put an edging of black paper round your glass windows.

Now, what are you going to do with yourself during the longer evenings? From last winter's experience, I do suggest that we shall find it helpful if

*The health of the
family, especially the
Children is of the
utmost importance. . .*

*Adequate sleep for the
Children is vital and
necessary*

somehow we can keep our minds occupied. I can see some of you doubting whether it is possible with planes droning overhead, our guns blazing away, and bombs whizzing through the sky; but I assure you it is possible. Simple knitting, such as socks, any household mending, jigsaw puzzles, books, are just a few occupations which can be carried on during an alert. I say this, bearing in mind that we are not a badly blitzed area. We have had our experiences, but the main problem we have to face is one of long periods of "alertness."

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CHILDREN'S SLEEP

See that you have a supply of candles, put in a place where the family can easily get them. Darkness is an added terror when the local light supply gives out. Don't forget to have the matches handy, will you? Another point, see that there are plenty of blankets, or warm coats. It is surprising how cold one can get sitting around in the early hours of the morning. A hot water bottle placed at the children's feet will help to stop the chances of a chill. Of course, the ideal thing is to let the children sleep (if you can!). This is possible with young children, and if they see the grown-ups quite calm, it helps them to settle down more easily. Older children are a problem. They are young enough to have very vivid imaginations, and old enough to realise some of the realities. Example is the only guide you can give, so whatever happens, I do hope that mothers, fathers and any adult present will try to remember that calmness and common-sense will do a great deal to allay any fears in the hearts of the child who is growing up. Sleep is more important to children of any age than food! This may sound a sweeping statement, but I have it on good medical grounds. We mothers are all a little anxious about the children's food; may we all be just as anxious about the quantity of sleep the bairns get. Bright eyes, pink cheeks, healthy hair, and plenty of energy are the fruits of sufficient sleep.

WATLING BOYS' CLUB

The Club has had another successful period, with the membership increasing week by week, and at last it has been decided to open the club on Mondays as well as Wednesdays. A committee consisting of helpers and members has been formed, and at its first meeting there was only one unavoidable absentee, which suggests that a feeling of responsibility for the Club is present. It has always been the desire of the leaders of the Club to allow the boys to express their opinions on the running of the Club, and to help them to get the most out of it.

At the first meeting the committee decided to increase the weekly subscription for those over 16 to 3d. per week, leaving those under 16 to pay 2d. as before, and to have a yearly membership fee of 3d. per year for all members. Adults who wished to help the Club in a practical way could become honorary members on payment of not less than 1s. per year.

The programme for the month has been full of interest and included a very wet weekend spent camping at Mote Mount, when six members learnt the art of

● **LET'S LISTEN TOGETHER.**—An interesting group is to be formed whereby people are to listen-in together to a series of talks to be broadcast from September 29th. See panel on pages 6-7 for details.

cooking under very poor conditions. So successful was this venture that another camp has been arranged. Club evenings have been very well attended, and matches at table tennis and cricket have been played against Hendon Y.H.A. Group and Edgware Boys' Club. The Club does not only cater for the physical side of its members, but hopes to promote an interest in cultural activities, and a group has been started for discussion and dramatics, meeting on Friday evenings at 29, Briar Walk. Boxing is one of the most popular sports in the Club, and it is fortunate in having the good services of Mr. Webb, of the St. Pancras Boxing Club, as instructor.

During the winter a football team will be run, and practice games are now being held. A P.T. class will be included on the programme for Monday night, which should be of interest to all members, whether good or bad at sport. A party from the Club will be spending a weekend at the Youth Hostel at Jordans in Buckinghamshire, and this should give those members able to make the trip an opportunity to get to know each other.

The Club meets at Woodcroft School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7—9.30; and at 29, Briar Walk, on Fridays at 7.30, and any boy from 14 to 19 may become a member. New members can apply on any club night, or to the Secretary, S. F. Jones, 47, Gainsborough Gardens, Edgware, from whom can be obtained full particulars.—S.F.J.

A TRIP TO RUNNYMEDE

The Townswomen's Guild took a day off on Monday, August 11th, and went to Runnymede. Two coaches were hired for the occasion, and although the weather didn't exactly turn out nice, the Guild carried out their programme and enjoyed it. Boating on the river, a dip in the swimming pool, a round of the shops. Then tea at Egham and a song and dance at the "Coach and Horses." What more do you want?

UNCENSORED NEWS

IS THIS A PROPHECY?—It was written by Victor Hugo, the French poet and novelist, who lived 1802-1885. "A day will come when we shall see those two immense groups, the United States of America and the United States of Europe, extending hand to hand over the ocean, exchanging their products, their commerce, their industry, their art, their genius, clearing the earth, colonising deserts, ameliorating Creation under the eye of the Creator."

THE SELF-CONSCIOUS person is really conceited, not modest. He wants to dazzle people, and because his modest best will not do that, he refuses to do anything. He will not sing because he cannot outsing Caruso or Chaliapin. That is like refusing to play in a cricket team because you cannot secure more runs than every-one else.

SYMPATHY IS A THING to be encouraged, apart from humane considerations, because it supplies us with the materials for wisdom. It is probably more instructive to entertain a sneaking kindness for any unpopular person than to give way to perfect raptures of moral indignation against his abstract vices.—R. L. STEVENSON.

THE INVENTION OF PAPER came to us from China, where the date of the invention is carefully recorded as A.D. 105. The Chinese knew how to make paper from rags, fishing nets, hemp, plant and cotton fibre, and this great secret was kept within the Chinese Wall for 600 years. War broke out between two Turkish chieftains, one of whom appealed to China, the other to the Arabs. The Chinese were defeated, and amongst the prisoners were some paper makers, who revealed the secret to the Arabs. The secret then spread to Damascus, and for 500 years paper making was an Arab monopoly in the West. The art then went to North Africa and through Egypt, where it steadily displaced Papyrus, then on to Morocco, and later to Spain. This was its first appearance in Europe. It then spread to Italy and Germany and France, and finally to England, where the first paper mill was started at Hereford by John Tate 17 years after Caxton began to print.

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WHAT TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

All weeds and garden refuse should be collected into a heap and a little powdered quick-lime added to help the decomposition. This manure will be very useful later on.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Keep the lawn tidy by constant sweeping, rolling and mowing.

The arrangement of the beds that are to contain bulbs should be decided upon and the bulbs ordered or purchased in good time. Any required for forcing should be potted up this month. Roman hyacinths should be potted for early flowering in the greenhouse or in the window of a warm room.

Crocuses, daffodils, squills and tulips may be planted in the open now.

Some of the carnations previously layered will have rooted now and should be potted up and kept in the frame in case the winter should prove to be severe.

Dahlias and hollyhocks should have a good supply of water or, better still, liquid manure.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Filberts should be gathered and stored as soon as ready. Those for keeping late should be put in pans or on a cement floor, where they can be kept cool and dry. In such a position they should remain in excellent condition for a long period.

The storing of all fruits that are ready should be carefully attended to. Dessert apples and pears should be kept separate from culinary varieties, and early varieties especially should not be overcrowded. Place those that are in season and those to be used next in the most accessible positions.

Any fruit trees that require lifting or root pruning may be operated upon towards the end of the month. They should be moved carefully, and any roots that require cutting should be severed with a very sharp knife. Trees that are moved now will do better than those that are lifted during the winter.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—All stems of globe artichokes should be cut down as soon as they have become cleared of their heads, as nothing exhausts the plants more than allowing them to seed. Give them a deluge of liquid manure if possible.

Carrots that have reached maturity should be lifted and stored in sand or soil that is not allowed to become very dry, otherwise the carrots will soon split and become useless if left too long.

If lettuces are required to stand the winter it is necessary that the plants should be neither too large of too small. Consequently several sowings should be made during this month. The ground selected should be of a light and porous nature.

The harvesting of the onion crop demands attention this month. Do not leave the bulbs too long on the ground. If heavy rain follows a dry time a second growth soon takes place and the bulbs lose their soundness and solidity. The best place for storing the onions is a cool shed open at the sides.—H.H.

Charlie Goes Shopping

The dialogue printed below is imaginary, but the words used are those one would hear at such places as Billingsgate Fish Market.

The author is indebted to an ex-Billingsgate porter and boxer of repute many years ago, who is now an A.R.P. Warden in the East End of London, for the opportunity of collecting this choice selection of London slang.

Charlie informs Bill how he spent a Saturday afternoon with his wife shopping. (See translation below.)

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"I was waiting for the Gooseberry Pudding, who had been to Uncle Ned, when suddenly she announced she was ready. Up the Apples and Pears I went to get a Wishwire and then pick up me Tit for Tat and we were off.

"First on the list was Stand at Ease and then some You and Me; can't do without them these days. Missus had two shopping bags with 'er, so I knew we were going to do a lot of shopping.

"Next we stopped at the blinkin' Butchers for some Stop Thief, only a bob's worth each—not enough for a cheeriog these days, Bill. Could have got Charlie Strutton, but Gooseberry Pudding said it was dull, so gave it a slip.

"Next in we walked to a Fifty Bob Tailors, though nothing near 50 Bob nowadays. Missus had coupons with her and what do you fink? Right off to the bloke what came and asked what she wanted she said 'Suit for the Pot and Pan.' Nearly took my breath it did. Me for Marg Coupons, all the blinkin lot too.

"Bloke he measured me for the Round me Houses wanted to know if I wanted blinkin' pocket at the back, he did too! You should a' seen how he went about the Charlie Prescott—won't arf a dandy, I will. Then he fussed for hours over the Milkman's Float. Missus kept calling it my Nanny Goat. After all this nonsense they had a outfit ready to wear, so what with pinching the coupons and then the Do Ray Me I went out the shop loaded.

"Not finished I ain't, Bill; went to a shop then for a Dicky Dirt; blue one I got, more coupons, but not mine this time—out the girl's book now. Would you believe it, Goosberry Pudding then asked the bloke for Almond Rocks—'bout crowned it that did; I was ready to drop on the Rory-o-Moore. Missus got a Song of the Thrush and 'ome we went. What a journey, ready for Uncle Ned by the time we got 'ome we were, and off with me Lady Bertet Cootes."

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Translation: Wishwire, handkerchief; Tit for tat, hat; Apples and pears, stairs; Stand at ease, cheese; You and me, tea; Lady Bertet Cootes, boots; Song of the thrush, brush; Dicky Dirt, shirt; Nanny goat and milkman's float, coat; Charlie Prescott, waistcoat; Round me houses, trousers; Almond rocks, socks; Gooseberry pudding, wife; Rory-o-Moore, floor; Cheeriog, deer; Uncle Ned, bed; Stop thief, beet; Charlie Strutton, mutton.

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THE WAITING RESIDENT

ABBOTS ROAD CHILDREN'S PARTY

A Children's Party given by Abbots Road Fire Watchers to children in their area was held at Woodcroft School on Saturday, August 10th. The total attendance, with parents, being 240.

A sports meeting opened with a fancy dress parade, judged by Major and Mrs. Cleghorn. There were many entries, and these were keenly contested.

Mesdames Morgan, Harrison, Carpenter, Simons and Sullivan, and their helpers, are to be congratulated on the tables set for tea; it was plentiful and of splendid variety. A handkerchief gift for each child gave a nice touch of colour and originality to the layout.

A concert followed tea. This was produced and compered by Mr. Sullivan, with Mr. Carpenter as stage manager. A splendid programme was provided of an hour and a half duration.

A child's talent competition was next, which brought to light some little stars, and lastly Major A. Cleghorn presented the prizes, which were numerous and had been given by a number of local shopkeepers and residents, whose co-operation is warmly appreciated by the Committee.

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WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Although a few of our members are unable to attend the Monday meetings, the spirit of the School is still vigorous, and old friends visit us from time to time.

We are pleased to welcome back after a period of unavoidable absence, three of our highly-esteemed members: Mrs. Pratten, who has accepted responsibility for the minutes; Mrs. Jones, who is now our Secretary; and Mrs. Fairbairn. We are very happy to have them with us again and hope they will be able to stay.

We have had a social, a spelling bee and a cake-making competition during the past two months; Miss Knowles informed us of the very interesting activities of other Schools; Nurse Perkins spoke to us on "General Ailments," and Mrs. Jones, our Secretary, delighted us with an account of Mary McArthur's Home for Working Women, to which she recently paid a visit. Members also contributed to the success of "Waiting Week."

Two very pleasant outings, to Elstree and to Hampton Court, have been indulged in, and another has been arranged for the near future.

IS THIS YOUR MOTTO?

*I shall pass through this world
but once; any good thing, therefore,
that I can do, or any kindness I
can show to any fellow creature,
let me do it now; let me not defer
or neglect it, for I shall not pass
this way again.*

RANDOM
JOTTINGS

Accommodation Wanted

Not many readers responded to Mr. Harding's letter in last month's "Resident." The situation is serious; accommodation has to be found in this locality for many hundreds of War Workers in the course of the next few months. If you can take even one person (man or woman), write to Mr. Harding, Re-housing Officer, Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4, and he will be glad to hear from you.

Mr. E. Torrance

Readers will be sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. E. Torrance, Hon. Secretary of the Bowls Club. We understand that he has recently undergone a serious operation and that he is progressing as well as can be expected. We wish him a full recovery and look forward to seeing him with us in the near future.

Story Telling

What an excellent idea of gathering the children together at the Library once a week for a story-telling half-hour during the school holidays. We are glad to hear that if a sufficient number of children notify the Librarian they may be continued throughout the autumn, on Saturday afternoons.

Who said Rabbits?

The Secretary has had a request for a Rabbit Club to be formed. Will any reader who is interested kindly get in touch with the Secretary at the Centre so that arrangements can be made for the formation of such a club, if sufficient support is given.

Inspector Hornleigh Again!

Last month's clue did not bring any answers as to who the Vegetarian was that had joined the Poultry Club. Recently this same person was lost with his family in the clouds whilst holiday-making in the North Country. No prizes offered if you can guess who it was.

If I only had Wings!

To see a model aeroplane flying round one of the rooms at the Centre is not an uncommon experience these days—now that the Edgware Model Aero Club has chosen the Centre as its meeting place on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.

The Edgware Model Aero Club was founded in 1936, the main object of the club being to collect as many aeromodellists together as could be found to make a name for themselves in the aeromodelling world. This object was achieved admirably in 1938, when R. T. Parham managed to fly his way into the late Lord Wakefield's "S" Team. The team consisted of six modellers, who went to America to try and regain the Trophy which the Americans had won the previous year. Several members have at one time or another held British Records for different types of models. Amongst the club activities there is Indoor and Outdoor flying, Gliding and a little Petrol Modelling. On winter nights lecturers visit the clubroom and give talks on various modelling matters.—J.S.W.

CHILDREN—

WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK—

AND WHY?

Write a letter to the Editor saying why you are so fond of your book. The best one of two age groups will be printed in next month's "Resident." Give your age and school, and address your envelope

"Competition,"

"Watling Resident,"

The Centre, Orange Hill Road,
Burnt Oak.

*Don't forget to look
on Pages 6 and 7
for the Programme of activities
for Children this Winter*

"The Art of Story Telling"

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Well, holidays have come to an end for most of us. I hope you took my advice and went out as much as possible, so that you have stored up a heap of health for use when winter ills visit us.

I wonder how many of you took advantage of the story half-hours held during the holidays at the Children's Library, Mill Hill? These were well worth attending, and the librarian informs me that they are thinking of continuing these during the winter on a Saturday afternoon. (See notice above.) If you would like to have more stories, how about speaking to the Librarian about them? If there is a demand, I am sure that it will be met; we are very lucky in Hendon to have such a good library service, and I am sure that the authorities consider the children's library every bit as important as the grown-ups. So don't forget to ask for what you want, will you?

The competition announced on your page this month should attract many entries. I do hope you will try to see what you can do. Don't worry about your age, as it is taken into account when judging the entries—so pluck up courage and do your best.

Cheerio for this month,

SNOW-WHITE.

YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS

Many of you have enjoyed the story half-hours on Wednesday afternoons during the holidays. We are thinking of carrying on with these stories on Saturday afternoons in the autumn and winter. Tell the librarian if you would like to come. Watch for notices about them in the library.—

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN.

Here are a few of the new books that have been added recently:—

Mudlarks (Stokes & Harnett).
The Secret Island (Blyton).
Sword of the Air (Carter).
Mutiny in the Caribbean (Keeton).
Eye of the Earth (Kerr).
Nobody's Boy (Malot).
The Rescue Party (Lloyd).

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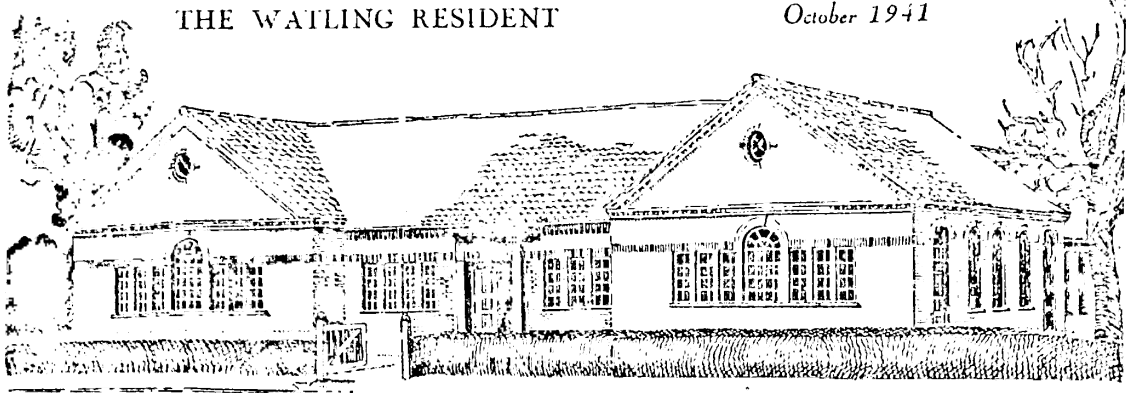
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Missing Centre Points

It is with regret that we are going to press this month without the usual "Centre Points" column under the pen name of "Stroller." The author of this column, Mr. F. Lase, has many duties to perform other than Hon. Secretary to the Resident Committee, and feels that he is unable to devote the time necessary to produce this useful contribution. He has acted as liaison officer between the Editor and the various activities of the Association since the inception of the feature.

With many thanks to him for his labours, the Editor would be glad to hear of anyone who would like to be responsible for this monthly column again.

News from Birmingham

Readers are advised to read the contribution of Mr. Arthur Davies, of Birmingham, on Wartime Birmingham, describing the work of the Community Associations in that area. The work of other associations such as ours should, if we have the right spirit, be very welcome, and I am sure after reading this month's article it will stimulate ideas on this important subject under review.

Sweetness from Canada

Calling in at the "Centre" the other Wednesday afternoon during the meeting of the Veterans' Club, I was given a cup of tea, and one of the members proudly presented me with a piece of "lump" sugar that had come as a present from Canada—how sweet, I thought!

Fountain Pen Lost

Mrs. F. Guy, Hon. Advertising Manager to the Resident, has lost a fountain pen recently at the "Centre." This pen has a sentimental value, and Mrs. Guy would be pleased if anyone who should have found it would kindly return same to office.

Advice to Contributors

If you've got a thought that's happy—
Boil it down.
Make it short and crisp and snappy—
Boil it down.
When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted—
If you want your effort printed—
Boil it down.
Take out every surplus letter—
Boil it down.
Fewer syllables the better—
Boil it down.
Make your meaning plain. Express it—
So we'll know—not merely guess it—
Then, my friend, ere you address it—
Boil it down.
Cut out all the extra trimmings—
Boil it down.
Skim it well, then skim the skimmings—
Boil it down.
When you're sure t'would be a sin to
Cut another sentence into,
Send it on, and we'll begin to
Boil it down.

Youth Organisations

A meeting of representatives of youth organisations on the Estate was held at the Centre on Friday, the 10th, and was attended also by the Youth Organisations Committee organiser, Miss Clark, and Mr. Wilkinson, the physical training officer.

Desire was expressed for closer contacts with school leavers, and steps were suggested for bringing the facilities offered by youth organisations more forcibly to their notice. A suggestion was made for a Watling Youth Bulletin, and it was thought that it might be possible to use a page of the Resident for this purpose.

It was decided to invite each youth organisation on the Estate to send one representative to a standing Watling Youth Committee, the first meeting of which is to be held at the Centre at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, October 17th.

Any groups interested in the Youth Bulletin or the Committee should write to Mr. Harris at Watling Centre.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

Owing to the increasing number of people coming to the Bureau, and to prevent being kept waiting, the Bureau will be open on Monday afternoons from 2.30 till 4, as well as on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10.30 till 12.30, and Friday afternoons 2.30 till 4.

As many people already know, the Citizens' Advice Bureaux were opened so that no one misses, through ignorance, the provisions made on their behalf, and to put people in touch with the help they need, whether legal, financial or any other kind.

Goodbye to the Railings

One by one the iron railings on the Estate are disappearing. The island opposite the "Centre" has now been left entirely to the care of the motorists and the children to maintain its privacy—the railings have been removed.

VETERANS' CLUB

The month of August, usually a quiet one for the Veterans, was this year rounded off in grand style, for on Wednesday, August 27th, a coach left the "Centre" packed with old folks bent on a real enjoyable day out. They were bound for Runnymede.

The weather was good, and some of the more venturesome Veterans paid a visit to Windsor by bus. They all met at the "Coach and Horses" in the afternoon for tea, and hearty greeting was extended to Mr. Bennett, an old member of the club, who evacuated to Windsor in the early part of the war and was invited to join them at the tea table. Mrs. Bennett, through illness, was unfortunately unable to be with him. Mr. Bennett brought a bag of home-grown runner beans, which was offered as a prize in a competition and won by Mrs. Flack.

After tea the Veterans enjoyed a sing-song, then once more boarding the coach they returned to the "Centre."

The Club has gained another new friend in Miss Keen, who is studying the work of our Community Association and has offered to try and get speakers.

On September 3rd a very interesting talk on the "Production of a Newspaper" was given by Mr. A. Robert Croker (*Watling Resident* Editor). There was some discussion after the talk, and Mr. Croker promised to visit the Club again in the near future.

On the same day a huge marrow presented by Mrs. Flack as a prize was finally won by Mrs. Cook.

A pickle and chatney demonstration has been arranged for the first Wednesday in October.—
E. E. COLE.

OUR SECRETARY!

Sewell Harris in the chair;
Conductor of a disharmonious band,
He's a platitudinarian,
Also a vegetarian,
And, worst of all, he writes with his left
hand,
In spite of disabilities
He shows us his abilities,
Whenever Conference gets out of hand
His Chairmanship would be improved,
He'd be quite hard to beat
If he'd try a glass of beer and have
A damned good meal of meat.

MR. WILLIAMS.

(Written during a conference of the National
Council of Social Service held at Birmingham
September 5-6, 1944.)

COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

The greater part of the conference held at Birmingham on September 6th and 7th was devoted, rather surprisingly, to discussing the desirability and possibility of forming a self-governing and self-supporting national movement of Community Associations.

It may, at first sight, seem foolish to take just this moment, in the difficulties of wartime, for such a step, but if the movement is to move at all it is imperative that it become self-supporting, or very nearly so, as there seems no way of getting direct outside contributions towards financing it. It was, in fact, this situation which brought the matter to the fore, and it was most encouraging to find that the more financially prosperous associations were prepared, between them, to find nearly £100 for a central fund to cover the expenses of committee meetings, etc.

The Standing Committee was asked to consult associations during the next six months and to bring to another conference in March or April definite suggestions for the constitution of a national organisation and methods of financing it.

On the Sunday morning some time was spent in discussing in detail various papers produced by the Policy Committee set up by the Leicester Conference, and the most important of these was entitled "What is a Community Association," and this was, with slight amendment, adopted by the Council as a short expression of what an association is and what it aims to do.

It is hoped to find room for this in the next issue of *The Resident*.

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OUR GOOD WISHES

Miss Joyce Lord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lord, of Colchester Road, has joined the Wrens and shortly will be reporting for duty in the capacity of cook. Miss Lord is a fully qualified cook, and her mother was recently Juvenile Organiser to the Watling Association.

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PLAIN SPEAKING !

AS was expected, the article in last month's *Resident* on "Who Runs the Centre?" caused a considerable amount of comment, mostly amongst individual members. Very few have felt strong enough on the matter to put their thoughts in writing, but those that have, have contributed in a definite way to the realization that such matters are worthy of consideration.

Methods of two years ago are now out of date, the world is taking a new shape before our eyes, and some do not seem to see—they blind themselves—because so and so worked in such and such a way two years ago it is good enough for now. Don't be so foolish: you are in for a rude awakening.

What of the Centre? How many members are members because they have in their make-up a true spirit of co-operation? How many use the "Centre" only for the opportunity of winning a top prize in the Whist Drive? Cut out the prizes and raffles and see how much support we would get? With some, I am afraid, that to take away the chance of getting something for nothing you would deprive them of their life-line.

Many years ago I visited a casino in one of the Continental hideouts for the monied and carefree class, and the expressions on the faces of the patrons of the roulette table were a picture I shall never erase from my mind. I have seen such expressions also on the faces of those at some whist drives, and it would be regrettable if one were given the excuse of saying that such appear at a Community Centre.

In Eastern Europe to-day men are being flung into a blood bath for a purpose on the one hand, uncontrolled greed and ruthlessness on the other, to defend their native soil and all they prize as their own. Twenty years ago the U.S.S.R. would have been crushed in a single day against such force, but the interval of those twenty years has been such that the people have utilized every opportunity to educate themselves, to control their lives and their emotions. They have taken a rightful pride in their work, in their pleasure, and have come to understand what co-operation means, and their super-human stand at this very hour is because they are united in their resolve that the right must win.

Come now, shake yourselves and see for once in your lives that life is not just given us to fritter away, it has a purpose. Even if only half the members realized the fundamental truths of this we would have an Association that would not be equalled anywhere in this beloved country of ours.

SEVEN YEARS OUR CHAIRMAN

AN APPRECIATION

It came as a shock to the Watling Association Council on August 28th to be asked to accept the resignation of Mr. Roblou from the chairmanship. He has served the Association well and truly for over seven years, and has seldom missed a meeting of the Council or the Executive. Being an *ex-officio* member of every Committee of the Association is no sinecure, and Mr. Roblou has had many other interests in the Association besides committee work. The Guild of Players, in particular, owes much to his work and to the hospitality which he and Mrs. Roblou so liberally extended to it. Not much more can be said than "Thank you very much, and we hope it will not be long before you are able to come and help the Association some more."

OUR "GALLUP" SURVEY

WE WOULD like to take a census of the opinions of our readers as to what they consider are the most interesting features of the *Watling Resident*, and below is a table which we would like you to fill up and return during the month to the office.

	Order of Popularity	Comments
Random Jottings		
Gardening		
Women's Page		
Uncensored News		
Children's Page		
Editorial		
Centre Points		
Special Articles		
Reports		
Name and Address:		

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The opening of the Older Members' Saturday Social was well attended. We all had a grand evening under that versatile M.C., Mrs. Nyberg. There was not a dull moment during the whole of the Social. I am sure everyone, even the few younger members present, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The dance was preceded by ten hands of whist for those who are enthusiastic for a short drive. For the card and waltz prizes the winners were presented with two free tickets for the Savoy Cinema. Our thanks go to the Secretary of the Savoy Cinema for the support that he has given. So rally to the Saturday Older Members' Dance at 7.30. Admission 4d. A small extra charge may be made for those playing whist to cover prizes.

Sunday evening dances for the young members need no advertising. I am afraid the hall needs expansion as a limited number only can be allowed admission.

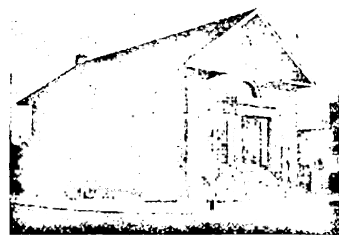
Monday and Wednesday whist drives at 7 o'clock are being well attended. A few players have arrived late owing to the time having to be altered, due to the black-out. I would like to see a bigger support for the raffle; prizes are vouchers made out to five traders who are themselves supporters of the Association.

My last remarks are: Rally to the "Centre"—and no Black-out Blues.—G. Judd, Social Secretary.



*The Social Committee has, since this report was written, kindly agreed that the Resident Committee should have the hall on Saturday, November 1, for a Social, and we hope to see the members there.—Ed.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



*You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30 :—*

Oct. 5.—Mr. R. SCAMMELL.

Oct. 12.—Mr. G. B. FYFE.

Oct. 19.—Group Capt. P. J. WISEMAN.

Oct. 26.—Group Capt. P. J. WISEMAN.

BOOK CORNER

BY OUR BOOK CRITIC

We have received from John Crowthers, publishers, notice of two small easily-read books dealing with the legal aspects of Wills and Invasion. The author, Robert S. W. Pollard, has put all the facts clearly, and we recommend these books to our readers.

"Wills In Wartime," price 1/-, deals with all the circumstances in which the average person may find themselves during this period of conflict, but, of course, the book will still be of value after the war. The book starts with the reasons why you should make a Will, even if you have only a few pounds, or some furniture to leave. When no definite instructions are made as to the disposal of money or property, there is no surety that these worldly goods will be left in accordance with the owner's wishes. Many other points are explained in this little mine of information, including the necessity of appointing guardians for children under the age of 21 years, destruction of a Will, deaths caused by war, Wills of men in the armed Forces, etc. It is a book to read and keep.

The second book by the same author, "The ABC of Invasion Law," price 1/-, deals with a subject of which we have no first-hand knowledge, and it came as a surprise to me to realise that if this country is invaded there will be a place for Civil Law, as distinct from Military Control, at least our Government obviously contemplates this state of affairs. The ordinary citizen rights and duties are simply explained. To give one of many examples, do you know what happens to your house and furniture when the Minister of Defence declares your town or county to be an "Evacuation Area" for the purposes of defence? What do you do about rent, mortgage instalments, gas or electricity charges? The answers to these problems, together with many other legal points, are given in plain English. Ignorance may be bliss, but knowledge is power in this case.

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"THE NEIGHBOURS"

"The Neighbours," which meets every Friday evening at the Centre, had a "guest night" on Friday, September 12th. Films from the Ministry of Information were shown and, at the end of the performance, tea and biscuits were served and the Neighbours and friends gathered together for a chat.

The Neighbours is a group formed since the war for the purpose of helping one another and to render service wherever they are required. If you are in difficulties, if you want someone to take temporary charge of an invalid, a child, to do your shopping, or to help or cheer you up in any way, don't be too proud to get into touch with The Neighbours. They'll see you through.—F.H.L.

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UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES

THIS CLASS, which is studying the way our minds work, in order that members may the better understand themselves and other people, and so be able to contribute more fully to the period of reconstruction, is now meeting on Sundays at 3 p.m. at Watling Centre.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

"1066 AND ALL THAT"

By C. W. A. FOSTER

The Editorial for the month of July was on the need for "Planning" and an endeavour was made to bring home to the reader the necessity of thinking "now" what kind of "Planning" is desirable for the community as a whole. The Leader has been somewhat enlarged this month by C. W. A. Foster, and readers are encouraged to read it.

HISTORY knows no breaks. It is made at night, has its day and only takes shape in the light of after events. It belongs to the past, that we might, if we probe deep enough, envisage the future, and what is much more important, realise the present. 1066 and all those other dates are but pegs on which we hang our caps at school, a point of emphasis marking the end of an epoch, a battle or even the imposition of some new form of tax hitherto unknown to man.

The Barons gathered on the sodden field at Runnymede were concerned only with the things of the moment, the necessity for making bad King John sign on the dotted line. They thought him a villain because he encroached upon their power and privilege. The document they compelled him to sign was called Magna Charta, they had no concern for posterity and did not see its significance for future generations; they were only too glad to get out of the pouring rain, lest their armour get too rusty, intent only to repair to their tents to eat and drink their fill, according to their station.

The dour, stubborn squares at Waterloo had their hands full with the business of the moment. They little knew that the muddled fields of Flanders, in which they had suddenly taken root, were in reality the Playing Fields of Eton. Uneducated working class lads as they were, they must be forgiven if they were not aware of their very existence, and it is unlikely that they had ever marched to the uplifting strains of the Eton Boating Song, even if it was then in existence.

NEW ORDER OF SOCIETY

The new is marching side by side, often unseen, overtaking the old, for in the midst of death, we are in life. When we talk of a new order of society we do not always realise that it is already in being, its lusty youthful cry is too often drowned in the death rattle of the old.

The present economic system was in an advanced stage of senility before the last Great War. We have been so busy at its death-bed attending the last rites and in a final desperate effort at resuscitation, that we have completely forgotten the little fellow in the back room. Can we be surprised if he is beginning to kick us, as we deserve? Youth must be served, we must forsake the old, lest he grows into manhood before we get to know him, what he is like and how he will affect our lives.

We must awaken to the realisation that the old order has gone, never to return. Life from to-day, this eleventh hour, is going to make an increasing demand upon our patience and our understanding. The dire need of the moment is to see clearly that we might know the road that we should go.

We must face the unalterable fact that mass production with its endless belt system of operation has come to stay. That employment in the future will increasingly become a matter of turning a nut here and tightening a screw there. This need not be a bad thing in itself, for it has already given us the motor car and the bicycle; the sewing machine, vacuum cleaner and the radio.

This system, of necessity if it is to function at all, is the foster-parent of universal planning, and with its intensification is going to affect you at home together with the man and woman next door.

This also need be no bad thing, for if properly canalised and directed it means the economic emancipation of man. Shorter hours in the factory, more money to spend, with an increasing amount of consumable goods and more leisure in which we can develop our own individuality so that we may better express ourselves in our pursuits and hobbies.

"PLANNING HAS COME TO STAY"

Planning has come to stay, the pertinent and vital question must always be, who is to do the planning? The industrialist, the scientist or the politician? The nature and necessity of any degree of planning at all must demand increasing attention from those best equipped to direct its operation. It must command the higher intelligence and attract to its service what we would call, for want of a better term, a new brains trust. It might well be that the aristocracy of the future will not be that of privilege and birth, but one of scientific probity and high intellectual power.

However wide, however broad the base of local, national and international planning should prove to be, it must have, like a pyramid, its apex at the top, some man of genius in complete control. In his hands would be given a tremendous power, for good or for ill, with the health, wealth and happiness of man in the hollow of his hand, with his finger on the pulse of the destinies of man.

We are not likely in our time, or even in that of our children, to see such power in the hands of a super-man, but we can see even to-day a trend toward such a development. Far more likely are we to see it vested in a related group.

It is of vital importance, therefore, that the Planners should be answerable to some higher authority over and above themselves, that they serve the best interests of us all and not private individual or big business interests alone.

The question is: Who is to control the Planner? Who is to supply the motive direct and order it to the best service of man?

Wake up before it is too late.

We the people, that is to say you at home and the man and woman next door.

WOMEN'S PAGE

This month's contribution is

A COTTAGE PIE!

THIS month I have been doing quite a number of odd jobs in the house and garden, turning out the children's winter clothes, hoping that they will fit for another six months, and pulling back knitted garments that are unwearable, but yet contain good usable wool. I find that the best way to treat this wool is to wind it in skeins, round the pastry board, fasten both ends of the skein, then wash it. It dries like new wool, and can be wound into balls ready for use.

Whilst looking over my daughter's winter dresses, I discovered that one which I had made with Bishop sleeves, you know the kind I mean, a full baggy shape gathered into a neat wrist band, was the only dress which could be worn without trying to add length to the sleeves. I was so thrilled about this tip that I decided to pass it on to you. If there are any new frocks for my girl this winter, they will be made with Bishop sleeves!

RUNNER BEANS

Have you tried salting down Runner Beans? I have never done it before, but we have such a glut this year, I thought I would try some. I did not want to buy an earthenware crock, if they can still be had,

Prudence Pennywise this month writes about a number of useful subjects of interest to the housewife

so I have used some of my two-pound glass jam jars. Owing to sugar and fruit scarcity, my jam shelf is looking rather bare, and I have a number of empty jars looking very empty. I put a thick layer of salt in the bottom of the jar, shredded the beans and packed them in, alternating beans with salt. When the jars look full, leave them for 12 hours, and you will find that it is only two-thirds full. Pack it tight with more beans and salt, and when it really is full, with a thick layer of salt at the top, tie down with paper. The secret is to use enough salt, one pound to three pounds of beans. When you want to use them, soak for two hours, not all night, as this makes the beans tough, and cook as if fresh.

I have been drying mint and parsley for winter use. These herbs give a lovely flavour to soups and stews, and I hope to manage to save half a pound of sugar to make some Mint Jelly. This is really delicious with mutton or lamb, and it keeps very well. Wipe and slice a pound of sour apples, complete with skin, and cook gently in half a pint of vinegar. This makes about half a pint of liquid when strained, add half a pound of sugar, and boil fast for about 8 minutes, until it sets on being tested. Finally add a heaped tablespoon of finely chopped fresh mint, and store in small jars in a cool, dry place. You will like this.

YOU MUST READ THIS BOOK!

I must tell you about a book which I have been reading. It is called "The Children of Shallowford," by Henry Williamson, and can be borrowed from the Hendon Library. This book tells a very human story of the author's own children, six of them, and what different types they are, too. It is comforting to read of other parents having problems, and to learn of the marvellous children every parent possesses. The book is illustrated with 17 delightful photographs of these funny little people, and the picture that thrilled me most is one of Baby John taking his bottle, in his own particular style. The bottle is supported by his feet, and his legs are being grasped by his own fat little hands. It looks most complicated, but John seems to enjoy it that way. I will not spoil a good tale by trying to repeat it for you, but if you want a book about ordinary family life, read this and enjoy it. Henry Williamson has written some lovely stories about animal life, the most famous is, I think, "Farka, the Otter," which can be had in the Penguin Series, price 6d.

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A Letter to the Editor on

WHO RUNS THE CENTRE?

What has Youth to say to this Reply?

5, Brookfield Close,
Mill Hill, N.W.7.

DEAR EDITOR,

I don't expect to be the only one to write in answer to Fred Lake's article, "Who runs the Centre?", but I may perhaps be able to say more than any old member on present committees, having served on almost every committee myself in the past.

In the first place, Fred, you say you overheard a casual remark that the Centre is in the hands of a small clique. Why, that has been remarked for years. The thing is, did you estimate the value of the person who made that remark? Would he or she, did you think, be likely to make a good *worker* for "The Centre"? I mean *worker*, not talker, and was there no room for co-operations on any committee to which they may be most useful?

We know from past experience how we have asked the younger people to shoulder a little of the burden, and in fact have even had them members of the Council. We also know how sincere they were—absent from meetings and finally falling out all together. We know the Voice of Youth is calling, but it is not the voice we want, but the *action*, because it has been work and not talk that has placed the Centre where it is, that is, in the Front Rank of Social Centres.

Do you think, for instance, you could get the Youth of the Centre to run a Watling Week?—get up early Christmas week and go from door to door, asking for contributions for the Distress Fund, or get up once a month and sell *Residents*? Oh, yes, we have had sellers in the past, but they have faded out. We know there has always been a tendency to re-elect old committees, and why? Just look at your Centre and think—just say to yourself, and here's this building; a few years ago a small number of persons visualised it, and set to work, and here it is. How did they do it? They were only working people, they did not have fat bank rolls to pay for it, yet here it is, and virtually paid for.

You say there should be a re-shuffle of officers. Would you not be very, very reluctant to elect a youth in the place of a member who has proved himself of the greatest value, by means of hard work, and initiative, regardless of opposition, and set-backs. If he's been unable to get what he wants at one place, he's gone to another, and kept on going to others, and that's how we got our Centre.

Now for future maintenance. Will the few members' 4d. per month, inclusive of a 2d. magazine, pay for it? We know from past experience there has always been that cry for youth, but the right type of youth won't respond. I certainly cannot agree that a constant change of officers would be for the good of the Centre. Those who have served know how long it

takes to acquire the art of begging, and organising, and conscientiously fulfil their duties, pleasant or otherwise. Old pals have often left a meeting with just a little strained feeling, through having the thoughts of the Centre at heart, strong enough to oppose even your closest friend. I'm afraid the people who criticise do not know the feelings of the Little Clique, who carry on the duties of maintenance. My advice to the critics is, read the Annual Report—ponder—and then say: Well, well—and they don't get paid for it.

JACK HILTON.

P.S.—I hope the above article does not cost me any friends, young or old, and although not now living in the district, I still pay my subs and follow the career of the Centre, and read the *Resident* with great interest, and still do not agree that Youth has not had a fair chance.

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The Editor invites further contributions on this matter. He has heard many comments, and hopes that some will put their ideas in writing soon.

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A review of the past and present activities and future of the Birmingham Community Association's movement.

WAR-TIME BIRMINGHAM

By ARTHUR S. DAVIES,

Organising Secretary, Birmingham Council for Community Associations

IN writing a review of this nature some contributors are inclined, through zeal and enthusiasm, to preface their opening remarks with extracts of classical quotation, pseudo or authentic. The only classical (?) phrase I will use will be to say that I will "debunk" such inclinations in this article and get down to facts.

SOCIAL HISTORY

Up to the outbreak of this War, the Housing Authority in Birmingham (The Public Works Committee) had erected and handed over to the Estates Department for immediate letting approximately 51,983 houses. It is interesting to observe that if the houses erected by the Corporation were set up continuously on either side of a road, they would extend for more than 100 miles, equivalent to the distance between Birmingham and London. The land utilised for the homes is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the area of the entire City and the population housed equals that of a town of the size of Plymouth.

THE PROBLEM—THE PAST

The total number of people housed on New Estates is approximately 208,000. What has been done for them in this City by the Community Association Movement? The space devoted to the article will not permit of a detailed analysis of all the early struggles for recognition—of the inauguration of a Central Council for Community Associations, of the raising of funds for Centres, of the organisations of Associations,—that must be reserved for another article, but leaving all this aside, the position at the outbreak of war was that Birmingham possessed ten Associations, with eleven Centres and four Playing Fields. The structure being based on Local Community Associations, a Federation of Community Associations and a Council for Community Associations. The duties of a Local Association readers will be aware of. The Federation is, shall I term, an agglomeration of Local Associations, federated together and dealing with such matters as—Annual Drama Festival, Cricket and Football competitions, and the Barmouth Holiday Camp, etc., etc. The Council for Community Associations, a composite body of Local Associations and Central Organisations interested in New Housing Estates work. The Council—The Birmingham Council for Community Associations—is concerned with the promotion of Associations, raising of funds for Centres, and who also provides an advisory service.

THE PRESENT

The impact of war on the Movement locally, did not have the disastrous effect which some interested people had prophesied. The whole of the Associations, with one exception, have stood up to the strain remarkably well.

The re-adjustment from the normal life of the Centres have, on the whole, been a gradual process—such activities as Sports Club having tended to droop and in some Associations close down. Dramatic Sections have stopped and then re-started. The Cultural

Groups have tended to drop sharply, but accommodational space and other interests have been taken up by A.R.P. Services, Citizen Advice Bureau, W.V.S., and groups such as the Happy Crofters (Harborne Association)—a band of women who originally got together in their chairwoman's house, a large one, for the purpose of making garments for the Forces and the bombed-out, and growing in number, emigrated to the Centre, where they have taken root as an affiliated body.

The Central Council has also conducted on one large slum clearance estate a survey to prove the need for the establishment of a Communal Feeding Centre, and arising out of which report, the local authority opened a Centre on the Estate. Four pieces of social work undertaken by the Council being in connection with:—

- (1) The Birmingham Produce Guild.
- (2) Ministry of Labour and National Service Social Welfare Panel.
- (3) Old People's Welfare.
- (4) War Workers' Clubs.

(1) The Birmingham Produce Guild.—This Committee was set up by the National Council of Social Service (Midland Regional Office) and is composed in the main of representatives from various organisations and national allotment and small holding associations, together with Local Government officials, concerned with allotments and war-time agricultural needs. The work of the Guild is to encourage the development of allotments and small holdings, and of vital importance, to provide an outlet for all surplus crops.

(2) Old Peoples' Welfare.—The Birmingham Council for Community Associations have entered very fully into the important task of assessing the needs of the old people of the city, and the writer has had the privilege of acting as Chairman of the Committee of the Standing Conference of voluntary organisations interested in the welfare of old people—called together by the Birmingham Citizens' Society. The position of the old people as a result of the new regulations of the Assistance Board will mean that the welfare of many more thousand old people will have to be considered (the actual figures are private and so I will have to be excused from quoting), but the problem is a large one. The position we are all anxious to assess is to what extent are these old people receiving attention.

(3) Ministry of Labour and National Service.—Representatives from both the Birmingham Council for Community Associations and the Birmingham Federation of Community Associations act on this Panel. So far the work undertaken has been in connection with publicity and contacts with transferred war workers, and in which connection the Birmingham Council for Community Associations has undertaken a valuable piece of work in being responsible for the collation and publication of lists containing all the necessary information regarding social, educational and recreational facilities in the city.—(Continued next month.)

THE WATLING RESIDENT

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

After reading from the Handbook on 18th August of the development and functions of our own movement, members decided that although adults do not now need to learn to read and write as in the early days of the Adult School Movement, they still need to know how to live a fuller and more useful life, and in this direction our own group is amply fulfilling its mission, our women and men taking an active part in all efforts which promote the welfare of our own little community.

We have made our contribution also in the sphere of music, having brought into being the choir now known as the Watling Musical Society, which, under the skilful direction of Mr. A. I. Jones—a member of the Men's School—with his musical ability, tact and patience, is being converted from very raw material into an excellent choir giving pleasure to listeners and promoting a greater interest in this beautiful art.

During September two socials were held. Mr. A. I. Jones gave a much-enjoyed talk on the Boy Scout Movement, and Mr. Gutheridge spoke on the medicinal properties of herbs.

Is This Your Motto?

Then indecision brings its own delays,
And days are lost lamenting o'er lost days.
Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute—
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it,
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.

GOETHE: "Faust."

SEVEN DAYS IN THE LAKES

Anyone who likes an energetic and economical holiday in beautiful and inspiring scenery can hardly do better than get to the Lake District.

This August we spent a strenuous week in the marvellous country which lies at the corners of Cumberland, Westmorland and Lancashire. Starting at Penrith in pouring rain on Tuesday morning, we left Coniston the following Tuesday morning, also in pouring rain, but though on one day we got lost in a cloud and had a couple of miles' tramping through wet grass and over boggy grounds, we were never stopped from doing anything we had planned.

We slept at Youth Hostels each night and most days did our own cooking, which makes one more independent of times and seasons than if one has to wait for hostel meals either for breakfast or supper. The variety of hostels, and of hostel wardens, is most interesting, and there is a never-failing topic of conversation in discussing with fellow-travellers the quality of meals, personalities of wardens, advantages and disadvantages of particular hostels.

During the week we came across several parties of young people enjoying the lakes in the same way, mostly from the North of England, but one or two from the South. For those who enjoy walking, climbing and scrambling it is an ideal holiday. If you only have a week it's best to travel there and back by train, which costs about £3 5s. Apart from that you can easily do the week for 30s., including your Y.H.A. sub., if you do your own cooking.

If any reader would like to join a group to take a holiday this way next year, let him or her leave name and address at the Centre.

E.S.H.

UNCENSORED NEWS

YE OLDE CHESHIRE CHEESE, of Fleet Street, is a famous eating house. It was rebuilt after the Great Fire of London, and has many historical associations. There is an amusing story told of an old waiter named William Simpson. He started waiting at this inn in 1829. He became head waiter, and then he could only be seen in his real glory on "Pudding Days." He considered it his duty to go round the tables insisting that the guests should have a second or third helping, and sometimes even four helpings! "Any gentleman say pudden?" was his constant query, and this habit was not broken when a crusty customer growled, "No gentleman says pudden!" Charles Dickens and Dr. Samuel Johnson were both customers of this inn. In Dr. Johnson's dictionary there is a sarcastic definition of "Pie." "Any crust with something in it!" Maybe he was unlucky in his choice of cook at home!

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN, the famous writer of fairy tales and romances, was of Danish nationality by birth, and his father, a poor cobbler, gave him a meagre education, meaning Hans to be a tailor. Hans, however, had other ideas, and meant to go on the stage, so the boy made his way to Copenhagen, where his good voice secured him an engagement at the Theatre Royal. Then his voice broke, and he lost the job, and he had a very hard time. Fortunately for us, he was rescued from destitution, and given a good education by a benevolent official. His literary career began in 1828, when he was 23 years old, with the publication of his first book. Although we think of him only as a writer of charming fairy stories, he was a well travelled man, and wrote quite a few travel stories, and, like many authors, he wrote the story of his own life, called "The Romance of my Life." Hans Andersen died soon after his 70th birthday. What a debt the world owes the unknown man who rescued this clever young man from poverty.

PRIMROSE HILL has associations and a history that takes us right back to Roman days, when the northern part of London was mainly a large forest filled with wolves and other wild animals. The hill takes its name from the Primroses that grew there in large patches, when it was almost an untrodden hillock in the fields between Tottenham Court and Hampstead. In the days of Henry VIII the King desired to have "hare, partridge, pheasant and heron preserved in and about his Honour of the Palace of Westminster," in other words, Henry went hunting to Highgate, to Hornsey Park and round about Primrose Hill, and so home again to Westminster.

THIS INDIAN PROVERB gives very aptly the power of small units when they are welded together for a common task.

"Small things wax exceeding mighty, being cunningly combined;

Furious elephants are fastened with a rope of grass-blades twined."



WHAT TO DO IN OCTOBER

Variable weather may be expected during this month. It is generally mild and wet, with fog in low-lying districts, but sharp frosts may be experienced about the middle of the month and these will cut down the tender plants that have escaped the lighter frosts of September.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Hardy flowers are not numerous in October. But early chrysanthemums, perennial asters and helianthus should make a good show of colour in the borders provided the weather is favourable.

Dahlias are amongst the plants that get nipped by an early frost. When the foliage is blackened cut off the stems to within a foot of the ground and lift the tubers carefully, tying the name labels to one of the stems. Put the tubers in a cool and fairly dry place, secure from frost. A little leaf mould or sand should be sprinkled between the tubers.

Now is a suitable time to transplant roses. The new rose bed should be carefully prepared by trenching as deeply as the soil will permit. Give a liberal dressing of thoroughly decayed manure, which should be put in the bottom of the trench. Cow dung is preferable to any other manure, as it holds the moisture longer. After preparing the ground, plant the bushes in the first dull showery weather, taking care not to leave the plants longer out of the ground than can possibly be avoided. If the rose bushes have travelled some distance by rail or road, defer planting until the end of the month or early in November, as by that time the wood will be well matured and there will be less risk of failure.

Roses, both dwarf and standard, should have their long shoots shortened.

Plant snowdrops and winter aconites as soon as possible if this has not been done already.

Plant poppy anemones, three inches deep and six inches apart, in a bed liberally enriched with leaf-mould and decayed manure.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Late pears and apples should be left on the trees as long as possible, then gathered and carefully stored. Late plums may be kept for some time if placed on a cool dry shelf.

New fruit trees may be planted this month, as soon as the leaves have fallen. A good well-drained site should be chosen. If there is not plenty of lime in the soil some should be added.

Autumn is the best time for root-pruning. A good trench should be taken out about two and a half feet from the stem of the tree. Carefully use a fork for this purpose. Prune the roots with a sharp knife when the earth has been removed all round. Before replacing the soil mix in some lime rubble, of which there should, unfortunately, be plenty in a devastated area. If the trees are too gross, simply replace the soil after pruning without adding the lime rubble.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Earth up celery for the last time. Choose a fine day for this operation.

Colewort cabbage may still be planted on a warm ground. The plants should be a foot apart each way.

Endive of sufficient size for use should, if the weather is severe, have spare frames placed over them for protection. In a mild winter protection other than dry fern or hay litter is unnecessary. The plants should be handled carefully, as if injured they soon decay.

It will be necessary to thin breadths of turnips that are intended for the winter supply. Surplus roots that are of a suitable size for the table should be lifted and stored in a dry and airy shed where they can be kept free from frost.

Protect globe artichokes by placing a thick mulching of littersy manure around each plant.

Place a few roots of parsley in a cold frame for use in frosty weather.

The main crop of carrots, parsnips and beetroot should now be lifted and stored in a cool dark place. Cover them with sand. Take care not to break the roots. The beet is especially liable to injury in this way.

A GARDEN IN MODERN CHINA

Some two years ago the "Notes" included a brief description of a garden in West China. The town where it is situated is in the most westerly province of the great Chinese Empire, and though not far from where some fighting (between Japan and China) is taking place, it has so far escaped damage.

Another letter has now come to hand from the same correspondent with an account of the garden which may be of interest to those who read these notes. The letter is dated 28th March, 1941, and arrived on the 5th of August. This may seem to be a long time, but is not bad under the circumstances. The climate in which the plants flourish is rather milder than our English climate. The cold weather is not so cold, and the hot weather is hotter than we have it.

Here is what my correspondent writes:—

"How I wish you could see my wistaria; it is a dream of beauty and so fragrant. Some of the flowering stalks are quite a foot long. It will be over in another few days: it comes along so quickly but does not last long.

I had many geraniums slipped a while ago, they were growing too tall, and now I have ever so many dotted all about the garden flowering nicely. They are all the bright scarlet kind.

Wallflowers have bloomed profusely, but are beginning to go over now. Irises on the bank below the city wall are making a brave show, and some of the self-sown escholtzias are already in bloom. There should be lots of gladioli later on, so many spikes have shot up.

There are no signs of dahlias yet. I think they ought to be showing. The "seven mile fragrance" rose, rather like a rambler or white hawthorn, is blooming well, and also another rose climbing over a pergola-like frame.

My grape vine is coming into leaf; the strawberries are flowering like anything; potatoes are coming up and look sturdy, and tomatoes are beginning to show. I am eating lettuces sown last year, but the later ones don't seem to have come up. Beetroots are almost ready for eating, and those sown later are just showing.

Now, haven't I a lovely garden to be thankful for? It gives me great joy."—11.11.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

REGULAR EVENTS.

Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 New School, North-West
 Fellowship Breakfast
 at Hamptonstead.
 Fleet Street, Mr. W.
 Ker.
 Our Own Movement, Mr.
 E. I. Cole.
 Young Men and Men
 Mr. J. Austin Hayes.
 Friends Meeting for
 Young Men and Children's
 at 10.30 a.m.
 W.A. Psychology Class, 3
 p.m.
 Sports' Dance, 7.30 p.m.
 X. Boys' Adult School, 2.30
 p.m.
 2.30 p.m. 7 p.m.
 2.30 p.m. B.B.C. Group.
 2.30 p.m.
 2.30 p.m. 8 p.m.
 2.30 p.m. Association Musical
 2.30 p.m. 8 p.m.

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

Lideware Model Aero Club, 8
 a.m.
 Tuesday
 B.C. Control Clinic, 10 a.m.
 Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
 a.m.
 Pre-making Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Watling Association Youth
 Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8
 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Women's Neighbourhood Guild,
 2.30 p.m.
 1 Tea and Social at
 Hamptonstead Garden
 Suburb.
 8 Miss Elizabeth Burn.
 15 Current Events, Mr.
 and Mrs. E. Sewell
 Harris.

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Watling Association Diary

20 The Home of To-
 morrow, Mrs. Beckie
 Veterans' Club, 5.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
 Dance, 7.30 p.m.
 Cyclists' Touring Club, 8 p.m.
 Dress-making for Girls, at 15,
 Gunter Grove, 8 p.m.
 Local Government Study
 Group, 8 p.m.
 Thursday
 Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
 a.m.
 Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Discussion Group, 3
 p.m.
 Youth Hostels Association, 7
 p.m.
 Watling Association Youth
 Club, 7.30 p.m.

Friday
 Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30
 p.m.
 Hospital Saving Association, 7
 p.m.
 The Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 2.30 p.m.
 Member's Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.
 Sat. 4 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Sun. 5 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
 Fellowship Meeting,
 2.30 p.m.
 Thurs. 9 Townswomen's Guild,
 2.30 p.m.
 Sun. 12 Public Meeting primar-
 ily for "Young
 People on Youth
 and Industry."
 Sat. 18 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
 Sun. 19 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
 Thurs. 23 Townswomen's Guild,
 2.30 p.m.
 Thurs. 30 Watling Association
 Council, 7.30 p.m.
 Nov. 1 Resident Social, 7 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

STORY HALF-HOURS TO BE RESUMED AT YOUR LIBRARY

The Children's Librarian writes:—

"Many of you enjoyed the story half-hours held at the libraries during the summer holidays. I know you will be pleased to hear they are to be continued during the autumn and winter and will be given on alternate Saturdays at 5 p.m., starting on September 20th at Watling Centre and on September 27th at "Orchard," Mill Hill Broadway. Look for notices in the Libraries."

Here is a list of some of the new books that have been added to the libraries recently.

FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Meetoo and the Little Creatures (*Agg and Adair*).
 The Adventurous Four (*Blyton*).
 Jack Rabbit, Detective (*Burroughes*).
 The Children's Story Hour (*Chaudler*).
 Mudlarks (*Stokes and Harnett*).

FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS

Girl at the Helm (*Avery*).
 The Secret Island (*Blyton*).
 Pollyanna's Golden Horseshoe (*Borton*).
 Secret of the Desert (*Brisbane*).
 Living in Boats (*Hall*).
 Living in Queer Houses (*Hardingham*).
 Racing Wheels (*Kenyon*).
 How We Find Out (*Low*).
 Ralestone Luck (*Norton*).
 Last of Britain's Airmen (*Poole*).

A Whispering Bird!

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I am so glad that many of you have taken the Editor's advice, and carefully looked at the programme of events for children under the age of 14, which was published last month at the foot of page 6. A little bird has told me that you have been very busy enrolling at the Centre for one or more of the various groups that meet early in the evening. Next month I hope to be able to tell you about some of these classes, and the kind of things they are doing, so look out for me, won't you? One of these evenings I may be peeping in at your group. I wonder if you will recognise me?

Cheerio, the best of luck,

SNOW WHITE.

● Where are those stories asked for last month? Not one has been entered.

A Life on the Ocean Wave

Congratulations to Peter Gavin, of 22, Trevor Road, in winning by competitive examination a place in the Nautical School Training Ship, "Mercury," where he started his training for the Royal Navy on September 1st. Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Gavin, well-known residents of the Estate, Mr. Gavin having been one of the founders and the first Secretary of the Watling Horticultural and Allottees' Society and one of the founders and the first Chairman of the Watling and District Rose Society.

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THE PROBLEM OF YOUTH

By STANLEY JONES

Leader of the Watling Boys' Club

ONE of the most pressing needs of modern times is the education and occupation of youth. The care and upbringing of young people after leaving the elementary schools is left to the parent, the initiative of the child, or to such voluntary organisations as Boys' or Girls' Clubs, and Scouts or Guides which interest themselves in this problem. The voluntary nature of these last-named movements means considerable perseverance and selfless devotion on the part of the organisers, and this work can be made easier by the co-operation of the parents, who, by interesting themselves, can do much to promote that interest in their children.

The most formative age in the majority of people's lives occurs between the years of 14 and 18, when opinions and habits are usually acquired, and it is during these years that children of well-to-do parents are able to continue their education and form interests which will give them an appreciation of many of the finer things in life. Yet for the majority, the age of 14 means changing from school life to the factory or office working long hours, and only too often having to face temptations which their education has not prepared them to meet.

If this unjust state of affairs is to be terminated, a strenuous effort is called for from the adult population. The obvious remedy is to see that the opportunities for education are not confined to one section of the population, by introducing legislation for compulsory attendance at school for all up to the age of 16 years, and the chance of continuing where needed or special aptitudes require development. At the same time it is necessary to ensure that no family suffers because of such facilities. This, no doubt, is the only sure remedy, but unfortunately a nation which is spending its resources in prosecuting a modern war cannot afford to comply with the obvious, and an added responsibility is laid on the community to act where the State is temporarily powerless.

The Youth Movement, acting on the assumption that youth leaving the elementary schools, at the age of 14, differs very little from the public or secondary

school pupil of the same age, tries to give that youth the opportunity for developing healthy interests which would otherwise be missed. The difficulties which the Youth Leader encounters are legion, including long hours of work, counter attractions such as cinemas and dance halls which allure young minds but offer little of a solid nature, undesirable companions and a sense of being grown up. On the parents' side lack of forethought or even open antagonism is experienced. The question of accommodation and equipment is also sorely felt, but in spite of these difficulties the work continues, and although only a minority of the boy and girl population are affected, its effect is seen in the character of members and their ability to accept the responsibilities of citizenship. The Youth Movement does not attempt to take the place of the school, for it realises its incompetence in this respect, but it aims to create an interest which may result in its members attending schools, or making enquiries elsewhere to further that interest. By the appeal of activities of an athletic nature it encourages boys and girls to watch with pride their physical condition, and helps to prevent habits of an unhealthy nature being formed.

What sort of men do we wish to see, ready to take their place in a world which our past follies and short-sightedness have left in such a sorry condition? Do we want them to repeat those follies or do we want them to work out a better way? We surely do not want them to pass through another 20 years like the last, when poverty, unemployment and suspicion have finally led us to the major catastrophe of war, but we would have them enjoy a fuller life than has been our privilege. If this is our wish, then ignorance must be banished, for poverty and ignorance are usually found together and no intelligent people would have tolerated poverty in a world of plenty, nor would they have followed a path which could only lead to the desolation of war. It is in the minds of the young that we must sow the seeds of reasoning and understanding, and if we do this we can look with optimism to the future.

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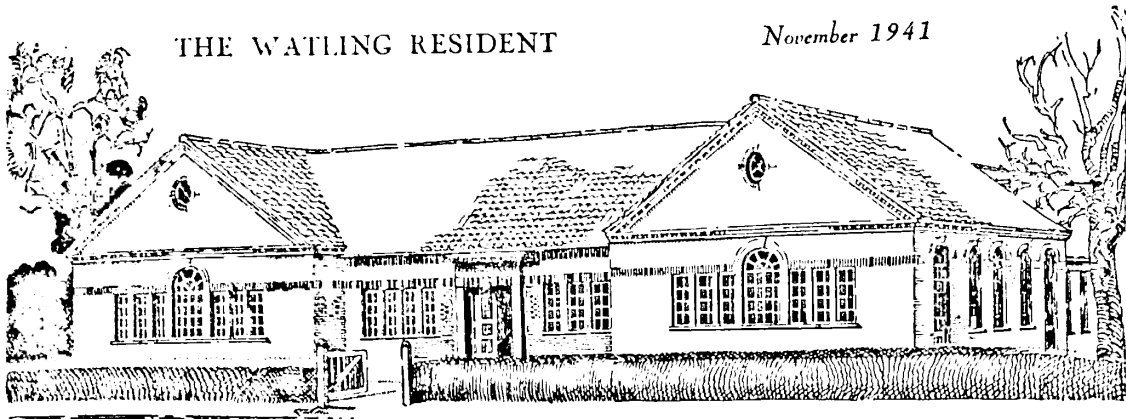
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RANDOM JOTTINGS

Community Feeding

When next you are in the neighbourhood of The Broadway, Hendon, why not try the St. John's British Restaurant, now open at the St. John's Church Hall? Entrée and two vegetables plus a milk pudding and a cup of tea will cost you 11d.

British Restaurants have the support of the Ministry of Food and several such Restaurants are planned for the Borough. The idea is to provide reasonably priced and thoroughly substantial meals for everyone. Providing one brings one's own crockery, one is not obliged to eat the fare on the premises.

The Borough Council has approached the Watling Association with regard to the establishment of a Restaurant at the "Centre". At the time of going to press, however, the scheme is still in the hands of the Borough Council and the appropriate authorities. We hope at a later date to give further details.

Film Unit at Hendon

The Lending Department of the Central Library, Hendon, was the scene of unusual activity a few weeks ago. The Paul Rotha Film Company were there taking shots of the work done by our excellent Library, and these scenes will be seen in a Ministry of Information film, "Books in Wartime."

Those Young Folk Again

Readers will be interested in the report of the Veteran's Club this month. Miss Wilkinson gave a splendid party to the old people on October 8th and about 75 members seemed to thoroughly enjoy their tea and entertainment. Added to this, Miss Wilkinson had arranged a free visit to the Cinema for the bona fide member.—See report in this issue.

Trustee Appointed

Owing to the resignation of Mr. Roblou, the post of trustee became vacant. The Council at their meeting unanimously appointed Mr. A. T. Lord as trustee and we give him a hearty welcome to his new task. Mr. and Mrs. Lord have themselves given much service to the Association.—See appointment of new Chairman on page three.

"Who Runs the Centre?"

This challenging article by Mr. Lake in the September issue of the "Resident" has attracted the attention of several officers of other associations. Major Sandford Carter, secretary to the Community Centres and Associations Committee of the National Council of Social Service, has requested the permission to quote extracts from Mr. Lake's article in the Council's Bulletin. Naturally the Editor and Mr. Lake were only too happy to grant this request.

Russia Today

Readers' attention is directed to pages 6 and 7 this month, where they will be able to read of how Russia deals with such problems as Medical Service and Education. It is surprising how ignorant most of us are on how Russia has governed and managed her country for the last 23 years.

Watling Youth Committee

The above is the name of a committee that has been formed to foster and encourage all the various groups on the Watling Estate who are endeavouring to cater for the needs of youth. This information should be a great relief to those individuals who feel the urgency of the problem and next month it is to be enlarged upon by having a Youth Section in the "Resident."

This information is followed by the announcement that the Watling Boys' Club has recently formed a powerful Management Committee with Dr. Rosefield acting as Chairman.

PUBLIC MEETING for YOUTH
on **EDUCATION** to be held at the Centre,
Sunday, November 9th at 8 p.m.

Speaker—Mrs. Cook,
Headmistress Goldbeaters Infant School

BOOK CORNER

BY OUR BOOK CRITIC

Messrs. Crowthers, publishers, have sent a copy of another 1s. booklet of Mr. Robert Pollard's. This one is entitled "The War Relief Charter," and is a concise and simple manual of the liabilities (Wartime Adjustment Act, 1941) and its application to those whose domestic and business affairs have been affected by wartime conditions. Such subjects as rent, rates, income tax and hire purchase are among the many items which receive attention—and good value it is, too, for 1s., obtainable at any bookshop or Messrs. Crowthers, publishers, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

SOVIET RUSSIA.—"Your Questions Answered" is the title of a very informative pamphlet written by Reg. Bishop, editor of "Russia To-day," and published by "Russia To-day Society," Premier House, 150, Southampton Row, W.C.1.

This is a most interesting pamphlet, and contains a hive of information about the country we know so little about its internal affairs and on whom so much of the world's burdens are placed to-day. Next time you go by bus on a 2d. journey, walk and spend your 2d. on this valuable document.

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A Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, of 38, Gaskarth Road, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on October 12th.

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CENTRE ● POINTS

By STROLLER

● **MYSTERY! COMEDY!! THRILLS!!! DRAMA!!!!** All this and something more is being blended into a first class play by the Guild of Players for production before Christmas.

● **DON'T TAKE OFFENCE.** Owing to the number of boards pulled or kicked out of the fence surrounding the Centre, a separate entrance has been opened in Deansbrook Road as it is felt that children attending the Library and others who are attracted to the Centre may gain easy entry without storming the battlements. Parents, please tell your children not to destroy that which is good.

● **ON ONE SIDE** of the Centre we have a lovely rose garden. On the other side—ahem—well—we can hardly call it a dump—but—surely half a dozen volunteers could turn the ground over ready for the Spring. There are plenty of surplus perennials about at this time of the year and a good garden could be laid out to match the roses. Which reminds me. The exchanging of plants has been going on between some members at the Centre. I myself traded some spare Helenium and Chive roots for some perennial phlox. If you have any spare roots don't burn them, exchange them and so help make Watling beautiful.

● **BRITAIN'S GREATNESS** is due to the tolerance of its people and the ability of a great number of them to live amicably together, so say the Brains Trust. May this spirit be maintained at the Centre, in Britain and over the whole world.

● **BOXING** at the Centre is now going strong. Boys of all ages are welcome on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock.

● **NOVEMBER 11th.** It is hoped to raise a team of Poppy Day collectors from the Centre.

● **THE WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** is starting a discussion group on Monday evenings.

● **A PLANNED BRITAIN.** Steps are being taken now to re-plan Britain after the war. A group meets at the Centre on Monday evenings to listen to a B.B.C. talk on this vital subject and then to discuss its possibilities.

● **EDUCATION.** Following on discussions which have already taken place at the Centre in the interests of the various local youth organisations, it is hoped to hold the next meeting on November 9th under the above subject.

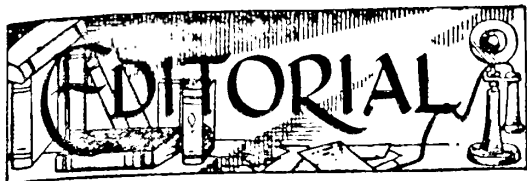
● **HOME NURSING.** It is hoped to start a mixed class at the Centre as soon as sufficient names are sent in.

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A GRAND CONCERT—NOVEMBER 14

The Watling Association Musical Society is giving a Grand Concert of Vocal and Instrumental Music at the "Centre" on Friday, November 14th, at 7.30 p.m.

It is hoped that this excellent Association will have a record audience to reward them in their labours of repeated rehearsals. This alone is, of course, not the only reason why you should be present, for we are sure you will be rewarded by an entertainment of the very highest standard. Admission is by programme, priced sixpence.



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WORLD ORDER

"THE Editor regrets" is a familiar phrase used to those aspirants to fame by the use of their pen; but the Editor of this "Resident" is not sorry and doesn't regret that this month he is using as his leader a few words that were published recently in "The Times Educational Supplement" as his contribution this month on Page three. The Editor feels that it so embodies what he is feeling that he has not attempted to alter it. Here it is, please read and digest it too.

"The forces making for peace, order, stability and happiness throughout the world are gathering strength, slowly, but with an increasing momentum which, provided it be never allowed to slacken, must in the end prove irresistible. Generations may have to elapse before those forces are fully mobilised, generations more perhaps before their full weight can be brought to bear to end the many and grievous ills which at present vex the peoples of all nations. That is no reason for relaxation now, but all the more cause for redoubled effort. It may be—who knows?—that the tempo of life, already speeded up within a lifetime to a degree our grandfathers would have believed impossible, will in the future be accelerated beyond our imaginings and that the life beautiful we to-day can but dimly envisage may be not nearly so distant as we think. The great international conference organized by the British Association in London recently at least gives rise to that hope. The message sent out by this pioneer gathering—the first only, one trusts, of many such meetings—was clear and unequivocal: End Hitlerism, and then plan order on a world basis. This is no vague or visionary call; it should come home to each one of us. To educationists in particular; for world order and world peace can be built only by educated people. Our total contribution is fundamental. The individual contribution any one of us can make may seem infinitesimal, but each and all they are necessary; the whole cannot be the whole without every one of the parts."



OUR CHAIRMAN

MR. E. E. COLE succeeds Mr. Roblou as Chairman of the Association. We all wish him every success in his new and important office. This last office is the crowning of many years of valuable service Mr. Cole has given to the Association, as Watling Week Organiser, Hon. Secretary to the "Resident" Committee and Tenants' Welfare Officer, the last of which he still holds.

NEVER SATISFIED !!

THE CIRCULATION FIGURES of the "Watling Resident" are very encouraging and we have evidence that not only are more and more people receiving a copy each month, but those that do are reading it. We are pleased about this, but in return the Editor does ask for contributions from the reader either in letter form or as articles.

It is not a tremendous task to gather pen and paper and last of all gather your thoughts sufficiently to transfer them into written words. Have a try and see how pleased you will be with your efforts.



OUR "GALLUP" SURVEY

AGAIN THIS MONTH we ask our readers if they will show their appreciation of this Magazine by completing the "survey" table below and returning it to the office addressed to the Editor.

We hope by the information supplied to be able to improve the "Resident" month by month. Should you not be passing the "Centre" in the course of a week or two perhaps you could give your completed return to the seller when next he or she visits you.

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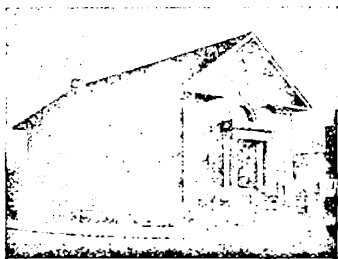
VETERANS' CLUB

On Wednesday, October 8th, our Veterans enjoyed a splendid tea given by Miss M. Wilkinson in memory of a very dear friend. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers, plates were piled high with cakes, little pots of honey were dotted about the tables, beside each plate was a cigarette, and on each plate a sixpenny piece. Later in the afternoon Miss Wilkinson explained the secret of the sixpence. Arrangements were made with the Odeon Cinema, Burnt Oak, for the Veterans to attend a cinema show one afternoon to suit themselves, and the sixpence was to cover the fares. After tea the Veterans enjoyed a very lively entertainment given by Mr. A. R. Croker, editor of the *Resident*, assisted at the piano by Mrs. Mantripp. Miss Wilkinson gave recitations and Mr. H. Conway, one of the Club's members, sang an old military song. With a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Wilkinson for her great generosity, the afternoon came to an end and the old folks went home with yet another very happy memory of their association with the Veterans' Club.—E. E. COLE.

H.S.A. EARLIER MEETING

Readers are advised that owing to earlier black-out hours, those who pay their H.S.A. Contributions at the "Centre" on Fridays, the Collector, Mr. Wakeling, is there every week from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30 :—

Nov. 2.—Mr. R. A. LAIDLAW.

Nov. 9.—Mr. H. DENNETT.

Nov. 16.—Mr. R. H. WEBB.

Nov. 23.—Mr. RONALD HATHAWAY.

Nov. 30.—Mr. J. FENWICK ADAMS.

WATLING AND DISTRICT RABBIT CLUB

A meeting was held on October 11th at the "Centre" to inaugurate the first Rabbit Club in the district.

Mr. Maynard, member of the British Rabbit Council, was present, and outlined the policy and method of running such a Club. There were present at the first meeting 14 prospective members. The second meeting was held at the "Centre" on Monday, October 27th, and the group was privileged to hear Mr. Maynard again, his subject being "Elementary Principles of Rabbit Keeping and Breeding."

The following officers were appointed:—

President: Mr. F. Maynard.

Acting Chairman: Mr. E. E. Cole.

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Secretary: Mr. W. A. Tebbs.

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

I wish to thank all for the splendid support given to the "Benefit" Whist Drive on behalf of our hard-working M.C., Mr. Torrance. May I extend my extra thanks to those who gave the valuable prizes. The sum realised, after deducting money prizes, was £6 16s. 6d., including the £1 18s. 6d. raffle. You will, I am sure, all join with me in wishing our tired worker a speedy recovery and the wish to see him well on the road to a full recovery.

The Saturday Older People's Social is becoming brighter. Mrs. De Lattin has offered her services when available as pianist. The short whist drive I should like to start promptly so to enable those to get into the social early.—T. JUDD, *Social Secretary*.

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WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

We have had two jolly picnics in the Hampstead Garden Suburb, seeing the Homes for Old People, wandering through the woods, and visiting the home of a Dutch friend, who showed us many interesting things from Holland. Both afternoons ended with plenty of fun and games.

One interesting afternoon was spent discussing our own club, discovering the special interests of members and planning our winter programme. Subjects particularly asked for: Russia and Planning for After the War.

The Dutch friend, Mrs. Meyner, came and talked to us delightfully of the homes, food and customs in Holland; and Miss Delp showed us some beautiful photographs of Iceland and told us vividly of its scenery and people. Mrs. Henderson gave us a racy account of a holiday in Ireland, revealing gaps in our knowledge of this country which is so close at hand. All these talks about other countries are certainly making us more conscious of our world citizenship.

Keen new members are always welcome in our club.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Prudence Pennywise, owing to pressure of other work, is unable to contribute her monthly article this month, so as a substitute we publish an extract from a pamphlet entitled "Soviet Russia: Your Questions Answered by Reg Bishop." This pamphlet is obtainable from Russia Today Society, 150, Southampton Row, W.C.1., price 2d.

WOMEN IN RUSSIA

THE problem as to whether women should get equal pay with men doing the same job does not arise in the Soviet Union. There it is taken for granted that any job is open to the person best fitted to perform it, and that, whether man or woman, the pay shall be the same. In the Soviet Union women have complete political, economic, and social equality with men. There are no jobs barred to women just because they are women. Not only does one find women managers of textile mills, but also women who have qualified to act in that capacity in heavy industrial undertakings. In aviation there are as many women pilots as men, and many more women parachutists. In many of the professions, considerably more women are qualifying than men. Seventy-five per cent of newly-qualified doctors in the past ten years have been women. Many years before any other country had dreamed of the possibility of women diplomats, Madame Kollontai had gone to Sweden as Soviet Ambassador, a post which she still holds. In the Soviet Union women are free to take up any career they wish, and their homes and families do not suffer thereby. In every factory there are communal restaurants, where excellent, cheap meals can be obtained, so there are in the schools and in the larger blocks of flats. Crèches, where the younger children may be cared for by trained nurses, abound in factories, large offices, farms, etc., and are also to be found at the clubs, railway stations, etc. These things, combined with two months' holiday before and after child-birth—on pay, of course—remove the major disabilities from which women workers suffer in other lands.

Like the British Empire, the Soviet Union is inhabited by a wide variety of peoples who were, at the time of the Revolution, at very different levels of culture. In the Caucasus, and other parts of the old Russian Empire, national differences were exploited to the full by the ruling Russians, on the principle of "Divide and Conquer." To-day, in the Caucasus, as throughout the Union, Russian and non-Russian, Turk and Armenian, Jew and Gentile work together for the common good. Russia was the home of the pogrom, in its most savage form. Anti-Semitism has moved westward; in the Soviet Union it has been extirpated root and branch. One of the most severely dealt with offences that any Soviet citizen can commit is to foment racial antagonisms. Every race in the Union is encouraged to maintain and cherish its national culture and traditions—but the baser aspects of nationalism are barred by a policy which, while national in form, is Socialist in content. In every area where a particular

nationality predominates the basic language used is that of the nationality concerned. And where there are compact national minorities inside a territory predominantly occupied by some other race, they also are catered for in a similar way. To facilitate the ending of illiteracy, some races which never had one before have been given a written language; others have been provided with modernised Latin alphabets to simplify the printing of books. The folk-lore and music of these hitherto oppressed nationalities is encouraged and there is no race, no matter how "backward" it may have been considered hitherto, which is not to-day more proudly conscious of its culture than ever before, and working amicably with other races in the pride of a common Soviet citizenship.

One of the proudest boasts of the Soviet Union is that illiteracy has been abolished from a land where, before the Revolution, those who could read and write were less than one-third of the whole.

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FREE medical services and material security in ill-health and old age are the right of every Soviet citizen. Article 120 of the Soviet Constitution lays down that:—

"Citizens of the U.S.S.R. have the right to material security in old age as well as in the event of sickness and loss of capacity to work."

"This right is ensured by the wide development of social insurance of workers and employees at the expense of the state, free medical aid, and the provision of a wide network of health resorts for the use of the toilers."

Here, embodied in the Constitution itself, is proof that the health of the Soviet citizen is the direct care and responsibility of the state. The fear of losing wages, and of meeting doctors' bills, which adds so much to the unavoidable fear and worry of illness, is replaced by the knowledge of complete security. The Soviet State provides full insurance benefit (equal to wages and maintained until full recovery, or the award of a pension) and will pay the doctor's bill and the cost of any other treatment necessary to restore health.

The whole stress of medical work in the Soviet Union is laid on prevention rather than cure. This means more than "the provision of a wide network of health resorts." It means the active understanding and co-operation of the people themselves, so that in the Soviet Union every man, woman and child is given the chance, and encouraged, to take part in the great campaign for health.

These are some of the characteristics of socialist medicine in the Soviet Union which strike us most forcibly, but as we describe the way in which it works we shall come across a host of others.

Polyclinics—The New Health Centres

What happens if you feel ill in the Soviet Union? You ring up your doctor and make an appointment with him at the Polyclinic. This is where he sees patients, because Soviet doctors work together as a team, and family doctors and specialists in every branch have their consulting rooms together in a health centre—in Russia, a Polyclinic. For the doctor this means that he need not buy all his own equipment; it is provided for him at the Polyclinic—and is the best that can be obtained. In addition, he has equipment which no private doctor could possibly afford—X-ray departments, dental departments, massage departments, gymnasia, etc., etc. For the patient, it means that he can receive all the advice and treatment he needs under one roof, and under the care of his own doctor, although he may be referred to one or another specialist for further consultation and specialised treatment.

Children have a whole wing of the building to themselves in one of the Polyclinics for Transport Workers in Moscow, with a special entrance, including several small waiting rooms where cases of infectious illness can be examined and dealt with at once. In addition to the children's consulting rooms, and rooms for treatment, there is a well-equipped nursery for 100 children, where those who need medical supervision can come every day, to play.

There is a Polyclinic in each district of a large town, and others for special industries—for instance, the one just mentioned is one of ten for Transport Workers in Moscow, and is near one of the big railway termini for the convenience of the railwaymen and their families.

In the smaller towns and villages everything is naturally on a smaller scale, but doctors work together

RUSSIA TODAY

By Dr. P.

We are fortunate in securing the co-operation of a considerable amount of time in studying the mission to publish extracts from her pamphlet "Russia." This pamphlet is published by 150 Southampton R.

as a team wherever possible, a surgeon, a physician, a children's specialist, a maternity specialist, and so on. The state farms and many of the collective farms have their own small polyclinics; others share one in the neighbourhood. Any patients who require more highly specialised facilities for diagnosis or treatment are referred to the large District Polyclinics, which are as lavishly equipped as those in the cities.

Your own Doctor

But you may not be well enough to go to the Polyclinic. In that case your own doctor from the Polyclinic will come and see you at home. Furthermore, if he (or she, since about half the doctors in the Soviet Union are women) considers that conditions at work have anything to do with your illness, he will come and see you at work. This really means that instead of thinking of you just as a case of peptic ulcer, or chronic bronchitis, or whatever you have, he treats you as an individual with your own particular set of problems which must be taken into consideration. If he finds that in order to restore you to health, or to keep you healthy, adjustments are necessary in your living or working conditions, he will very soon see that these are made.

Hospitals

To the man in the street, hospitals are much the same all the world over. They smell of disinfectants, they are inhumanly tidy, and people walk about in long white gowns, sometimes with masks on—the whole atmosphere is strange and rather terrifying.

Hospitals in the Soviet Union also smell of disinfectants and antiseptics, but in general they are much more human and much less terrifying. Professors, doctors and nurses not only know their own patients, but other patients as well—they meet them regularly, about twice a month, to discuss the running of the hospital, and to consider suggestions for various improvements.

Nurses, although they receive a very thorough four years' training, live at home like ordinary mortals, and many of them are married. They come to hospital for their eight-hour shifts, and only the most senior staff live on the premises, to be available for any emergency.

Preventive Medicine

Doctors, and especially research workers, are regarded in the Soviet Union as generals, equipped with expert knowledge, whose job it is to lead the people in the war against disease. But the people of a socialist state are not likely to fall into the error of fighting this or any other war without the rank and file. The people

THE WATLING RESIDENT

A REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE U.S.S.R.

By Dr. Black

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themselves take part in the fight for health, and the
greatest weapon in their hands is education.

Health education starts with babyhood, in the
Museums of Mother and Child Welfare, which supple-
ment the knowledge and assistance every mother gets
from Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. Here the
mother can study the problems of infancy and child-
hood, and seek advice at her leisure.

Social Services

As a direct result of socialist planning, the co-
ordination of medical and social services is such that it
is difficult to separate one from the other. As we have
already seen, the Museums of Mother and Child Welfare
are linked with Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics; the
Institutes of Health Culture with the dispensaries and
Polyclinics, thus making possible the earlier diagnosis
of disease. But if we briefly trace the social provisions
made for health, we can form some idea of the com-
pleteness of the whole scheme.

Maternity and Child Welfare Services

There is one fundamental difference in the Soviet
approach to the problems of Maternity and Child Wel-
fare—the real equality of women. Only in a socialist
state has it been possible to restore to women the
equality she has not known since the days of primitive
communal life. Under capitalism the very functions of
womanhood are an economic drawback which handicap
her as a wage earner. In the socialist Soviet Union
not only is the economic position of mother and child
secure, but every additional care and consideration is
given to women, because of their dual functions as
mothers and equal citizens of a socialist state. Women
are free to choose whether they will continue their
careers after marriage or not. If they do, they will suffer
no disability in their capacity as wives and mothers.

Every expectant mother receives 35 days' maternity
leave before her confinement, and 28 days after, on full
pay. Whilst she is nursing she is given two additional
half-hour recesses to feed her baby (at the expense of
the state, since no deduction is made from her pay
envelope), and is allowed only to do light work, and
no night shifts.

In all Tsarist Russia there were only 6,824 beds
in maternity hospitals—in 1937 there were over 120,000
in the U.S.S.R., and the number is constantly increas-
ing.

In all Tsarist Russia there were only 9 maternity
and Child Welfare Clinics—today there are 4,384 in the
U.S.S.R., with dairy kitchens attached.

Nursery Schools

When the child is 4 years old he is promoted to a
kindergarten or nursery school, where his education in
life and happiness develops steadily until he is ready
to enter school at the age of 8.

In 1914 there were 7,000 children in nursery
schools, now there are over 3,000,000—and over 7½
million if we take the crèches, collective farm seasonal
nurseries, and nursery schools together.

Whilst there are district crèches for those mothers
who work in small establishments or live at home, most
crèches are attached to the mother's place of work.
Nursery schools, as befit the growing independence of
the child, are attached to blocks of flats or housing
estates, and to each district of the towns. In the rural
districts there are mobile crèches (enormous caravans
fitted out as crèches, each in charge of a skilled nurse)
which follow the mothers who are working out in the
fields. Kindergartens are in the villages or state farms
themselves.

Youth

On leaving school, usually at the age of 18, and
before starting work, every adolescent receives another
thorough medical examination, and no one is allowed
to undertake work that is beyond his or her strength.
Thereafter there is a regular examination of every
adolescent each spring.

In addition, there are stringent laws for the pro-
tection of youth. No child is allowed to work before the
age of 14. From 14-16 years old, a limit of four hours'
light work is set (boys and girls may only start work
at this age if they have received special permission from
the Labour Protection Board), and from 16-18 years
of age the limit is six hours. Nor is anyone under the
age of 20 allowed to work under conditions of excep-
tional strain, such as high temperature, underground
work, etc. By these and other means, such as the pro-
vision of widespread facilities for sport and recreation,
the health of young people in the Soviet Union is fully
safeguarded.

Health Representation

In each block of flats, or group of houses in the
towns, and in the collective and state farms in the coun-
try, the people elect their own health inspectors, who
then take special training courses in the Hygiene
Education Centres. Representatives are also elected to
the Boards of Health on every City and District Soviet.

Recreation and Sport

The Soviet Government fully recognises the im-
portance of recreation and sport in the building of the
health of the people. Consequently, huge sums are
spent in the provision of Workers' Clubs and Palaces
Culture. According to Soviet law, all industrial estab-
lishments, offices and institutions must contribute a sum
equivalent to 1 per cent. of their total payroll to the
Trades Unions for cultural and recreational needs.
(This sum is assigned by the place of employment and
is not deducted from the employees' wages.)

There are 5,072 Palaces of Culture and clubs under
the direct supervision of the Trades Unions. The
management committee of the club, elected by members,
directs its activities, which include every conceivable
type of recreation and sport, from chess to swimming,
and from embroidery to shooting matches.

UNCENSORED NEWS

THE FAMOUS AUTHOR, Mactertlinck, who wrote the "Bluebird," which was made into a talking film some time ago and featured Shirley Temple, wrote many wise things. He had the vision to see beyond the immediate future, and consequently he was able to take a long view of life. Here is one of his many sayings. "Let us beware lest we act as he did in the fable who stood watch in the lighthouse, and gave to the poor in the cabins about him the oil of the mighty lanterns that served to illuminate the sea." There is a lot of food for thought in this quotation.

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, educated at a country town Grammar School, achieved in a life of 52 years a vocabulary of 21,000 words, whilst Milton who had been educated at a famous public school and university only had a vocabulary of 7,000 words, and he lived for 66 years. This seems to suggest that education has very little to do with the ability to store up "words," and that a man's command of words will be proportionate to the multitude and urgency of his ideas. To Shakespeare, the world was his book, and it gave him more words than all literature gave to Milton.

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QUACK MEDICINES are not the product of our age. In 1744 Doctor Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne, wrote a treatise on the value and virtues of Tar-Water! This was made by stirring tar in water and allowing it to settle. According to the Bishop the dose was from a pint to a quart a day, and it would cure all the ills that flesh is heir to. Eating houses supplied it free of charge, and it enjoyed great popularity. Horace Walpole wrote a letter to a friend, saying that a man had gone into an apothecary's (chemist) shop during that week. "Do you sell Tar-Water?" "Tar-Water," said the apothecary, "why I sell nothing else."

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A Reader Writes:-

"CONKERS"

DEAR EDITOR,

I read with interest the paragraph in the "Uncensored News" column of last month's "Resident," on Primrose Hill. I didn't know Henry VIII hunted there for hares and partridges, but as a lad I hunted round there for Conkers, my hometown being in the salubrious district of St John's Wood. A splendid view of London can be had from the top of the Hill, and if you like tobogganing there's a good run down the hill when snow's about.

It was a regular custom on Good Friday for some men of the district to gather at Primrose Hill, where they would play "Rounders" regaling themselves with beer from gallon jars. I don't know which they enjoyed most—the beer or the Rounders.

Incidentally I never saw a Primrose there.

F. H. L.

WATLING ESTATE FIRE WATCHERS ASSOCIATION

Report of Quarterly meeting held recently at the "Centre."

An interesting meeting was held recently under the Chairmanship of Mr. Foster, its main business was to consider the report of the Committee on their activities on behalf of the membership during the period from June to September.

The report was rendered by the Secretary, Mr. Lavers, and supplemented by other members of the Committee.

The report disclosed that much good work had been accomplished in the direction of overcoming the difficulties with regard to the issue of equipment, and the interpretation of the varying forms of enrolment and instructions issued.

At an interview between representatives of this association and representatives of A.R.P. Control, Hendon, a full and frank discussion took place on the items of dissension which then existed, and subsequently

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the position was somewhat clarified by a statement received in writing from the A.R.P. Authorities, by the Secretary, that armlets and warrant cards and such equipment as may be issued will be issued to those who have signed the original enrolment forms and have attended lectures 1 and 2, though they still adhere to the opinion that it is preferable that the undertaking form be signed.

It would be as well to bear in mind the Civil Defence Duties Compulsory enrolment order 1941, which will no doubt have some bearing on the above.

It would seem that all Groups by now should have been fully equipped in accordance with the statement made. Any information to the contrary should be reported to the Secretary. Various other matters were dealt with and are still being pursued.

The report was accepted, questions asked and a very lively discussion ensued. From the discussion it would appear that all is not as happy as it might be, and that there is much further work to be done by this Association. One of the most pressing items would seem to be the recognition of this Association by the Hendon A.R.P. Control. We claim to have already accomplished something of a constructional nature to the benefit of all concerned, and this will continue to be our aim.—W. G. Lavers (Secretary), 33, Mostyn Road, Burnt Oak.

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AN INVITATION TO NEW MEMBERS

We are glad to welcome you as a member of the Watling Association and hope that you will take an active part in it. We believe you will get most out of it for yourself if you also put something into it, share the responsibility for its work and organisation. The Secretary can tell you what jobs are waiting to be done.

There is a wide variety of activities going on at the Centre, and we hope you will take part in them. May we draw your attention to the Discussion Groups, Adult Schools, Dramatic and musical Societies. The Association, in addition to running activities, tries to get improvements in local Services and amenities, to help members of the community who find themselves in difficulties and to promote a spirit of neighbourliness. We should be glad of your ideas on these matters.

The Association is governed by a Council which normally meets on the third Thursday of each month, and its meetings are held in public. You are welcome to attend to hear what is being done about the things in which you are interested.

The above is being printed on the instructions of the Executive on a slip of paper to be stuck into cards of those joining the Association.



Watling Association Council SHELTERS AND SCHOOL MEALS

Some of the most interesting matters dealt with by the October Council arose under any other business, which shows what a live interest in the welfare of the Estate is taken by individual members of the Council.

Before that point was reached, however, we had had some discussion on the government of India, arising out of a report on a conference to which we had sent a representative. It was decided to ask the Education Committee to arrange one or more public meetings at which more than one point of view should be put by speakers.

Mrs. Richardson was appointed as a members' representative on the Council to fill the place made vacant by the election of Mr. Cole as chairman. Mr. Williams reported that £6 16s. 6d. had been raised by the benefit whist drive for Mr. Torrance. It was agreed to send an extra 10/- to the National Council for Civil Liberties. The secretary reported that it had been agreed to send special invitations to women transferees of the Ministry of Labour who had come into this neighbourhood to attend a social at the Centre. It was agreed to lend a room once a fortnight to the local W.V.S. Mr. Lodge reported on the work of the Pedestrians' Association in its endeavour to stop the increase in the number of road accidents. The audited accounts of Watling Week were presented, showing a net profit of £122 3s. Mr. Cole reported the proposed formation of a Rabbit Club.

Four matters relating to Estate welfare were discussed and the secretary was instructed to make suitable representations or enquiries as the case may be. It was urged that the left overs after street shelters are built should be cleared up better and that until the permanent

lighting system is established such shelters should have their corners marked with oil lamps, or painted white or both. Concern was expressed that no further information was available as to progress with a communal kitchen on the Estate. Information was sought as to the provision of school meals for children, under what conditions this is done and what determines whether the parent pays or not. The question of voluntary or paid labour for the Day Nursery was considered and enquiries set on foot as to exactly what the authorities propose.

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WHAT TO DO IN NOVEMBER.—Preparation of the soil for next year's planting is an important item of the work to be done in November. Where the soil is heavy it should be thrown up in ridges so as to expose a greater surface to the fertilizing influence of the air and the pulverising action of frost.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Roses may be planted this month. Dwarf roses should be eighteen inches apart each way; climbers and standards three feet apart. Standard roses budded on the common dog rose are best suited for heavy clayey soils. Rose briars for budding next season should be planted now.

Plant hyacinths, tulips, crocuses, scillas, snowdrops and winter aconites, if this was not done in October. The bulbs which ripen their foliage early should be planted first.

Tidy up the herbaceous border for the winter. It is a mistake to cut all the plants down indiscriminately. The tops of those that are quite dead may, however, be removed. Other plants may be partly cut down or trimmed up as required. Summer plants that have been used to fill vacancies may be pulled up, together with all weeds.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Keep the room where fruits are stored clean, dry, airy and sweet, and see that there are no cobwebs. Look over the stock frequently and pick out all decaying fruit. A decayed apple will soon cause others to decay and also creates an unpleasant odour. As soon as one variety has been used up clean its place with a dry duster and thin out others that may be overcrowded.

Plant fruit trees on dry days. If the ground has already been trenched a hole just large enough to take the roots will be sufficient. Do not plant the trees any deeper than they have hitherto been planted. Spread the roots out in a natural manner and work in some fine soil between them. Cut away any damaged roots with a sharp knife and keep the soil well rammed. Many people plant their fruit trees too deeply, and disappointment is caused in consequence.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Broad beans may be sown in November, in a light soil if possible. If the plants survive the winter, as they generally do, they yield better and earlier crops than those sown in the spring. The seeds should be set about five inches apart in a double row, the lines of the row being six inches apart. If more than one row is sown there should be a distance of eighteen inches between them.

A few early peas may also be sown during the first half of the month. Plant them in a warm sheltered corner or in a cold frame during the winter so that they may grow hardily and sturdily. The seedlings can then be planted out in April. If given the protection of some twiggy sticks to shelter them from cold winds they soon make progress and will yield an acceptable dish of early produce. Peas of low growth, such as Little Marvel and Laxtonian are recommended.

NOVEMBER, 1941

Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

REGULAR EVENTS.

- Sunday**—
Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
2 Jesus and Tradition.
Mr. J. Abbott
9 Jesus and the Kingdom
of God, Mr. D. G. Wilson.
16 Types of Saint & Mystic
of Mr. D. Meynen.
23 Men of The Rebel
Mr. A. Lawson.
30 Business Meeting.
Society of Friends Meeting for
Worship and Children's
Classes, 11 a.m.
W.E.A. Psychology Class, 3
p.m.
Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Monday—
Women's Adult School, 2.30
p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Making Plans, B.B.C. Group,
7.30 p.m.
Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
Watling Association Musical
Society, 8 p.m.
W.E.A. Literature Class, 8 p.m.
Boxing Club, 8 p.m.
Edgware Model Aero Club, 8
p.m.
Tuesday—
Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
a.m.
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth
Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8
p.m.
Wednesday—
Women's Neighbourhood Guild,
2.30 p.m.
5 Rev. H. J. Blackmore.
12 Helen Keller. Miss
Gardner.
19 Christmas Treasures—
Handwork.
26 Japan. Mrs. Currie
Martin.

Wednesday—continued.

- Veterans' Club, 4.15 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Cyclist's Touring Club, 8 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8 p.m.
Thursday—
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
a.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Discussion Group, 3
p.m.
Youth Hostels Association, 7
p.m.
Watling Association Youth
Club, 7.30 p.m.
Friday—
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30
p.m.
Hospital Saving Association,
6.30 p.m.
The Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

- Sat.** 1 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 2 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Fellowship Meeting,
2.30 p.m.
Thurs. 6 Townswomen's Guild,
2.30 p.m.
Sun. 9 Public Meeting for
Young People on
"Education."
Fri. 14 Concert by W.A.
Musical Society 7.30
p.m.
Sat. 15 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 16 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Thurs. 20 Townswomen's Guild,
2.30 p.m.
Watling Association
Council, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 22 Poultry Show.
Sat. 29 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 30 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.

Burnt Oak Men's Adult School

The feature during recent weeks which calls for attention is the number of our own members who have opened the lessons. With the help of some outsiders, a very instructive programme has been carried out, and equally interesting is the schedule for the next few weeks.

In evidence of the above, only last Sunday, when our expected speaker failed to materialize, Mr. Lord, out of his intimate knowledge, gave a vivid description of the ruin which can be seen between "The Temple and the Tower," with many a sidelight thrown on the desolation. One remark re vested interests and building rights led to a vigorous discussion.

Mr. E. E. Cole, the President of the Burnt Oak Men's School, gave a very interesting talk on "Our Movement," Sunday, October 19th. The subject was keenly discussed and such questions as how best we can draw new members was debated. Why not come yourself next Sunday at 9.30 a.m.?

The North-West Federation Breakfast held at Hampstead was well supported by members, and there were 27 visitors. Over 70 sat down to the breakfast, and about 80 attended the meeting held afterwards. This was addressed by Mrs. Soones, President of the London Union, and the chair was taken by Mr. Lord. The inspiring address gave much food for thought, and was very much appreciated. Miss J. Williams sang two solos, to the delight of the audience.—A. BALMBRA.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE!

The main source of supply of pure fresh water for the teeming millions of London on the north side of the Thames is the New River. It is thirty-six miles long and twenty-four of these miles are in the County of Middlesex. It rises in Hertfordshire, where there are springs at Arnwell, Chadwell and other places. The River Lea is swallowed up by the New River, which empties itself into the reservoirs at Stoke Newington after a winding course from the north-east corner of the county and after passing Enfield, Wood Green and Hornsey.

In populous places the New River is covered in, but through the greater part of its course it is open and looks as much like a real river as possible. So much care is taken to keep its waters fresh and sweet that in some places it looks too new for a real river. But it certainly is "new" if you compare it with the

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old rivers which have been flowing longer than history can tell. On the other hand, it is not so very new, for it is more than 300 years since Sir Hugh Myddleton, a London goldsmith, first thought what an excellent thing it would be for such a supply of pure fresh water to be available for the people of London.

Sir Hugh himself, and also many of his friends, spent large sums of money on making the river, which was completed in 1613. But it did not prove a commercial success for a long time and the founders lost nearly all the money they had spent on the enterprise. In 1633, two years after Sir Hugh Myddleton's death, the capital invested amounted to about £500,000, and the first dividend was paid. Some financial assistance was given by the Council of the City of London; the King also made a grant to Sir Hugh Myddleton, but he died a comparatively poor man.

Since 1633, however, London has grown so much and pure water has become such a necessity that the New River became one of the richest corporations in the world. Its plant and rights were sold early in the present century to the Metropolitan Water Board for a sum of nearly six million pounds, and shares which were worth almost nothing three hundred years ago were worth thousands of pounds at the time of the transfer. So the New River has flowed into the reservoirs of the Metropolitan Water Board and thence into the homes of millions of Londoners.

The M.W.B. is a huge concern. The total area in which its water is distributed is 573 square miles; the net water rental exceeds five million pounds, and the estimated population supplied is nearly eight million persons. The annual supply of water is 100,000 million gallons, which gives a daily average of 278 million gallons. The weight of the water consumed in a year is about 453 million tons.

From Watling to the Academy

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

What clever young people we have attending Orange Hill Central School! I hear that two pupils of this school, Hazel Turner and Leslie Wisdom, have had their posters hung in the National Exhibition at the Royal Academy. Hearty congratulations Hazel and Leslie. Two other children from Hendon also had their work accepted, J. Jones from Hendon County School, and A. B. D. Mayes from Edgware Junior School. I wonder if any of these young people will ever have the magic letters R.A. after their names sometime in the future?

One Tuesday evening during the month I peeped in at the Games group, they were certainly making a noise, and were very happy playing together. It seemed such a sensible way to spend an evening, so much safer than the streets, and of course playing together does encourage the team spirit. May this happy group continue to do its very good work, it is excellent value for £d. an evening.

I learn from the Children's Librarian that you have not been attending the story half-hours in very large numbers. Do try to take advantage of these times, you will enjoy them, and I know the Librarian goes to a lot of trouble to find just the right type of stories for you. Don't let her down, will you, the times of the story half-hour are displayed in the Children's Libraries at the Centre, and at The Orchard, Mill Hill.

Cheerio,

SNOW-WHITE.



LONG EVENINGS AND YOUR LIBRARY

Have you been thinking of what you are going to do in the long evenings between now and Christmas? Perhaps some of you have got hobbies already; if not, it might be a good idea to make a few Christmas gifts. They can be quite cheap and cost next to nothing. If you want some ideas the books in the list below will help you.

Make and do the Woodcraft Way (Cone).
 Winter Crafts for Wolf Cubs (Cox).
 A Hobby Book for Boys (Bramford).
 Practical Things with Simple Tools (Goldsmith).
 Things Any Boy Can Make (Leeming).
 Carpentry for Beginners.
 Let's Make Something (Rogers).
 The Toymaker (Angus).
 Make Your Own Soft Toys (Evans).
 Doll Making at Home (Fraser).
 Simple Toy Making (Hetherington).
 Matchbox Town (McKay).
 My Rainy Day Book (Beskow and Warburg).
 Simple Handicrafts for Boys and Girls (Cone).
 Boys' Make and Do Book.
 Girls' Make and Do Book.
 The Wonder Book of Things to Do (Golding).
 Busy Fingers (Fochs).
 Leisure Things for Lively Youngsters (Rowland).

WAR-TIME BIRMINGHAM

By
ARTHUR S. DAVIES

(Continued from October Issue)

CONTINUING this month the account of the work of the Central Council, we come to item four, which deals with War Worker Clubs in Birmingham.

(4) War Workers' Clubs.—This development of Community activities is the latest work to be undertaken, and the first club to be planned in the whole of the city is to be opened shortly at the Kingstanding Community Hall (Perrystanding Community Association). The scheme is briefly:—The use of the Community Hall, together with the use of a re-adapted cottage next door. The cottage to possess Bathroom facilities, a Rest Room and a Leader's office. Access from the cottage to the Centre being immediate by a gateway on to the main drive of the Centre. A qualified full-time Club Leader has been appointed and alteration and furnishing of the cottage now in progress.

During the day the Club Leader will act as a visiting welfare officer to homes and lodgings of the club members and in addition will visit the local factories. The club has received a promise of 100 per cent. grant from the Ministry of Labour and National Service for salary of leader and an appeal to the Lord Mayor's War Relief Fund and to local firms has been made.

The Local Association also possess another small cottage next door to the above in which they run a very successful soldiers' canteen.

The project of war workers' clubs has already made a big stride in Birmingham, several are open, others about to open, and an interesting array are on the "stocks." A marriage (appropriate term) will take place between clubs and centres. Girls' and women's clubs will strengthen, for in some cases there will emerge in the centres something more than just a dance night for the club, or dance night for the association; a useful full-blooded welfare activity will emerge.

Now so far much have I spoken of the work of the Birmingham Council for Community Associations, let me devote some of my space to the work of the Federation of Community Associations.

The most important work of the Federation during the last three years has undoubtedly been in connection with its annual Drama Festival and the Holiday Camp—Barmouth.

(1) Annual Drama Festival.—Each year a number of associations meet and present a one-act play.

(2) Federation Holiday Camp—Llanaber, North Wales.—This scheme, introduced just previous to the war, has been a success.

THE FUTURE

The New World Order—that dazzling sedative to the bombed-out! Are we doing anything in this city so as to prepare for the future? Having survived the impact of war, can we stand up to the shock of Peace? People in the work—the Birmingham Group, shall we call them—are earnestly discussing and planning for the future. This planning does not envisage a future movement as merely the old one with a few new patches on it, or as a caravan replete with trailer labelled Post War Development—no! The Birmingham Movement, like in other cities and towns, has had during the past 11 years a hard uphill fight—fight for recognition by Local Authority and fight for centres, and, after a great deal of sweat (but, thank God, Mr. Hitler, no blood spilling) it has arrived and to stay. Now whilst war-time conditions do not allow it much time to think and to relax from the struggle of the past decade, yet re-planning is quietly proceeding. Our present associations are far from satisfied as regards many aspects of the movement's philosophy, aims and machinery. They have to be satisfied. The coming generation of community associations require and deserve a programme whose aims will be so wide as to constitute a National Renaissance, a programme covering all the fields of social welfare, a programme to even up the debt we all owe to the future of our country. This, we aim to be Birmingham's contribution to the country, with the hope that it will be so caught up by the nation that the community movement will overflow its boundaries, and in very truth, contribute its part in the New World Order.

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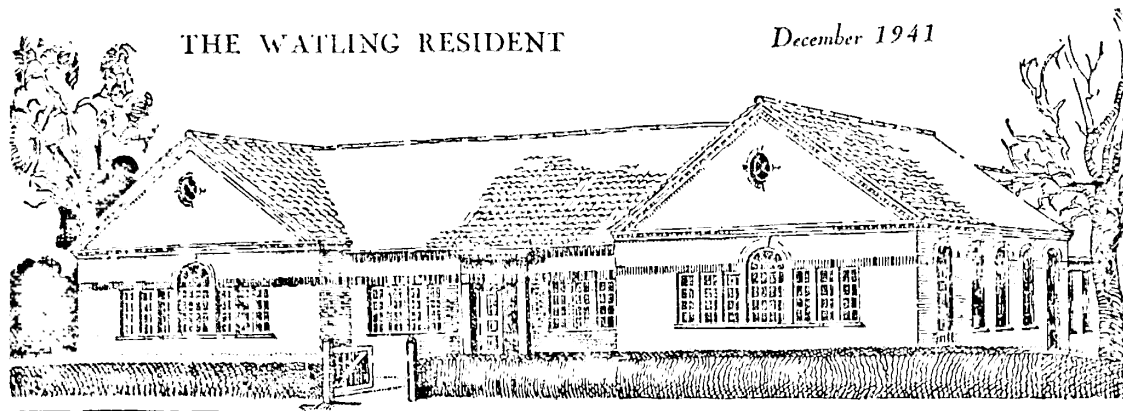
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May we wish you all a Christmas of happiness and joy and a faith that the next will be spent in comradeship with those who are absent from us at this time.

—"THE RESIDENT COMMITTEE."

RANDOM JOTTINGS

The New Council

We congratulate Alderman R. A. B. Teare on his appointment as Mayor of the Borough of Hendon, and in doing so may we thank Alderman A. A. Naar, M.B.E., for his support whilst performing the duties of Mayor and hope that he will continue his support and that his successor will show the same interest and understanding in the work of the Watling Association.

We apologise that last month we made no reference to the election of Mr. Durant as Councillor in the seat held for so long by Mr. Pugh. Mr. Durant is the husband of Mrs. Durant, until recently Juvenile Organiser to the Watling Association; both are members and we wish to offer our heartiest congratulations.

Cabbages, Beans and Carrots

Children who come under the care of Mrs. F. Guy, Juvenile Organiser at the "Centre," recently collected a quantity of vegetables, in most cases home-grown, and gave it to Groom's Crippleage as a harvest gift. The Superintendent of Groom's Crippleage has sent a letter to the group of children who call themselves the "Black Cat Circle" (Moggies), expressing his gratitude and appreciation.

Veterans' Loss

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Batchford on Saturday, November 1st. Mr. Batchford was one of the first members of the Veterans' Club and was held in high respect by all with whom he associated. His chief recreation at the "Club" was in the "Draughts" and he was a keen player.

Watling Association Youth Club

At the annual meeting of the club, held on November 20th, it was agreed to print a circular for distribution on the Estate to advertise the club.

It was regretted that Mr. Rathbone did not offer himself for re-appointment as secretary. Mr. D. Weil was elected to fill this post. Mrs. Nyberg was elected treasurer and Miss Blundell and Messrs. Atkins and Langston to the committee.

It was decided to have an evening of educational films and if they proved popular to have other shows later.

Christmas Number

Special attention has been given in this, the Christmas Number of the "Resident," to the cause of Youth on this Estate, and we hope readers will appreciate and enjoy reading the reports on pages 6—7, also the Leader on page 3. It is hoped at least each month to devote a page to these reports.

Our Best Wishes

We are indebted to Miss I. Gale, of the Children's Library, Mill Hill, for the list of Books published on the Children's Page each month. Miss Gale is now recuperating after appendicitis and we are pleased to hear that everything is satisfactory and that she is contemplating a return to the Library very shortly.

THE SANCTUARY

By E. H. HUGHES

A sentimentalist looks at London, and despite crater—ruin—sandbag and brick, believes there is tranquil beauty yet to be discovered by the imaginative

Visit Trafalgar Square today, or any day, and you will find as always, beneath the watchful eye of Nelson, a muffled quietness as passers-by snatch a moment from the fleeting minutes of a busy day to feed the multitudes of birds that flutter tamely into their hands.

So renowned is this spot for its vast bird inhabitation, flocking daily to seek food and friendship, that one might imaginarily re-name it "The Sanctuary."

Across the Square comes the echo of busy London. Hooters, screeching brakes, wrenching gears, vivid acceleration . . . while the joyful singing of birds and the gentle coo-ing of pigeons lingers like sweet music against such a tremulous background.

Childish laughter often brings an amusing moment, for dwarfed beside the immensity of the towering column one sees a child holding an outstretched palm filled with fragments of food.

As the hungry birds approach the youthful figure, a timid smile flickers across the happy face, as fear steals upon the stout little heart. But when the food is successfully delivered from the nervous hand . . . behold, a broad smile of relief and proud achievement brings to a close an incident which time has made as familiar as the monument itself.

The peace is sometimes disturbed by a startling report from a passing vehicle and immediately the stillness is whipped into a frenzy, the silence into a roar, as the multitudes of "The Sanctuary" encircle the Square in terrified flight, each vigorously beating wing contributing to a whirlwind of dust.

Round . . . round . . . round they fly, and as each bird regains its courage, slowly they come to rest, and all is once more at peace.

The shadow of the column lengthens as the day grows deeper . . . a day never changing, and as the din of traffic recedes to a rumble, workers wend their ways homeward, the birds grow less in number, each following the example of the human.

As darkness settles over London, those who remain seek lodgings in the rooftops and ledges of surrounding buildings to await the morrow.

When next you pass, pause . . . compare Trafalgar Square, its many winged inhabitants therein, with the incessant hustle and turmoil around it, and you will agree, too, that one is creating a justifiable impression by calling it "The Sanctuary."



The More we are Together

The "Resident" Committee wish to thank all those readers who responded to the invitation to attend the "Community Social" on Saturday, November 1. They were also pleased to welcome the dozen or so lady "transferees" who came. It needs pluck to visit a company of strangers and yet enter fully into the enjoyment of the evening. It is hoped to arrange another such gathering early in the New Year. See report elsewhere in this issue.

CENTRE ● POINTS

By STROLLER

● IN VARIOUS parts of the country housing estates are being built for Munition Workers, and as some form of social activity will be needed to relieve the monotony of long hours in the factories and workshops, it is proposed to build Community Centres as well. Housing managers of these estates are to be given an insight as to how a Community Centre is run. For this purpose the Watling Centre has been selected as a good type and it is hoped shortly to have some "Trainees" visit us.

● A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION's main function is to give service. This is done in many ways. For instance, the letting of the building or parts of it for meetings, socials, etc., provides a much-needed want, as the democratic outlook can best be maintained by people being able to get together and talk things over. The charges for lettings are very reasonable and often below the average.

● RABBITS multiply quickly and apparently members of rabbit clubs are no less prolific. The club recently started at the Centre has already 27 adult members and nine boys. We've all seen conjurers producing rabbits from their hats and you can, on club nights, see people leaving the Centre with their pet rabbits snugly tucked away in their coats.

UNSETTLED HEROES.—The band of people who set out each month to sell the "Resident" are doing a great service, for which there is, at least on the surface, no great praise—but nevertheless their work is greatly appreciated. They are the people who, working in the background, are doing much to keep the Watling Association in its prominent place among Community Associations. More sellers are wanted to join the gallant band. Will YOU give an hour or two once a month?

● Congratulations to Mrs. Saunders and her son Billy, who are among the "Resident's" outstanding "Sellers."



COMEDY WITH THRILLS

The Watling Guild of Players are to give a performance of Evelyn Millard's Comedy-Thriller, "Men for Pieces," at the "Centre" on December 5th, at 8 p.m. This play should bring a large attendance, so make sure of your tickets now, od.; 1/-; 1/6.

The Guild are also giving the same performance at John Keble Church Hall on Tuesday, 6th December, in support of the local "Aid to Russia" Fund.

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LEADERSHIP AND PROGRESS WANTED !

THERE is a saying that the "constant dripping of water will wear away a stone," and that is the reason why once again this article is dealing with a subject that many may feel to be of secondary importance at this stage in the world's history.

The years 1914-1918 saw the destruction of the bloom of manhood throughout the world and again we have the position where the finest and fittest of our men are laying down their lives for the cause of freedom and democracy. These men are prepared to give the supreme sacrifice in the hope and faith that the world of tomorrow will be a more stable and just world, where differences that arise will be settled without resorting to force.

What of the young men and women now in their adolescent stage, say 14 years to 18 years. What are they thinking? They, you must remember, will be the people on whom the responsibilities of reshaping this world will fall probably heaviest. At the age of 14, in their own opinion, they are men and women with little or no experience of the world in a normal state to influence them. They have witnessed that brutality has to some, if only temporarily, brought satisfaction to selfish needs and requirements, and that this brutality runs riot in their world to-day; that to some folk morals and decency have little or no value; that to be a Churchgoer is considered sloppy and old-fashioned; that to love one's enemy or one's neighbour is old-maidish and impracticable. Money to these young minds has the power to talk and give one everything; to hang about at street corners, gambling and engaging their minds on what may be considered loose conversation, is their recreation, natural associations being denied them.

WHO IS TO BLAME ?

Who is to blame for this state of affairs? Is it our system of education or have we, the older generation, fallen short of our responsibilities? too much pleasure seeking of the ready-made variety, or in other words self-seeking? We do not oppose pleasure making of the right order.

It is not too late to repair some of the damage; the task is of paramount importance to the nation. Ask a magistrate how the Courts are viewing the increasing number of juveniles that come before them and you will begin to realise the magnitude of the problem.

Surely it is possible to awake on this Estate of ours a "Conscience" on this matter; the Churches have a responsibility and can help tremendously, providing they are not too concerned to make these young people into Church members—for that is something that the person must seek for himself. The Scouts and Guides have a responsibility as well as the large number of

other bodies on the Estate. There are several Boys' Clubs doing valiant work. What is wanted is a "Youth Centre" where all this work can be centralised and where equipment may be found adequate to meet the needs. Why not all those who are doing their best "pool" their resources and see how efficient we would become and how the young people of the district would respond to their "own premises."

WHAT CAN WE DO ?

Some would say that we were putting the cart before the horse in that we were thinking about premises before personnel, yet I don't think that is really the case. Leaders are urgently needed, we know, and the right type are hard to find, yet how can we expect to tackle the main problem without acquiring suitable premises? A School Hall once or twice a week is not sufficient to meet the needs. It requires much larger a building. Why not press the Council on this matter? They can, if they choose, ease the way by power given them by the Government many years ago.

Now where, you may ask, does the "Watling Association" come into the picture. We have our Youth Club and activities for the young folk. I am sure that there isn't a member who would not be proud to do all they could to help foster and encourage any progressive move towards a solution of this important problem. But that is not enough; it requires work and patience; it requires willingness to experiment and acquire new ideas, with the courage to admit failures. Why not begin now to realise that the young generation of to-day is the governing body of to-morrow, and we owe it to them to give them a square deal.

The "Resident" as a small contribution is devoting a page, perhaps more some months, to reporting the affairs of the various youth organisations on the Estate in the hope that each group will become aware of the other's existence and in such a way show a willingness to pool first of all their different experiences. Why may we not venture to suggest a conference of all those concerned on the subject of "Youth" and see what may come out of it.

Turn to pages 6 and 7 and read what is being done now and see whether you could not help somewhere!



BARGAIN PRICE 2d.

I wonder how many readers realize that if it wasn't for the voluntary labour given in producing this Magazine, we would have to increase the price? This month's issue in particular is excellent value, as illustrations and pictures are very expensive to produce. May we again ask for Voluntary Sellers?

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Dec. 14.—Mr. J. GUYATT.

Dec. 21.—Mr. A. GALE JOHNSON.

Dec. 28.—Mr. F. N. MARTIN.

A "COMMUNITY" SOCIAL

The "Community" Social held at the Centre on Saturday, November 1st, was a tremendous success, for not only did we have a gathering of about 140 persons, but everyone present, judging by the atmosphere, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The evening was arranged to suit all tastes and fancies, the Watling Association Musical Society gave four songs, which were thoroughly appreciated, as were also the solo items given by Mr. Singleton and Mrs. Mills.

To witness a dozen or so men making paper hats for their ladies caused much merriment. A burlesque "Brains Trust" was staged. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The questions were supplied by members of the audience and showed how well the audience was entering into the spirit of a Community Social.

During the interval for refreshments, the Editor of the "Watling Resident" gave a short speech thanking those present for their support and appealing for more contributors to the magazine. He thanked also the sellers for their monthly valuable assistance and finally asked everyone to fill in the "Survey" table appearing on page three, as, until we have more returns we had little idea as to what the reader wanted in such a magazine as the "Watling Resident."

The pianist for the evening was Mrs. de Lattin, and before the whole gathering sang "Auld Lang Syne," the M.C. for the evening, Mr. A. Robert Croker, expressed the committee's thanks to all those folk who had made the evening such a success—this, of course, included those ladies who catered in the Canteen for our refreshments and who were not able to come into the Social.

We were very glad that Mr. Harris was able to welcome a number of lady transferees, who had come by special invitation of the committee. These ladies are working locally and are strangers to the district, and therefore we felt we might introduce them to the Association, via this social.

A REALLY GRAND CONCERT

The Watling Association Musical Society gave a "Grand Concert" at the "Centre" on Friday, November 14th, to an audience of about 85 that was very appreciative of the good fare given.

The Choir was at its best when rendering Mendelssohn's "O for the Wings of a Dove," with Mrs. Nyberg taking the solo part. Her rendering was very good indeed and the style was one that well suited her.

It is not right that special praise should be given to any of the choir, who work together so well, but special honours should, I feel, be given to the conductor, Mr. A. I. Jones, who, one felt, had the whole choir at his finger tips. The accompanist was Mrs. de Lattin.

When next performing, I hope the grouping of the performers will be so arranged that those behind the front row may be visible to the audience.

Before the last item Mr. Jones appealed for more members to join. The practice nights are Mondays at 7.30 p.m. and any who would like to sing in a choir are welcome.

The Choir is at present rehearsing for a Concert version of Sir Edward German's "Merrie England." New voices are needed for this production.—C.A.R.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

WOMEN'S PAGE

CHRISTMAS
"EVE"*Let's make it a time
of refreshment*

THE festival of Christmas is with us once more, and there is something about this Christmastide that is stable and sure, no matter what happens in the realms of diplomacy and politics. It is the festival of the family and home. Two thousand years ago, a man and wife were travelling to take part in the census, and when they arrived, there was no friendly welcome, the inns were full. We know that during that night, in the company of the oxen and asses, the miracle of a new little life came to these tired travellers. A family was complete.

Many of us are feeling very tired, and perhaps wondering whether we will trouble to make any special preparation for Christmas, such a lot of work for a few short hours. I do hope that we will all try and make this holiday a time of refreshment and hope for our families. Many of us are parted in some way, and perhaps our sons, daughters, or husbands are making a special effort to get home for the holiday. Remember whatever strife is going on in the world, it need not enter our homes; our homes can be places of rest and peace, and our folk will appreciate a time of ordinary home life. It is very precious to them now.

Now a few words to the mother of the house. Do try to be just as you were before this war started. Living in uniforms, conforming to regulations, food restrictions, etc., has made each one of us a little hard, and the greatest contribution any woman can make at this time, is to be normally feminine. I think you will understand what I mean. Don't trail round the home in slacks, smoking perpetually, and indulging perhaps in a hearty back slapping, good pal type of woman. I think this makes most men sick at heart, and it is not a very charming picture for them to take back, is it? Our role is to be normal, in fact, to be the girl they left behind, even if they have only gone to the home front.

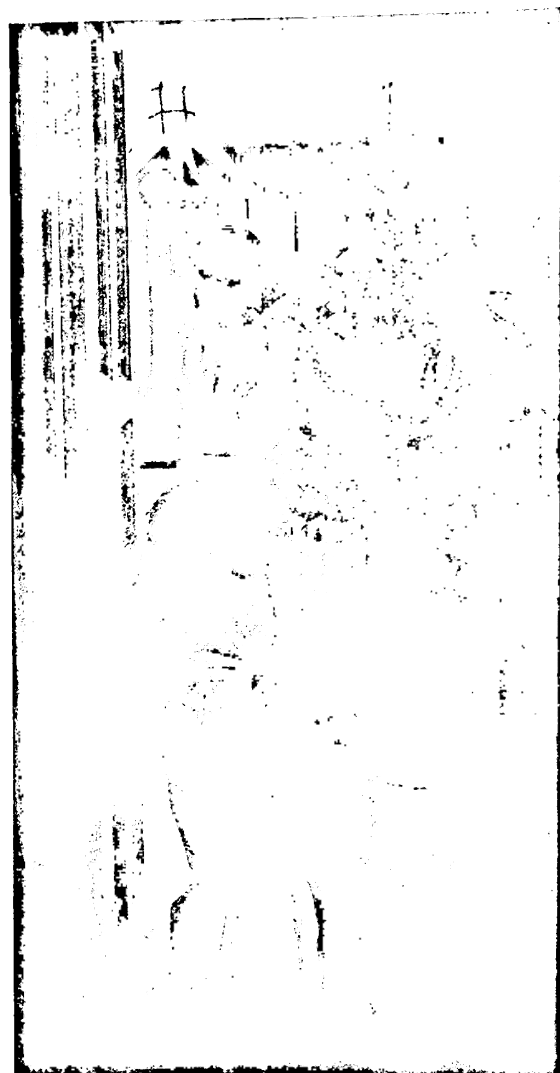
Here's wishing you all a happy Christmas.

PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.

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THAT CHRISTMAS BOX

Did You Know that a Christmas Box is a present made by an employer, or superior in business? It is said to take its name from the practice in former times of would-be recipients to carry a box with a slit in the top, like a collecting box. The practice received a heavy blow in 1836, when it was forbidden by the authorities,



WE HOPE MUMMY DOESN'T SEE US

Next Month

It is hoped to publish an interesting article on
"CHINA TO-DAY"

Wanted, Urgently

The Association urgently needs three picture frames with glass, about 12" x 18", for hanging official notices in the building, so if any reader has one to spare and would like to make a gift of same to the Association, it will be gratefully accepted,

At the Watling Youth Committee meeting on November 14th, it was decided to hold a social for the Watling Youth Organisations on January 16th in St. Alphege Hall.

Please make sure you book this date, because it will be a grand opportunity for us all to meet each other and have a jolly good time. Look out for further details in next month's Youth Page.

YOUTH-Today ad

YOUTH PAGE WRITER

As I heard recently, that a youth is an imperfect being, by the very fact of not yet having attained full manhood or womanhood, I crave your pardon there for any imperfections in this page, but we hope to catch your interest and sympathy.

We do not wish to use this page of your valuable paper to proclaim our own virtues or success, but

WATLING CENTRE YOUTH CLUB

This Club meets at the Watling Centre every Tuesday and Thursday from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. The membership fee is 3d. per week, and the members play table tennis, darts, billiards, chess and draughts, and matches are arranged with various other clubs. Other activities are dances, discussions on Art, Literature, Science, Religion and Politics, and there is a section for those interested in boxing.

A Youth Service Corps has been formed and is doing active work on the Estate in the form of Salvage and in other ways of helping in the National War effort. The club is run by its own members, and invites all other young people on the Watling Estate to join in its activities.

The Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.—See diary.

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BURNT OAK METHODIST MISSION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB.—Meets on Tuesday evenings, 7—8.30 p.m., for billiards, table tennis, darts and table games, etc., and from 8.30—10 p.m. for dancing and community games, etc. Facilities for football, netball, badminton, cricket and tennis are provided. Membership is open to fellows and girls over 15, and the subscription is 2d. per week. There is a Dramatic Section and we frequently produce plays. The Club also runs a Discussion Group every Sunday at 8 p.m. We also run a **YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD**, which meets on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. for lectures, discussions and debates. Membership is open to young people over 15 and the subscription is 6d. per year. The **GIRLS' BRIGADE** meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Membership is open to girls from 12 to 18 and the subscription is 1d. per week, and the **Boys' BRIGADE** meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Membership is open to boys from 12 to 18, and the subscription 1d. per week.

The programme of both Brigades comprises physical training, sports, handicrafts and first-aid, etc. All the members of our Youth Organisations are encouraged to attend at least one of the various Services and Fellowships held on Sundays, and the aim and purpose of all our Youth Work is to foster and develop physical, mental and spiritual fitness and to equip young people for the tasks of Christian citizenship.

At the moment we have well over 100 young folks in the various organisations, but we are able and eager to welcome new members.

WATLING BOYS' CLUB

The Watling Boys' Club meets at Woodcroft School on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9.30 p.m. It is what can be termed a free lance club, and is not connected with any organisation such as a church, school or political party. The Club makes no restrictions upon boys wishing to become members. The boys, whose ages are from 14 to 18, consist of some who are finishing their education in Secondary and Technical Schools, and others who are starting out upon earning their own living in office or factory. The Leader of the Club is Mr. Stanley Jones, and the boys are fortunate in having his advice and leadership, for he is a fine athlete.

The Club has many outdoor activities, and apart from cricket and football, holds week-end camps and Youth Hostel week-ends. Mr. Jones, who has done quite a considerable amount of cross-country running, hopes eventually to have a good team to enter for cross-country competitions.

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EDGWARE MODEL AERO CLUB

The Edgware Model Aero Club, which meets every Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Watling Centre, is arranging to hold an "open night" on Monday, December 8th.

The meeting will be open to any local resident who is interested in any of the branches of aero-modelling. A display of Pole-Flying will be given, as well as indoor flying with micro film-covered 'planes. Various types of outdoor models will be shown in different stages of construction. The construction of solid-scale models, some of which will be shown, form a major activity of the club. These models are both easy to make and extremely useful when completed.

The Club is willing to give any technical help within its power to any local aeromodellist, and hopes that they may soon be able to give outdoor flying displays again, as was the case before the war.

Anyone who is anxious to join the club should get into touch with the Hon. Secretary, A. J. Pizer, 81, Beverley Drive, Edgware. The minimum age limit is 14 years. Don't forget the date, Monday, December 8th, at 8 p.m.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

A REVIEW OF ESTATE YOUTH GROUPS

Today and Tomorrow

YOUTH PASTOR WRITES :

Though its medium we believe that whatever is already having at least some done for youth on the Watling Estate will be your part in it, and that you will be ready to co-operate in what- ever way you are able with our work of building up into our city the shattered remains of our civilization.

YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION
(Hendon Group)

This Group of the Youth Hostel Association, like many of the various clubs on the Watling Estate, is continually growing and has a membership of 150. But still too few people are aware of the facilities afforded by the Youth Hostel Association for the enjoyment of open-air life. The Hendon Group, which meets at the Watling Centre on Thursday evenings, especially caters for open-air activities, but also has many indoor social events. At the present time it is planning ahead, because it feels that the Y.H.A. must play a very important part in the life of the nation after the war.

For those interested, the following is very briefly the programme for last month:—Cyclists' week-ends to Bucklebury, near Reading; Ewhurst, near Dorking; Kemsing, near Sevenoaks; and to Winchester. Sunday cyclist runs to Roxhill, Egham-on-Thames, and Ivinghoe Beacon. Walkers' week-ends to Bucklebury, Chessham, Speen and Chaldon. Sunday rambles to Epsom Downs, Epping Forest and Ivinghoe Beacon.

On Thursday evenings there were: a film show, a talk on hostelling in France, folk dancing, a stage show by the Males, and a social.



THE "1939" CLUB

The "1939" Club, which has as its meeting place the Edgware Council School, has an interesting programme for its members for December.

On December 3 there is to be a Social and on the 13th a Social and Dance, whilst on the 4th, 11th and 18th the Dramatic Class meets, and on the 10th a "Dutch" Parliament is to be held, and finally, on the 17th, a Camp Fire Picnic American Supper is the title of what sounds a very attractive evening.

During November the Club visited a local cinema and inspected the Organ, Operating Room, Air Cooling Plant and Lighting for the Stage—in fact, all the wonders that are not seen by the general public.

The Hon. Secretary for the "1939" Club is Mr. E. Pearman, 34, Gloucester Grove, Burnt Oak, who says that new members are very welcome.



The recently-formed Watling Youth Committee have undertaken to supply reports of the various organisations on the Estate catering in the interest of Youth each month for inclusion in the Youth Page, and the Editor for this feature is the Rev. L. W. Hibbs, of S. Alphage Clergy House, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak, to whom all reports should be sent by the 13th of each month.

S ALPHAGE YOUTH ORGANISATION

There are attached to S. Alphage Church young people's organisations of great variety, Scouts, Guides, Badminton Club, Girls' Guilds for Senior and Junior girls, Catechism and Sunday Schools, and a Study and Discussion Group. These organisations engage in a variety of activities, but underlying them all there are certain definite principles which we hold to be of fundamental importance. We believe that it is quite a wrong principle to use organisations as a kind of bait to attract outsiders to Church, a kind of jam to hide the pill of the necessity for Church attendance. Nor do we believe that we are fulfilling the trust imposed upon us by congregating any number of young people together for amusement or recreation without any concern for the development of their spiritual life.

We believe that the true end of all youth organisations is education in the fullest sense of the word—education in the art of the good life.

We welcome all who will share with us our worship as well as our study of our recreations of various kinds. All enquiries about organisations should be made to the Vicarage, Montrose-avenue, Burnt Oak.



Burnt Oak YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

Young people to-day in various parts of the country are doing a job which they may well be proud of—Youth Service, in the Forces, in the factories and in their own localities.

In the largest borough in London, besides the Air Training Corps, there are no organisations doing full time work to help our war effort. We feel that in our borough there is a vast army of youth ready for action, if only the word be given.

Burnt Oak Young Communist League has started salvage collecting, and has been amazed by the response of the people. Because of this, we are organising a Y.C.L. Salvage Week-end on December 6th and 7th, knowing full well that we have the support of every young person in Burnt Oak.

But this is only a start; the Burnt Oak Youth Organisations Committee is now hard at work organising joint activities, the success of which depends on the amount of co-operation that we, Burnt Oak youth, can give. The initial campaign is to be wound up with a celebration dance to be held at the beginning of January. From this, we want to go on to organising Youth Service Squads in every street and club in Burnt Oak. This is Youth's chance! Let's take it!

UNCENSORED NEWS

CHRISTMAS CARDS, tokens of goodwill and remembrance, were first introduced in 1846, so history says. It seems strange that this custom is of such modern origin, and although the postal department is severely taxed, the country's revenue is considerably increased.

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WE HAVE all used the term getting the "Sack." In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, an apprentice lived in the shop of his master, usually sleeping under the counter, or bench, and he took all his clothes and possessions in a sack when he was starting his apprenticeship. This was handed to his master, and if the lad did not give complete satisfaction, the master gave him back his property, in other words, he gave him the sack. It is curious how these old terms still have their place in our language.

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CHARLES DICKENS, the well-known author, had many associations with London, although he was born at Portsmouth. As a boy he lived in Camden Town, went to a school in Hampstead Road, and worked for a short time in Hungerford Market, putting labels on blacking bottles. At this time of the year it is almost impossible to think of Dickens without thinking immediately of "The Christmas Carol." This famous story is known to us all, and Charles Dickens had the great gift of making us see our own weaknesses.

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SCHOOLS OF THE FUTURE

Youth was well represented at a meeting held at the Watling Centre on Sunday, November 9th, for a lecture given by Mrs. Cook, Headmistress of Goldbeaters Infant School. Among those present were members of the Y.H.A. with their leader, Mr. Lee, and the "1939" Club under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Pearman. Some of the main points for discussion were as follows:—

State Schools for everybody.

Compulsory Education.

Nursery Schools for children from the age of 3 to 7 years.

Stress was made that Nursery Schools were preferable to Day Nurseries.

Learning through play, best method for Infant Schools.

Child guidance clinics in every district.

That the age of 11 years was too early to take scholarship exams.

That not less than a two years' course in teaching should be given at Training Colleges for teachers.

That parents should get to know the teachers at the schools where their children attend, as co-operation between parent and teacher is a great help in the welfare of the child.

That the number in classes should not exceed 20.

That a well-balanced Education should be given, even though this might mean scholars remaining at school until they are 17 or 18 years of age.

A need for great improvement in the planning and building of schools.

The meeting, a most instructive one, proved that Youth is ready and willing to play their part in planning for the future. E.C.

A meeting on Education was held recently mainly for the Adult Schools. The speaker was Mrs. Cook and she dealt with many of the points raised in the above report.

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CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Worries have a habit of growing larger the longer you keep them, so come to the Bureau before your worries grow.

There are many kinds of trouble and the Bureau is kept informed of all the latest regulations and information of where to find help and how to set about it. All problems are considered sympathetically and in confidence.

Sometimes school leavers wish information about finding suitable work, study, or amusements, and the Bureau is always ready to help.

The Bureau is open at Watling Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30 till 12.30, and Mondays and Fridays 2.30 till 4 o'clock, but will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

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Watling Distress Fund

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Thank you!



Watling Association Council

CONSTITUENT BODIES

A good deal of time at the council meeting on November 20th was spent in considering the position of certain constituent bodies which had shown little interest in the work of the Association during the past 18 months. It was felt that if the Association is to fulfil its best service to the community it is important that the constituent, or affiliated, bodies should all make their contribution to its councils. Steps were taken in various directions to secure closer co-operation with certain organisations.

Another important matter which came up once again was the question of a British Restaurant on the Estate. The secretary reported having written to the London Divisional Food Officer urging the importance of speeding up the provision of such a restaurant. Representatives of constituent bodies were urged to bring the matter before their own organisations and get them to write also. It was further suggested that it would help if individuals wrote as well. The address is: London Divisional Food Officer, 9-10, Saville Road, W.

It was agreed to hold a house to house collection for the Distress Fund on December 21st and helpers were called for.

Some consideration was given to matters raised in connection with the fire in Blessbury Road and it was decided to urge upon the Northmet Power Coy. the desirability of an inspection of all the electrical installation on the Estate.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We are grateful to Mr. Croker, who during recent weeks gave us a most delightful representation of "The Doll's House," by Henrik Ibsen, also to Dr. Stevens for an informative health talk, to Father Motley, who related his experiences at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields during the Blitz, and to the Rev. Mr. Blackmore, to whom we owe a very happy afternoon when he recited several lovely little poems—both grave and gay.

Several pairs of socks and a pair of sea-boot stockings, knitted by members, together with other little comforts, have been sent to our adopted mine-sweeper crew, from whom we have received a very nice letter of thanks.

We miss Mrs. Durant, who is absent from School for a while, and look forward to the days when she will return. In her absence, Mrs. Moutel very kindly takes her place at the piano.

A number of new members and some old friends have been welcomed during the past month and in spite of the unavoidable absence of a few members, attendances every Monday are between twenty-five and thirty.

If you have not already done so, won't you join us on Monday at 2.30 p.m. We will be very happy to have you with us.

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Who said "Rabbits" ?

The Rabbit Club has been officially adopted as a Section of the Watling Association's activities, and we may express the hope that the membership will be just as prolific as the Rabbits.

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GETTING TOGETHER

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DEAR EDITOR,

One reads continually articles and letters published in the Press, criticising the different religious denominations and other organizations for not getting together and co-operating in the important work that they do.

I wonder how many people on the Watling Estate realise that this is being accomplished now in many ways. For instance, there is a Youth Committee which meets at the Watling Centre and nearly all the Youth Organizations are represented on this Committee. Their work should be of the utmost importance in time to come, if we only stop to consider the golden opportunity presented to us here for helping each other, and getting together for the mutual good of all concerned.

Then on the second Sunday in the month at the Watling Centre there is a meeting held for young people, and once again we lead the way in co-operation.

The meeting is represented by the local Church, Chapel, Boys' Clubs, Political Parties, Youth Hostel Association, and other local organizations. These meetings commence at 8 p.m. and have proved a great success. The Association hope that from these various meetings other much larger meetings will eventually be held.

Everybody must realise the importance of getting together and trying to understand each other's point of view, and if the Watling Association can achieve this ideal, then we can indeed be proud to have paved the way, and overcome the obstacle of mutual understanding.

The war has no doubt helped us to achieve this end, but the credit is really due to the fine public spirit of the Leaders of the local organisations, who really want to help each other for the benefit of all, and it is hoped that all of those who read this article will do all they can to foster this new spirit.

H. LEE.

APPRECIATION

328, Deansbrook Road.

DEAR EDITOR,

Congratulations to all concerned for the November "Resident."

Committee notes gave a truer impression of the work of the Association than previous notes. It was pleasing to see reference to such problems as transference, the Day Nursery and Communal Feeding. Several items mentioned provide scope for copy, such as the discussion on India, the report on the Pedestrian Association, also the Donation to the Council of Civil Liberties.

Could not delegates to such conferences provide notes or written reports for publication in the "Resident"?

Many readers would be glad to know that an

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All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
7 Windred Bobby, Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
14 Town Planning, Mr. F. Lake.
21 India, Mr. Simkins.
28 The Life of the Spirit, Miss Elsie Ryle.
Society of Friends Meeting for Worship and Children's Classes, 11 a.m.
Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Making Plans, B.R.C. Group, 7.30 p.m.
Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
Watling Association Musical Society, 8 p.m.
W.F.A. Literature Class, 8 p.m.
Boxing Club, 8 p.m.
Edware Model Aero Club, 8 p.m.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30 a.m.
Dress-making Class, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8 p.m.

Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
3 Current Events, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
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24 No meeting.
31 Dickens Recital, Mr. A. R. Croker.
Veterans' Club, 4.15 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Cyclists' Touring Club, 8 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30 a.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Discussion Group, 3 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association, 7 p.m.
Watling Association Youth Club, 7.30 p.m.

Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30 p.m.
Hospital Saving Association, 6.30 p.m.
The Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday—

Poor Man's Lawyer, 2.30 p.m.
Old-Time Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Thurs. 4 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 7 Fellowship Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
Public Meeting for Young People, 'Would Democracy Work?' 8 p.m.
Thurs. 11 Kentish Town Poultry Club, 7 p.m.
Sat. 15 Blind Club 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 14 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Thurs. 18 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Council, 7.30 p.m.
Thurs. 25 Christmas Day. The Centre is closed.
Sat. 27 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 28 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.

eminent body of lawyers watch our legal rights so closely as do the Council of Civil Liberties. Would it not be most enlightening to people who somehow never get to a public meeting to read a few home truths on the deplorable conditions of the Indian people? A report on the Pedestrians' Association should be very interesting, too!

The timely articles on "Women in Russia" and "Health and Medicine in the Soviet Union" were really splendid. Can we have more, please? There is plenty of information available. Someone said "Knowledge is Power."

Best wishes,

ELLEN LEWINGTON.

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ADULT SCHOOLS SOCIAL

About 100 visitors attended a Social held at Eversfield Gardens Church Hall on November 6, arranged by the Inter-School Committee of the local Adult Schools.

The M.C. was Mrs. Judd, who with other members of her school were thanked for the labours they put into the evening, the result of their efforts being that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to the next event.—A.L.



CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION

This competition is open to any child living on the Watling Estate whose age does not exceed 14 years on the 1st December, 1941. A prize will be awarded to the best in each age group, those up to and including 9 years, and those above. The competition closes Saturday, December 20th, all entries to be delivered to the Editor at the "Centre," and marked "Painting," giving the name and address of competitor and age last birthday.

A CHRISTMAS LETTER

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

When you read this, Christmas will be nearly with us. Hasn't it come round quickly? I wonder what Christmas means to you? I suppose we all have our own ideas about this jolly holiday, but mainly I think Christmas is a time of giving. Not only presents, but service, happiness and good wishes, and I hope these last three gifts will be in great abundance this year.

What do you think of the Christmas Picture which the Editor wants you to colour? I hope that you will send yours in to be judged. The judges take great care to notice your age before passing their verdict, so no matter how young you are, you stand as much chance as an older child.

Well, I think I must finish now, and wish all of you, wherever you are staying, a very happy Christmas, with plenty of good things around you. Remember, Father Christmas will have a difficult task this year finding enough to go round, so spare him a few kind thoughts, won't you?

Cheerio, Boys and Girls.—SNOW WHITE.

HOLIDAY BOOKS

Many of you will be wanting books during the Christmas holidays. Here are a few titles from the books in your library. First of all there are story-books such as:—

Family Footlights (*Barne*).
Christmas Carol (*Dickens*).
Amelaranne gives a Christmas Party (*Howard*).
Winter Holiday (*Ransome*).
Christmas Holiday Mystery (*Trease*).

Then there are non-fiction books:—

Christmas Holiday Book (*Daglish*).
First War-time Christmas Book.
Welcome Christmas (*Graham*).
Christmas Plays (*Hampden*).
The Children's Holiday Book of Verse (*Lewis*).

And lastly there are many books on hobbies. Here are three good ones:—

Every Girl's Book of Hobbies (*Foubert*).
101 Things for a Boy to Make (*Horth*).
Leisure Things for Lively Youngsters

(*Rowland*).



DECEMBER A QUIET MONTH

This is a comparatively quiet month so far as out-of-doors gardening is concerned, but it is a good time to look forward to the future and make plans for the coming year.

H. H. Thomas, the editor of "Popular Gardening," says: "I make a rough plan of the vegetable plot and decide where the chief crops are to be grown. The greens will be grown on a different piece of ground, peas and beans will, if possible, be sown where celery and leeks were the previous summer, potatoes may have to be grown on the same plot to some extent, but I endeavour to grow the crops on fresh ground every summer for two or three years."

EARLY VEGETABLES.—A few early vegetables may be grown by means of a frame placed upon the hot-bed. The latter is made by obtaining a few barrowfuls of fresh stable manure and half the quantity of leaves, which should be plentiful now. The manure should be turned every day for three or four days so that some of the rank fumes may escape. At the end of that time the leaves should be mixed in, two parts of manure to one part of leaves, and the hot-bed is made of the mixture. It should be trodden firmly and when finished should be from two to three feet high and eighteen inches wider than the frame to be placed upon it. A bed of good soil, about eight inches in depth, should be placed inside the frame on the hot-bed and in the course of a few days, when it has become warm, the seeds of early carrot, turnip, radish and lettuce may be sown.

EARLY RHUBARB.—When apples are scarce there is a greater demand than ever for early rhubarb. Take up a few roots at a time and place them in some dark corner where there is a little warmth. Cover the roots

with soil and give them some tepid water, then growth will soon commence. It is essential to keep the roots in the dark. This may be done by screening the light with mats or old bags. The roots may be planted in the garden again afterwards, but do not force them again for two years.

Good rhubarb may also be obtained early in the season (without lifting the roots) by covering them out of doors with large pots, which should be protected with long straw litter or leaves.

"ALL ABOUT GARDENING"

A USEFUL GUIDE.—If we cannot do much work in the garden this month, we may have the time and opportunity to read about gardening. The books on the subject are legion. One of the best which can be thoroughly recommended is entitled "All about Gardening." It is by J. Coultts, curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. A new and revised edition came out a few years ago.

In his preface Mr. Coultts says: "I feel confident that the book will meet the requirements of the keenest and most exacting of gardeners," and it undoubtedly does so. He gives the answers to a whole string of questions such as "When should I sow that seed and where, in the open or under glass? How deep must it be set and how far apart, the one from the other? Must I water the ground after sowing, will the ground need manuring?" The answers are given in full detail. That such questions are constantly being asked by the quite experienced gardener as well as by the inexperienced is proof of the urgent need for a really practical and comprehensive, yet concise, work on gardening. This need is ably supplied by "All about Gardening." It meets the requirements of the keenest and most exacting of gardeners.

It is a book of 384 pages and one indication of its completeness is found in the fact that there are nearly two thousand items in the excellent index at the end of the book. There are twenty-nine chapters, four beautiful coloured plates, twenty-four other illustrations, and fifty-six diagrams in the text.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS . . .

Anniversary Celebrations

To celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the "Centre," a Supper and Dance is to be held on Sunday, January 18th, at the "Centre." Tickets are 3/6 each. Members are asked to make sure of their ticket now by giving a deposit. On account of catering difficulties, no tickets will be issued after January 11th.

The date chosen for the Supper is exactly eight years from the day of opening.

Children's Play Hours

With so many mothers at work there is now a larger number of children than ever who are at a loose end after school is over. Some of them come to the Centre and more would come if there were more helpers to look after them. Anyone who would offer to help, from 5.0 to 6.0, in organising games or other activities for boys, would be very welcome. If you can, leave your name at the Centre.

Making Doubly Certain

This is how an envelope was addressed recently to the Editor of the Youth Pages:—

Rev. L. V. Hibbs,
Editor Youth Section,
"Watling Resident,"
c/o Watling Association,
Watling Centre,
Orange Hill Road,
Burnt Oak,
Edgware,
Middlesex.

(Local)

I imagine the writer had a feeling for the Auxiliary Postal Staff?

Making Plans

The Spring series of broadcasts on rebuilding Britain as it affects *you* considers plans for the future from the national point of view. How are we to reconcile the competing claims of agriculture and recreation in the countryside. Are we to tell industry where it may go, or where it must not go? A realistic farming policy, the building industry, the ownership of land, are among the problems to be considered. If you don't want to be planned and regimented by others, join the group at the Centre to work out your own ideas. Mondays, 7.30, starting January 12th.

Cash and Carry Meals

Is there a demand for meals which can be bought ready to eat and carried home? Information is wanted on this, particularly as regards the needs of actual or potential workers. Would anyone who is in a whole-time job, or would like to take a whole-time job if the meals difficulty could be overcome, and who would use this facility if it were available, please inform the Secretary, Watling Association.

To all those
MEMBERS AND READERS
who are serving in
H.M. Forces

May we extend to you the very best of wishes for the New Year and express the wish that before long you may be able to renew those old friendships that you have temporarily left behind—in person.

Why not write to the "Resident" the
Editor would be delighted to have your
"story."

Just A Hint

Please, when making enquiries at the office, make sure the Secretary is not engaged in business matters or that a committee is not holding a meeting, and that can be done quite easily by knocking at the door before entering. Thank you. I'm sure it was an oversight.

Medical Aid to Russia

The Social Committee announce that a social is to be held at the "Centre" on Friday, January 23rd, when it is hoped to see a record attendance, as the proceeds are to be devoted to the local Medical Aid to Russia Fund.

Thank You, Sir!

At the last Education Committee meeting the Chairman present expressed his admiration of the fine quality of the Watling Resident and congratulated the Editor on his work in improving the Association's magazine.

Women's Discussion Group

This Group has decided to disband owing to the difficulty of women meeting of an afternoon; so many are now engaged in War Work. Any plan to meet again will be announced in the "Resident."

Concert Party—Talent Wanted

A meeting will be held at the Centre at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 5th, to start a Variety Concert Party. All who are interested are invited to attend. If you want to join but cannot manage that day, tell the Secretary what days you can manage for meetings of the party.

Bowls Club

Mr. Williams, the chairman of the Bowls Club, informs members that the Annual General Meeting, followed by a Social, will be held at the "Centre" on Saturday, January 24th. The Club has suffered a severe loss in the passing of the Secretary, Mr. O. A. Torrance, and it is hoped to appoint his successor at the A.G.M.

LONDON'S "SUN TERRACE."

BY E. H. HUGHES.

The temporary ugliness of London can be transformed and beautified by the powers of imagination.

War-scarred as it may be, if you walk along the Victoria Embankment between Blackfriars Bridge and Westminster Bridge on any sunny day, you will find a large number of London's City workers resting themselves against the river wall, which at such times could be appropriately called London's "sun terrace."

Being the only spot in the vicinity where the sun can beat down undisturbed by chimney and roof tops, it is an attraction to lunch hour crowds.

But there is also a fascination about the water traffic that passes along the river. From small police patrol boats, to large tankers—which, with funnel lowered, seem to hesitate before passing beneath the seemingly low bridges—the procession winds its way along the "backbone" of London.

Coal, timber, cement, oil and many other essential industries are transported before the eyes of thousands, yet almost unnoticed.

Occasionally, a small gun which mounts the deck of a passing vessel, momentarily distracts the attention of those lining the "terrace."

A sudden stir might disturb the gaze of many eyes that peer lazily at the driftwood carried along by the strong current. Perhaps a stir caused by the gulls as they swoop low and dive to catch fragments of an unfinished lunch thrown by someone who admires their grace and swiftness of flight.

It is amusing to watch how hungry gulls, sweeping down to catch morsels of food in mid-air, are crossed by others, thus being robbed of a dinner. A cunning, but very clever manoeuvre.

Lunches are eaten, papers read, arguments settled, opinions voiced as the minutes pass. Slowly, vacant spaces appear along the wall, and eventually when the bulk of the workers return to their employment, one or two afternoon strollers, leaning across the wall, pause to admire, remark, rest or criticise; but the masses do not return until the sun is once again in mid-heaven.

And when the sun sets on London's "sun terrace," the moon rises—and it then becomes a resting place for the less fortunate.

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The Watling Boys' Club, we reported recently, has formed a Management Committee, with Dr. P. Rosefield as Chairman. This Club has grown in numbers of recent weeks to such proportions that helpers are urgently needed. There is another kind of help wanted, and Mr. S. C. Jones, the Hon. Treasurer of the Club, Barclays Bank, Watling Avenue, would be pleased to receive contributions from friends for the purchase of essential equipment for the Club. Hon. membership is open to anyone on payment of an annual minimum subscription of 1s.

Our Front Cover

Many readers have asked where the scene depicted in the photograph on the front cover of the Christmas number of the *Resident* was taken. It is in the Ambleside district of the ever-popular Lake District.

CENTRE ● POINTS

By STROLLER

● IT IS HOPED after Christmas to start a Concert Party at the Centre. We know there is plenty of talent on the Estate, but we want to encourage more. All those who can sing, dance, act, recite, play an instrument, or has any gift or talent which could be developed, enquire at the Centre for further particulars.

● THE W.A. ANNUAL SUPPER will take place at the Centre on Sunday, January 18th. You won't get the luxuries you had before the war, but you will get your fill of good things.

● THERE ARE some sections at the Centre which do not get much limelight. One of these is the Model Aero Club, which meets on Monday evenings. This club boasts a good membership, and are they keen! Just get into conversation with one of them. They go all technical.

● VARIETY is the spice of life, and there was certainly a good mixture at the Bagstock Road fire watchers' Variety Concert recently held at the Centre. The hall was packed, and no wonder, for rarely has such a collection of artistes of such quality performed on a Watling Stage.

● "MERRIE ENGLAND."—A concert version of this fine musical score will, it is hoped, be performed by the Watling Association Musical Society in the near future. Be sure not to miss this show or, if you can sing or play an instrument, come and join in.

● FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS are held at the Centre on the first Sunday in each month at 3.30. These gatherings are a source of cheer and are open to all. Excellent speakers come along every month, and musical items by singers and musicians make this Sunday bright and helpful. Why don't you come along.

● THE MONTHLY YOUTH DISCUSSION meetings are in future to be run by the Watling Youth Committee.

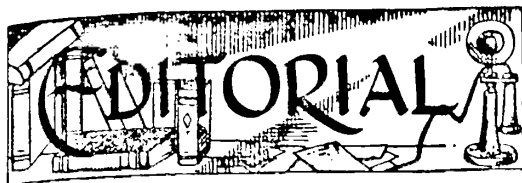
● THE FUTURE OF INDIA.—The Education Committee is arranging a meeting on India to take place early in the New Year. Added interest will be some films on Indian life and scenery.

● PLAY CENTRES FOR CHILDREN OF WAR WORKERS.—The Watling Association is supporting the need for something to be done for the children of workers during the time their parents are at work and an appeal is being forwarded to the Hendon Education Committee for their approval and help in this matter.

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POULTRY SHOW

We regret that for the reason that copy was too late for insertion in last month's issue and for the keen demand on space, we were unable to give results of the Poultry Show held under the auspices of the Kentish Town Poultry Club at the "Centre" on the 20th of November. We believe it was a very successful exhibition.



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The Centre, Orange Hill Road, Watling, Edgware

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

ANOTHER year has passed and a new one has dawned upon us, come as it has with the mixed feeling amongst us as to what it portends. Will this year of 1942 see the end of the world conflict, or does the Japanese intervention at the close of the old year mean that the horizon we long to see is further delayed—perhaps, who can tell, to next year or the year after?

These are the questions we are asking ourselves, and there is not one of us that can answer with certainty when this day will come, although we know come it will. We are all called upon to work harder and to give more and more to the effort of bringing victory. But in the meantime what are you thinking of the world in which you live? Has Russia's magnificent example of fortitude and resolute determination given you any hint that unity of purpose is the keynote of success?

Here we are 20,000 people living together on one Estate and so few of us are even using our time of recreation together. So often it is asked where is the "Centre"? What does the Association stand for? It is not a slate club or concern that pays a dividend—unless you have the approach to life where you can understand that true human relationship and comradeship pays a far greater dividend than any financial group based on profit as its motive.

We need to wake up to the fact that if another world conflict is to be averted it will only be done by a united people with a drive that will shake the world from the North to the South Pole. The people will have a say, that I am sure, but what will they say is the query. Despotism must not drive them to foolish action. Realism must not drive them to barbarism.

"These things shall be: a loftier race
Than e're the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of Freedom in their souls,
And light of knowledge in their eyes."

The Watling Association exists that you and your next door neighbour and the one round the corner may have the opportunity of fully becoming members of a community. Of having a say in the affairs locally as well as nationally; of learning that life is based not on the toil and sweat of man (or should not be) but on the friendship and comradeship of all any everyone.

Maybe there are some who want to find fault and criticise—don't throw stones in glasshouses or in the machinery, it only stops progress. We do not claim to be a perfect organisation, but invite you to come and learn what co-operation really means; it may be a long and tedious process, but its reward will be more in line with William Blake's vision of Jerusalem on England's green and pleasant lands.

A Splendid Example

IT IS WITH pleasure that we have noticed that the Hendon Branch of the Youth Hostels Association has quickly taken to heart the suggestion we made last month for greater co-operation between the various youth organisations on the Estate, by inviting, as their programme shows, members of these other groups to meet with them for social intercourse on the last Thursday of January. Well done!

As we go to press we learn of the splendid entertainment given by members of the "1939" Club recently to members of the Methodist Mission Youth Group. Carry on the good work, it is the right spirit.

Club Workers

IF THERE are any adult readers who are anxious for club work for the youth of this district, a note to the Editor of this magazine will be the means of making contact, or better still, a visit to one of the various clubs will prove conclusively that assistance is badly needed. It is not always the person who considers he has a "natural bent" for this type of work that is always the best leader.

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"ROSETTA"

SHE was a very dirty old lady of nearly 80, and quite a character in the neighbourhood. Everyone knew "Grannie" and declared she was the most obstinate person in the world.

When I came across her she was living alone in a badly blitzed house. What a place and what dirt—no roof to it and water coming through the ceiling into the rooms below. She slept in the back room, which had a quilt hung up to the window and was completely dark. The front room contained some very dilapidated furniture and a few odds and ends bunched together in the middle of the room; "Ready for the salvage," Grannie explained. The kitchen was chaos.

The great problem was how to move the old lady. The landlord couldn't get her to budge; the Sanitary Inspector condemned the house with great fervour; the M.O. found Rosetta's health was excellent in spite of the conditions under which she lived, so had no power to order her removal; the R.O. has tried in vain; the A.B. Investigator had reasoned without avail, the local Social Worker—an excellent person—had met with no success. Would I see what I could do?

In great trepidation I sallied forth one morning, taking another worker with me to give me moral support. Fortunately I had been given the address of a kind neighbour living in an adjacent street who might be able to give me some information.

Repeated knocking on the door brought no response; we got round to the back but failed to make an entry. Small children told us "Grannie" might be shopping, and neighbours advised hunting the local

beer shops and eating houses. We spent an interesting hour at this game and also made the acquaintance of the good neighbour, who said she would gladly house the old lady if only she were clean.

Finally we returned to the house and found her on the doorstep—clutching two bottles of milk. A tiny old lady in filthy garments and a small cap on her head. She peered at us with her half-blind eyes, but consented to our entering her house, and showed us her sleeping quarters with the aid of a naked candle in a saucer. "Why, Grannie, you can't possibly stay here," I exclaimed, and to my utter amazement she agreed. The problem of where to put her was solved by the good neighbour, who offered to take her in if I could get her clean. Furniture and clothes had to be found, too.

Grannie did not give in without a struggle, and we finally compromised. She might take the chest of drawers her mother had left her and the bedding for which she had paid weekly, and her son's picture. "Nothing else," I said firmly. Rosetta then revealed that she had lost her identity card, her ration book and the last seven vouchers of her O.A.P. There seemed no end to her problems.

The R.O. visited to give her relief until matters could be straightened out, and he reported that on searching her chest of drawers he had discovered a mouse's nest. (It also contained two dead rats.)

Arrangements were made for furniture, clothes were found by kind friends and the date of removal fixed.

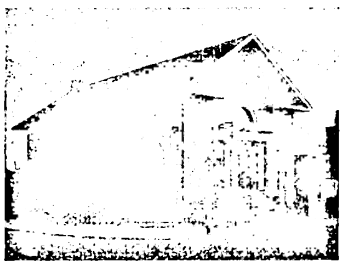
Rosetta agreed to the plans made, but insisted a bath was unnecessary. Her good friend said she would have plenty of hot water ready as soon as the old lady turned up, and sure enough she did. But Rosetta turned obstinate. "I ain't going to have no bath, I'm clean enough." "Come on, Gran, we'll have one together. You scrub my back and I'll scrub yours." That took her fancy and she agreed, stipulating that she must get into the bath first. The rest was easy; Nurse Stepped from behind the door and the deed was soon done. Out of the window went all the old rags and the beautiful fresh clean clothes put on.

When I visited that afternoon Rosetta was drowsy with fatigue and excitement. "I've not felt so nice for a long time," she assured me, "and I couldn't have been treated better, not if I was a titled lady." Among her new possessions is a blue nightgown, which she loves and insists on wearing as a dress.

I had to keep my promise and have her chest of drawers sent round in spite of its contents, but it was left in the backyard, and everything emptied from it and burnt, together with the old clothes. I hope the chest will end up as firewood. The bedding was stowed and the son's picture cleaned and hung up for her.

Rosetta is no longer a dirty old lady, but the pride of the neighbourhood. Everyone has called on her; the Social Worker didn't recognise her, and the local coalman insisted on going in and shaking hands with her. We owe a great debt of gratitude to everyone who helped to bring about this transformation, and especially to the good neighbour, who has proved to be such a friend in need.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



*You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15:—*

Jan. 4th.—Mr. T. B. HARDING.

Jan. 11th.—Mr. H. C. HARLAND.

Jan. 18th.—Mr. J. M. SHAW.

Jan. 25th.—Mr. W. H. CURTIS.

WOMEN'S PAGE

ODDMENTS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you. I wonder how many times we have said these words? I hope that we shall always say them, because it is human to want happiness. The New Year 1942 has begun. Not one of us knows what is in store for us, but we all assume, and hope that it will be good luck. When I was a child I thought that grown-ups made much too much fuss about the New Year, but now I realise that it is good to have a point in time when we can all make a fresh start.

For those of you who have a few shillings to spend, it is good to know that the Government are not stopping the January Sales. I know many of our sex thoroughly enjoy a day at the Sales, and the harder the fight, the more we enjoy it. A friend of mine once took her husband to a sale. She carefully told him not to move from a certain spot which was on a raised platform. He did not move; he was in a daze, for he had almost a bird's eye view of the proceedings, hats, stockings, materials, hankies, all being thrown up in the air during the scrummage. He said that he had never seen such an affair, and he never wants to go "saling" again. Of course, this is a man's version of it!

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Now for some resolutions! Are you making any? How about attending the Dressmaking Class on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30? You will learn a lot of useful hints about sewing, and if you can make over old garments, this saves both money and coupons. For the amount of wear that children get from their clothes before they are too small or tight, makes it a double save to cut down grown-ups' clothing. You will also make new friends at the class, and it is a very pleasant way of spending an afternoon. You will be made very welcome, so come along next Tuesday, will you?

There are other afternoon groups of women who meet at the Centre during the week. They will all welcome new faces, and you will enjoy the varied programmes of the groups. If you are interested, look at this month's diary, choose the group which appeals most to you, screw up your courage and come along. There is usually someone to welcome new members, and if you do manage to slip in unseen, tell the woman next to you that you are a new member; she will tell you all you want to know about the meeting. Let us see if we can have the "House Full" notice up outside the Centre each afternoon!

If there are any groups that you want started, don't forget to write to the Secretary of the Watling Association, telling him just what you want, and if there are enough folk to start a new group, you can be sure that it will be done. The Centre is for your use, and if it is not the place we would like it to be, isn't it because we don't let the Association know what we want? Just think it over, will you? Come and support existing groups, and help start new ventures. Will this be your resolution?

PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.

THE OLD SCHOOL HAT!

Recently I visited Harrow School. This was my first visit, and I must say that although the building is of historical interest, I came away wondering why parents paid the high fees necessary to maintain a boy at this famous Public School.

The school was founded in 1571, and was originally intended for the free education of thirty poor parish scholars, but under a clause providing that "foreigners" might be added to fill up the building, scholars from outside the parish were allowed, and gradually the school passed from the poor to the wealthy.

I saw the infamous "Fourth Form" room, built between 1608 and 1615, where the whole school met, and the walls were entirely covered with names of boys, carved in the panelling. I noticed the name of the Prime Minister.

This "Fourth Form" room is seldom used now, but in another room which is still used the windows were nearer the ceiling, the desks were very shabby looking, and the floor, well, I don't think a floor like that would be tolerated in Hendon. It was one mass of ink blots. As I went out into the courtyard I turned to admire an oak door, very solid, built about 1820 I believe, and I ran my eye along the stonework surrounding the door, and there in the corner was a touch of the 20th century. An L.C.C. rainwater pipe!

Many famous men have gone through Harrow, including Byron, Shelley, Anthony Trollope, Sir Robert Peel, and Lord Shaftesbury. No doubt the quality of the teaching is excellent; I do not know. However, I did notice that the few boys I met in their funny little straw hats looked very self-conscious! I wonder why?

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1942

MY COLUMN—Youth Editor

I HOPE all the readers of the December issue of the *Watling Resident* found the newly-founded Youth Page of interest. I also hope they noticed the striking illustration on the front cover, which admirably summed up the ideals of the Watling Youth Committee.

So many forces are at work breaking down the pillars of our civilization that we earnestly hope we have the backing of all men and women of goodwill in our efforts to build up what remains into something of beauty and order.

May the New Year see our work and the work of all those interested in Youth go forward and prosper. Like the Youth in Tennyson's poem, may we never be overcome with weariness nor daunted by difficulty, but ever strive to climb on and up—Excelsior.

Social and Rally, January 16th.

Plans for the proposed social for members of the Watling Youth Committee's organisation on January 16th in St. Alphage Hall are going ahead. We are having 200 tickets printed for distribution to the organisations. Unfortunately that means that each organisation will only be able to have a few tickets, or at any rate not enough for all their members. This is unavoidable because of the limited accommodation of the hall. We hope all organisations will support this effort of ours to meet and get to know each other. Club leaders and secretaries will be kept informed of developments, but without letting any cats out of any bags, we can say that the evening will include P.T. demonstrations and dancing, and (we hope) some new and original games.

Invitations

I have received two invitations to members of the Youth Committee's organisations. One, to a show, "The Wizard of Oz," to be presented at Wesley Hall on Tuesday, December 23rd, by invitation of the "1939" Club. There will be no charge, but a collection will be taken after the performance. The other, to a show being presented by the Hendon Branch of the Y.H.A. at Watling Centre on January 29th at 8 p.m. At this show a charge of 3d. will be made to cover expenses.

We thank these organisations very sincerely for their kind invitations and spirit of co-operation.—Fr. L. W. Huns, The Vicarage, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak.

1942—Year of IMMEDIATE SUCCESS OF More Reports of Club

WATLING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CLUB

The Club continues to flourish in spite of all the difficulties of these times. The Club also looks ahead, and as a step forward, is holding a meeting, to which any young person interested may attend, on January 8th. The purpose of the meeting is to see and explore ways of making the club more enterprising and attractive both for its own members, and those who remain outside, but whom we hope to see inside.

WATLING BOYS' CLUB

Watling Boys' Club is rapidly growing in members and all its activities are in full swing.

New members are attracted by boxing and handicrafts. The boxing class, under the direction of Mr. Gardner, is having one whole evening for training each week and the Club is entering a team in the North London Boxing Championships. The handicraft section, which is instructed by Mr. Lloyd, is planning to make most of the equipment required by the dramatics section who it is hoped is to produce a play for the public in the New Year. Every Saturday afternoon the football team play other boys' clubs and the players have distinguished themselves by losing only two of their eight matches. Then also on Saturday afternoon a number of boys take part in a cross-country run, organised by Mr. Stan Jones, the leader of the Club.

The Club's latest activity is ballroom dancing (boys only), and every Monday evening there is a class for members willing to learn. (We suspect a motive in this new venture.—Ed.).

The Club meets every Monday and Wednesday at Woodcroft School, from 7-9.30 p.m.

Burnt Oak YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

You will remember that from our last report we were to have a Young Communist Salvage drive in Burnt Oak on December 6-7. This came about.

It was well prepared. We had been collecting for some months before. The Mayor had been interviewed and we had been given the support of the Borough Council. The Watling Youth Committee and a number of organisations outside Burnt Oak had promised us help.

The week-end came. At Cressingham Park the Council had placed a dust-cart and 12 barrows at our disposal.

By 11 a.m. on the Sunday there were about 70 boys and girls helping us in one way or another, and in the afternoon the crowd totalled about 150! A really glorious sight. Squads with barrows, squads collecting, squads sorting rags, tins, bottles, paper, etc.

By the evening we had collected half of the sacks we had given out. It was impossible to continue. The van was overflowing. So we stopped and later on most of us went to a celebration social and relaxed. A good day's work.

We were later told that 3½ tons had been collected.

What of the future? We Y.C.L.'ers have pledged that in January we will all offer ourselves for blood transfusion in order that lives may be saved. The Y.C.L. will continue to collect salvage, will continue to play their part in building Youth Service Corps in Hendon.

The registration of the 16-18 will no doubt create new problems. The organisations are playing the main role in Youth Service and although it will be easy to get membership, the task is can we retain the members—are we capable of keeping the Youth interested in our movements?

The Young Communist League answers "Yes, if we can build up a spirit of purpose, for the victory of our generation!"

THE WATLING RESIDENT

Year of Progress in Youth Service ?

DECEMBER OF RESIDENT' YOUTH SECTION

Reports of Club Activities and Programmes

YOUTH CLUB

YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION (Hendon Group)

Members of the group have enjoyed the programme during the past month. It included a talk on "Spiritualism" followed by discussion, a social, and an evening "In the Common Room," which created the atmosphere of a youth hostel was recaptured. The most successful occasion was the stage show given by the ladies in answer to the challenge set by their opposite members the previous month.

On January 29th at 8 p.m. an entertainment will be given to which members of all Watling Youth Organisations are specially invited. See the Watling Association Diary for the remainder of this month's programme.

Whilst making these indoor activities as interesting as possible, the group realises that its main purpose is to provide opportunities for young people to get exercise and enjoyment in the open air. Accordingly, every week-end hostel visits are arranged for walkers and cyclists while for those with less time to spare, day, or half-day outings are organised. In January the walkers are planning to visit the Chilterns, North Downs and Epping Forest, as well as the more familiar local countryside, and cyclists hope to reach places as far apart as Winchester and Banbury.

The Group invites any young person interested in the above activities to call one Thursday evening at the "Centre" and its members are particularly looking forward to entertaining many visitors on January 29th.

THE "1939" CLUB

In the December number of the "Resident," an error was made in the address of our Club meeting place, which should be "Burnt Oak" School, North Road, Burnt Oak. The Social on December 3rd was a success, as was a very spirited debate on "Should Women Smoke?" The Dutch "Parliament" proved to be a very novel and entertaining experiment. On Sunday mornings several of the Club members meet and go out to the Watford Swimming Pool, as there is no pool available in Hendon (Hendon Councillors take note.—Ed.). The Dramatic Section is planning to put on a play in the New Year. Every week we ask our members to put odd coppers in a box for the boys who are in the Forces. Up to date we have collected over £6, and send each boy a Postal Order for 5/- as often as we can. We have 20 members in the various branches of the Services and receive most encouraging letters from them, asking us to carry on the Club while they are away as they are looking forward to the time when they can participate in the Club activities once again.

Any enquiries should be sent to the Secretary, Mrs. E. Pearman, 34, Gloucester Grove, Burnt Oak, Edgware.

EDGWARE MODEL AERO CLUB

The Edgware Model Aero Club is planning during the next few months to hold a series of "Building Nights," in their clubroom. The model to be built will be the "Valkyrie," a small duration-type model designed by a club-member—Mr. H. Walker. The building of the "Valkyrie" which was the most popular model in the club during 1941, will be supervised by the designer.

Indoor Pole-Flying during the last few months has developed to a considerable extent, for these models which can be built in about two hours, and use very little material, give plenty of amusement when other flying is restricted.

Many new models, being prepared for next season, have recently been shown at the club, among these being a 5' 8" span streamlined sailplane designed and built by Roy Wallis, who is now in the R.A.F.

New members, who are still welcomed should apply to the Hon. Secretary, A. J. Pizer, at St. Beverley Drive, Edgware, or at meetings in the Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak.

STOP PRESS

Public Meeting for Young People at Watling Centre.

January 9th, at 8.0 p.m.

Chairman: Rev. H. J. Blackmore.

THE USE OF LEISURE.

Come and give your views.

February 13th: A Brains Trust.

Sunday Service

A joint service for Watling Youth Organisations will be held at Wesley Hall at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday, February 8th.

BURNT OAK METHODIST MISSION

Our Club, which meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m., continues to flourish in spite of further losses through the claims of National Service, the average attendance during November being close on 50. The outstanding event during recent weeks was the visit of members of the 1939 Club, who very kindly gave their novel presentation of "The Wizard of Oz" on behalf of our Club funds. We congratulate those taking part upon a most excellent production, splendidly staged and magnificently performed, and greatly enjoyed by a large audience. The collection amounted to £3 14s. 3d. and enabled us to purchase a much needed table-tennis table. To our friends of the 1939 Club we say "many thanks" and the best of good luck for future productions.

During November our football team won two matches and lost two, and the netball team played and lost one match.

Our Young People's Guild, which meets on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., has had some interesting meetings, including a General Knowledge Test Match and a Shakespearean Evening.

The Girls' Brigade (Wednesdays at 7 p.m.) and the Boys' Brigade (Thursdays at 7 p.m.) are both doing very well and appear to be increasing in numerical strength.

The "Sunday Night At 8" Discussion Group has debated among other things such varied subjects as Jazz, Gambling, Does Prayer Work? and Why Don't People go to Church? There are usually between 40 and 50 young people present and we have very interesting and exciting discussions.

We shall be delighted to welcome new friends at any or all of our gatherings.

ST. ALPHAGE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

There are two outstanding things to record about our activities during December.

First, the Study and Discussion Group, which meets on Sunday evenings at 7.30 in the hall, in connection with the Youth Campaign in the deanery of Hendon, has got well into its stride. We have studied and discussed the two questions of Education, and of Work and Leisure. Mr. Brian Anstey, the President of the Hendon Brotherhood, gave us one paper on Educational Reforms, and our programme has included two joint meetings with John Kebble Church and St. Michael's, Mill Hill. It is interesting and amusing to find ourselves in agreement with Professor Joad when he answered a question on education in a recent sitting of the Brains Trust.

Next month we are going on to study and discuss, with a view to action, the question of the Association of Nations.

The other outstanding event was a social held recently by the Scout Troop to raise money to buy a truck. We had a packed hall and a riotous evening and, incidentally, made £3.

Our Badminton and Table Tennis Club, which meet on Mondays at 7 and Thursdays at 6.30 in the Hall, continues to provide much amusement and exercise. We have played keen matches against the R.A.F., Northolt, and St. Mary's, Hendon, but regret to record that we lost to both; we hope to turn the tables in return matches.

Enquiries concerning our organisations can be made to any of the clergy at the Vicarage, Montrose Avenue.

This thought provoking article is accepted for publication but the "Resident" does not necessarily share the opinions expressed

My New Order

By F. H. LAKE

BEING a member of an Adult School and having listened to and discussed many problems and aspects of life, and having read and heard of New Orders expounded by various individuals, groups and nations, I have been cogitating on some of the things I should like to see embodied in any new order, and, through my observations and experience, I have come to the conclusion that the essentials of life—food, clothing, shelter—should be free to all. You say it can't be done, it will cost money. Of course it will. Anything can be done if we set about it in a spirit of goodwill and in a constructive manner.

A man is a useful citizen and a skilled craftsman, yet his wages may not be enough to enable him and his family to a sufficiency of the right kind of food. On the other hand, a person who has inherited wealth or has acquired it through stocks and shares or some other easy methods, can, in normal times, take a choice of the best kind of food and yet not do a stroke of work in return.

Clothing should be free and of good material. There is too much shoddy cloth made. Why should Council houses be cheap and ugly? A person is not in one for choice.

Equal opportunity should be given to all to enter the best schools and universities. Under the present system it is a question of money. You may be one of the brainy ones. You may be a potential Prime Minister or scientist, but if you are poor, your educational advancement is stumped. You stay at the Council school and leave at fourteen, whilst the son of a rich man, who may be a nit-wit, goes on to the University.

INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS

Airways should be internationally controlled and no nation or group should ever again be in a position to build a bombing force. There are tremendous possibilities in air travel, but up to now aircraft has been put to one of the most diabolical uses any invention has ever been put to.

All passports and trade barriers should be done away with, so that people can travel and trade if they wish in any country in the world in the same way that we in England can enter Scotland or Wales.

I believe it is the Divine plan that eventually the whole human race will in truth be one family with one religion, one language.

Away with nationalism with its cramped and hostile outlook. Let us go forth as brothers and as citizens of the world. Nature is bountiful.

You say that if these things—the essentials of life—were free, nobody would work. Oh yes they would. Street lighting, the sewage system, fire brigade, policeman and dustman render service to us all. Then why cannot these amenities be extended to food, shelter and clothing. Why should a board of directors make a profit out of your bread and butter, often inferior bread and butter. We would work, of course we would. There would be more inspiration to, especially if we knew that we were working for each other.

New Year Messages from the President & Chairman of the Watling Association

At the beginning of every year it is customary to wish one's friends a Happy New Year, and I would like to take advantage of the columns of the "Resident" to do so to all the members of the Association.

But anniversaries are occasions when we should also look back, as well as forward, and in pausing for a moment to glance at the past year I would like to record, as your President, my appreciation of the many who have made the Watling Association the success it is.

Our thanks are due to those who form the "Executive" and the "Council" of the Association. True, they have not sought these positions, but have been appointed to them, and having been so chosen, they have put in their time and valuable energy to the betterment of the whole. There are active sections whose Secretaries deserve all the appreciation and encouragement we can give them. And there are those who are "in charge" of various groups, fighting against great odds of black-outs, lack of help, absenteeism, etc. These, too, deserve all the gratitude we can give them.

The committee of and contributors to "The Resident" must be included in any thanks extended to workers of the Association, as this monthly record of our activities is, I consider, a very important effort. Long may its power grow.

And there is a band of silent people who mean much to us as an Association, although so often overlooked—the wives (or husbands) of the more active workers. To them I tender my equally silent tribute of thanks for allowing their spouse so much time for Community work. I know in many cases this is no small, though willing, sacrifice.

Finally, there are the "Org. Secy." and "Care-taker" who are a part of all departments and parcel of every activity. Without their combined sense of understanding I am sure many groups would be in constant difficulties.

To all these—and more—I wish humbly to tender my personal thanks.

As for the future, we must look forward with the same steady confidence and faith which become people of goodwill. By the personal example of those "who love their neighbour as themselves," miracles of stability can be performed. Never was a time when men of sound judgment and upright intentions were more needed.

So let us take heart for the coming year, pooling our ability and energy for the good of all, and so reap a Happy New Year.

A. IVOR JONES (President).



To all Members of the Watling Association,
Wherever you may be,

I extend the most cordial greetings.
May 1942 bring Peace and a renewal of acquaintances old and new.

E. E. COLE (Chairman).

THE WATLING RESIDENT

WATLING ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING

December 18th, 1941

There was a fair attendance at the December Council Meeting and much discussion took place on the several matters that came up for consideration.

COMMUNAL KITCHENS.—It seemed apparent on information that was available that the delay in establishing these much-needed kitchens was *not* the fault of the Hendon Borough Council; but that the real cause was that of equipment, which was in great demand and difficult to obtain. The Hendon Borough Council, we were told, had themselves shown great concern at this delay and were urging the Ministry of Food to hasten the establishment of these kitchens.

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.—This much-discussed application for affiliation on behalf of the Y.C.L. was discussed at length, it being decided to invite a member of the local group to attend next Council to answer one of two questions and to state the reason of application.

PLAY CENTRES.—The Secretary was instructed to write to the Hendon Borough Council urging the establishment of Play Centres for the very young children of women on the Estate. It was pointed out that there are many potential women workers who are willing to do war work but cannot until some provision is made as to the welfare of the children. Some concern was expressed that feeding of school children should continue throughout the Christmas holidays, as the parents of these children are unable to provide dinners when they are fully engaged in War Work. The Secretary was asked to write to the appropriate department at the Town Hall on this subject.

ARMY ALLOWANCES.—The Association is sending a letter to the appropriate authorities asking that wives of men serving in H.M. Forces and living in Burnt Oak might be included in the recent increase in allowances to those families resident in the London area.

It has been decided to hold a series of meetings on "India" and the Council approved of the suggestion that films might be shown to add interest to the subject.

The secretary has been asked to obtain data as to whether there is a demand in the locality for meals to be purchased in the evenings, cooked but for eating at home—a "cash and carry plan." So if you for one would appreciate such a service, kindly inform the Secretary.

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WATLING ASSOCIATION DISTRESS FUND

The Association is grateful to the many friends who collected for and gave to the Distress Fund the week-end before Christmas, with the following results: Abbotts Road, 18/10½; Blessbury Road, 8/0½; Colchester Road, Norwich, Briar and Kirtton Walks, £1/17/7; Cressingham Road, 8/2; Deansbrook and Crispin Roads, £1/6/9; Edrick Road and Walk, 12/6; Gas-karth Road, 8/5; Gilbert Grove and part of Watling Avenue, £1/8/-; Langham Road and Gardens, 11/6; Littlefield Road, 19/2½; The Meads, Walter and Four-land Walks, 17/5; Part of Montrose Avenue, 11/3; Orange Hill Road, 15/6½; Wenlock Road, 15/5; Miscellaneous, 2/3; H.S.A. contributors, 3/-; making a total of £12/4/-.

Mr. O. A. J. TORRANCE

The deep sympathy of the Association has gone out to Mrs. Torrance and her daughter on the loss of Mr. Torrance. He will be very much missed at the Centre, too.

Mr. Torrance first came on to the Council of the Association as the representative of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, but later was elected as a representative of the Council, from which he was elected to the Executive Committee. For a year or two he also served on the Finance Committee. For several years he M.C.'d whist drives at the Centre, and he was the first Secretary of the flourishing Bowls Club, which owed much of its success to his enthusiasm and care.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

The Association has suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. O. A. Torrance; as M.C. at whist drives and Secretary of the Bowling Club he was a hard worker for the Social Committee. At our Committee meeting on December 14th the Chairman called upon members present to rise as a mark of respect. A message of deep sympathy from the Committee was conveyed to Mrs. Torrance upon her great loss.

The Saturday Evening Social for older members and friends has been well attended, and I should like to see more come along. There is a short whist drive of 10 hands for those who wish to play.

We express our appreciation to Mrs. Bradbury, the pianist, for her assistance at these socials. Please come along. Admission 4d., including the whist drive.

T. JUDD, Social Secretary.

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RABBIT CLUB

The first table show of the Watling Association Rabbit Club proved a great success. There were 35 entries. Mr. Frank Maynard officiated as Judge. Awards were as follows:—

FUR ADULT.—1, Mr. Buzie; 2, R. Dobedoe; 3, Mrs. Dobedoe; v.h.c., Dobedoe; h.c., Patrick; c., Tebbs; r., Patrick.

FUR YOUNG.—1, Weatherby; 2, Abbott; 3, Jamison; v.h.c., Jamison; h.c., Green; c., Green; r., Jamison.

UTILITY ADULT.—1, Ratcliffe; 2, Hensman; 3, Jamison; r., Dawson, sen.

FANCY ADULT.—1, Tebbs; 2, Dawson, jun.

Another show is planned for January 6th, when members will do the preliminary judging and Mr. Frank Maynard the finals. New members are welcome. Leave your name and address at the Centre or come along to the next meeting.

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VETERANS' CLUB REPORT

Despite bad weather and illness, our Veterans have kept up an average of 40 at their meetings during November and December. Two new members have joined the club. A cakestand presented by Mr. Wren for a competition was won by Mrs. Pulham. A social has been planned to wind up the year. A brilliant effort on the part of Mrs. Cox, one of our members, has raised £1 for the club. She has been busy making Golly-Wogs out of waste material and selling them in aid of the club's funds. We are very pleased to see that the National Council of Social Service have formed a special committee to examine the needs of old people and to co-ordinate and extend work for their welfare. This Committee meets under the Chairmanship of Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P. Set out below are some extracts of the work they are trying to do.

HOMES

Homes for lonely and infirm people are greatly in demand at all times, and still more under present conditions of war.

EMERGENCY HOMES

Emergency homes are needed for war victims. Organisations, some of which are represented on the Committee, have set up special homes and have done invaluable work. Far more, however, are needed to enable feeble old people to be moved from danger areas. The Committee appeals for funds to facilitate the opening of such homes.

PRIVATE HOMES

are also needed for people of small income. No comprehensive register of such homes exists, and the need is felt by many organisations. The Committee is engaged in compiling a register, and is arranging through organisations affiliated to the National Council of Social Service that these homes shall be visited before any are recommended.

MEDICAL AND NURSING CARE

The possibility of extending nursing facilities to old people in their own homes by means of provident schemes is being considered by the Committee, and medical provisions are under review. The provision of Home Helps for old people is also contemplated if funds permit.

E. COLE.

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Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sunday—
Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
Society of Friends Meeting for
Worship and Children's
Classes, 11 a.m.
Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Monday—
Women's Adult School, 2.30
p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Making Plans, B.B.C. Group,
7.30 p.m.
W.E.A. Literature Class, 2.45
p.m.

Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
Watling Association Musical
Society, 8 p.m.
Boxing Club, 8 p.m.
Edgware Model Aero Club, 8
p.m.

Tuesday—
Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
a.m.
Dress-making Class, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth
Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8
p.m.

Wednesday—
Women's Neighbourhood Guild,
2.30 p.m.
7 Looking at Pictures.
Miss Nancy Scoulby.
14 Family Allowances.
Speaker from Family
Endowment Society.
21 Anecdotes and Stories.
Mr. Arthur Brown.
28 Gardening. Miss F.
Taylor.
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club, 4.15 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Cyclists' Touring Club, 8 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Thursday—
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
a.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association, 7
p.m.
1 Tramps' Evening. An
original social.

8 I know what I like.
Gramophone evening.
15 Evolution of Man. Mr.
A. Levy.
22 Film Show.

29 The Y.H.A. Entertainers.
Members of all Watling
Youth organisations
are invited.

Watling Association Youth
Club, 7.30.
8 Discussion.
15 Gramophone evening.
22 Play Reading.
29 Social.

Friday—
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30
p.m.
Hospital Saving Association,
6.30 p.m.
The Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday—
Poor Man's Lawyer, 2.30 p.m.
Old-Time Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Thurs. 1 Townswomen's Guild,
2.30 p.m.
Women Discussion
Group, 3 p.m.

Sun. 4 Fellowship Meeting,
3.30 p.m.

Tues. 6 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.

Thurs. 8 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poultry
Club, 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 9 Public Meeting for
Young People. The
Use of Leisure.

Sat. 10 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.

Sun. 11 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.

Thurs. 15 Townswomen's Guild,
2.30 p.m.
Watling Association
Council, 7.30.

Tues. 20 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.

Thurs. 22 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poultry
Club, 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 23 Dance in aid of
Russian Medical Aid,
7.30 p.m.

Sat. 24 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.

Sun. 25 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.

Thurs. 29 Townswomen's Guild,
2.30 p.m.

Extracts from Letters

... I might add that I am endeavouring to encourage more members of the group to purchase the *Resident*, as I feel it does a splendid service to all organisations working on the Estate.—H. DEWDNEY, *Publicity Officer, Hendon Group, Y.H.A.*

... I have recently received and read with great pleasure the December *Resident*, and I feel that the very least I can do is to write and congratulate you on it. I think it is about the best number that you have turned out. The cover I thought particularly good.—ARTHUR S. DAVIES, *Organising Secretary, Birmingham Council for Community Associations.*

... Thank you for your letter of the 6th inst., with copies of the *Resident*. The photo of the rock climber is excellent. How well it has come out.—HY. HARRIS.

Concerning the Youth Page in the Christmas number, the Rev. H. J. Blackmore, of the Burnt Oak Methodist Mission, writes: "I hope the success of our first page will be repeated—even surpassed."

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CHILDREN'S PAGE " " "

PAINTING COMPETITION

It was not an easy task to choose whose, out of the many entries we received for the Painting Competition, was the best. The judges comprised two ladies and two gentlemen, and their method of selection was very thorough and painstaking. The entries were divided into two classes, those up to and including 9 years of age, and the rest up to 14 years of age. The two prizes go to:—

Class I (up to and including 9 years): Pauline Gaffney, 16, Brook Walk, aged 8 years. Special mention to Janet Walker, aged 6 years, and Catherine Selby, aged 7 years.

Class II (above 9 years to 14 years): John Elliot, 32, Abbots Road, aged 12 years.

All the rest are asked to try again when next we have a competition. You can never tell when your effort will be rewarded.

If Pauline Gaffney and John Elliot call at the Office, Orange Hill Road, a voucher valued 2/6 will be given them each to purchase what they most want from one of the advertisers in this magazine.



CHANGE OF LIBRARY HOURS

During your school holidays the library will be open each day 10 a.m.—1 p.m., 2.15 p.m.—5 p.m. Many of you who have been unable to come during term-time may like to bring up your tickets and join again. There is one thing all library members should know. Owing to paper shortage we cannot send "Reminder" letters in future, and fines will be charged on all books as soon as they are overdue. So don't forget, watch the date!

Here is a list of new books we have added to the library:—

For very young readers:

Little Red Steamer (*Ashwell*).
Kooborr the Koala (*Barrett*).
The Adventures of Purl and Plain (*Brisley*).
Ameliaranne Goes Touring (*Howard*).
Dennis the Donkey (*McGreal*).

For older ones:

Sue Barton; Visiting Nurse (*Boylston*).
The Odd Ones (*Chandler*).
William Does His Bit (*Crompton*).
Bells and Grass (*De la Mare*).
Thirty Fathoms Deep (*Ellsberg*).
Two Rebels and a Pilgrim (*Forrest*).
Wonder Book of the R.A.F. (*Golding*).
The Red Roan Pony (*Lippincott*).
The Pagoda Plot (*Martin*).
Ponies and Caravans (*Oliver*).
The Call of the Congar (*Owen*).
The Misses Lee (*Ransome*).
The Forbidden Land (*Rutley*).
The R.A.F. in Pictures (*Stewart*).

THE LITTLE GREEN LADY

BY WALTER COVENTON.

A little lady who always dressed in green lived on the land; having very many children it took all her time to feed them, leaving her none to keep them out of mischief, and she made them little bedrooms, and hung each bedroom about her in much the same way as boats hang from a merry-go-round. Each bedroom was perfectly made, so clever was the little lady, and her children laid side by side as comfortable as could be, five or six in a bedroom all in a row.

They could not get into mischief, for the bedrooms were only just big enough for them. They were fed through a little hole at the beginning of each bedroom, and not only did the mother feed her children, but she fed their bedrooms too, so that as the children grew, the rooms they lived in grew also.

When all the children were fully grown, the little green lady was old, and could toil no longer, for she had worn herself out working for them.

One day a giant whose enormous fingers were bigger than the bedrooms, bent over the little green lady, saying, "You are the best one of them all." Then he unfastened the bedrooms and took them all away.

Now, the mother had sealed each bedroom on its edge with a perfect seal, and the giant opened the seals and the children saw this wide, wide world for the first time. Then he put them all together in a big house, and put a roof over the top, and they slept.

A long time after the giant removed the roof, and he took them out into the garden so that they saw the world again. Then he buried them in the earth side by side.

Now each one had to fend for itself or die, for the little green lady could feed them no more, and down in the dark each one slowly awoke, awoke more than they had known before, for a POWER inside them urged them to awaken.

From the heart of each one grew a desire for a larger and fuller life, and the power of the desire grew, until it burst through each one, and a tiny root strove its way down into the earth, and a tiny stalk with a bud on the end of it burst its way out into the world and into the light of the sky, and each bud opened into a leaf, and the plant of every little garden pea became in its turn a "LITTLE GREEN LADY."



CONGRATULATIONS

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Well, Christmas has passed. I hope that you have all had a happy time. The Editor was pleased with the number of entries for the painting competition. He tells me that it has been quite difficult to choose the best of so many good paintings! Hearty congratulations to the winners, and to those who did not get a prize, try again next time.

Wishing you all the best for the coming year.
SNOW-WHITE.



WORK IN JANUARY

PRUNING THE APPLE TREES.—January is a good time for pruning fruit trees, especially apples. As apples are likely to be difficult to get at the shops next season, we must make the best use of our own trees.

There are three main objects to aim at in pruning an apple tree. First, to promote a healthy growth of wood, more particularly in the case of young trees. Secondly, to give the tree the form desired so that when fully grown it may be well balanced and proportioned according to its natural habit. Thirdly, to increase the fruitfulness of the tree.

Bush and Pyramid apples on the Paradise stock yield the best results as a rule. They commence to bear fruit quickly and are easily managed. Keep the branches well apart from each other. In the case of young trees cut back the growths fairly hard so as to form a good foundation. In later years the leading growths may be shortened to one foot in length and to three or four buds from the base so as to form spurs. Short twiggy growths with fruit buds at the end should be preserved intact.

To keep the tree in good shape it is important to prune upright growing branches to an outside bud, but spreading branches should be cut to a bud on the upper side. By this means you can obtain well-developed trees and the sun will have free access to all the branches.

If the trees have been neglected saw out all dead branches and cut away weak and useless growths so as to admit as much light and air as possible. Cut away any branches that cross one another.

All plums can also be pruned now. Those on walls in sheltered places may be done in rough weather and those in the open during the warmest part of the day.

THE USE OF LIME.—H. H. Thomas, who has been quoted in previous notes, says: "I find that many people have an idea that lime is a good thing for their

garden, and yet do not know why." The special value of lime is that it liberates the manurial properties in the soil and renders them available for the roots of whatever is being grown in it.

A garden that is deficient in lime is often unsatisfactory.

If manure has been added freely to the soil for some years, lime should be used instead for a season.

January is an excellent time for the application of lime. Scatter it over the surface after digging, at the rate of five to eight ounces per square yard. Fine slaked lime is the best to use, but unslaked may be used if slaked is not available. The unslaked should be placed on the ground in small heaps and covered with soil. It will slake or fall to a powder in a few days and can then be applied to the soil. Half a bushel will be sufficient for a rod of ground.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

As difficulties so often arise which prevent outside speakers from visiting at the present time, it has been decided to encourage members to fill in the gaps by taking the lessons from the Handbook in turn, individual members being invited to prepare little talks for the School. This interesting procedure is intended to induce shy members to come forward.

On November 3rd, Father Linden, a Missionary, related his experiences in the East Indies. The following week Father Haw, from St. Alphage Church, spoke on "Education and the Christian Life."

Members from Hampstead School visited us on November 17th, when Mrs. Nyberg arranged a very jolly social afternoon.

Mrs. Jones, one of our members, brought us an account of a conference she recently attended on India, from which arose a very interesting discussion.

Mrs. Green has been warmly thanked for having presided over the School so loyally for the past difficult year, and has agreed to remain as Vice-President, Mrs. Fairbairn having been elected President for the present term, with Mrs. Nyberg as Secretary and Mrs. Richardson as Treasurer.

A children's party is to be held early in January, the date to be announced later.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS . . .

"Resident" Travels

We are beginning to discover how far copies of this Magazine travel. News has been received that regularly copies are sent to Salisbury, Rhodesia, and the Middle East, also to Glasgow. We shall soon, we hope, encircle the globe.

The Ninth Anniversary

We regret that an error through a misunderstanding occurred in last month's "Resident." It was printed that we were to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the opening of the "Centre" on January 18th. This should have been printed as the "Ninth" anniversary.

Registration of Youth

Parents of young people between the age of 16-18 years, and the young people themselves, may find interest in the article printed elsewhere in this issue on the subject of Youth Registration.

All Records Broken

The M.C. of a Social held at the "Centre" recently brought with him three gramophone records to play during the evening. This was done, records carefully packed and returned with the owner to his home—later, through an oversight, the owner sat on the attache case in which were the precious records and the result was—all records broken.

You can Break this Record

The Burnt Oak Men's Adult School had 490 attendances during 1941. With full support, they should reach well over 500 for 1942. Will you help them achieve this by coming yourself next Sunday at 9.30 a.m. at the Centre. The officers for 1942 are as follows: Mr. E. E. Cole, President; Mr. J. Balmbray and Mr. A. T. Lord, Vice-Presidents; Secretary, Mr. F. Lake; Treasurer, Mr. A. T. Lord; Programme Secretary, Mr. E. Sewell Harris.

Bowls On The Green For 1942

As we go to press we learn that Mr. F. Williams has been re-elected chairman of the Watling Association Bowls Club, Mr. Richardson, of 139, Banstock Road, has been elected secretary, with Mr. A. Taylor as assistant secretary and captain; Mr. Knight, vice-captain.

THE Neighbours invite you to an open
meeting on **INDIA** TALKIES
at 8.0 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th
At WATLING CENTRE

GET YOUR DIARY OUT

Preliminary Notice :
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Watling Association
Thursday, MARCH 5th, 1942, 7.30 p.m.

Brains Trusts

Have been used as entertainment at the Centre on two or three occasions recently. The next one that we know of is arranged by the Watling Youth Committee for Friday, February 13th, at 8.0 p.m. It is hoped that the trust will include an engineer, a scientist, one or two teachers and a minister of religion, and that the evening will be both instructive and amusing. Questions should be sent, before February 10th, to the question-master, Mr. A. W. Beaumont, 28, Holmstall Avenue, Edgware.

Reported Missing

We learn with regret that Mr. Fred Allen, of Wolsey Grove, serving with H.M. Forces has been reported missing. The news was received Christmas Eve. Mr. Fred Allen is a keen member of the Association and Football Club.

Addington House

After many months of preparation and negotiation the Day Nursery at Addington House, Orange Hill Road, is to be opened for the reception of children next Monday, 2nd February.

Several Men and a Boy

A boy under the age of 18 damaged a fence surrounding the Isolation Hospital, and after careful consideration of the matter the Town Clerk has been instructed to institute the necessary proceedings—I should have thought that other ways less troublesome could have settled this matter.

The Right Honourable Lord Latham

We would like to endorse the action of the Hendon Borough Council in conveying to Lord Latham the sincere congratulations of the inhabitants of Hendon and appreciation of the honour conferred on him recently by H.M. the King. We have not forgotten "Mr. Charles Latham's" address at the Annual Dinner of the Association in June, 1941, and know him to be a true friend of the Association.

Communal Feeding on the Estate

Two Nisson Huts have been made available for the Watling Estate as Communal Feeding Centres. The Borough Surveyor has submitted plans for one to be erected on L.C.C. land fronting on Burnt Oak Broadway with seating capacity for 250 persons. The other proposed site is in Watling Park, with seating capacity for 150 persons. Remember these are only proposals at this stage of the proceedings.

REGISTRATION OF YOUTH

MANY parents are undoubtedly concerned about the Government's decision to Register the Youth of the Nation and perhaps the following notes may help in relieving any anxious minds there may be on the subject. The information given here is obtained from a Board of Education pamphlet on the subject.

Although boys and girls who are still in full-time attendance at school are included in the scheme, the main object is to reach those who have left school and are no longer under educational supervision and discipline.

It is not proposed to lay any obligation on boys or girls in this age group (16-18 years) to undertake any specific form of training or national service. Large numbers are already undertaking such training or service, either as members of some voluntary organisation, such as Boys' or Girls' Clubs, Guides, Scouts or Brigades, or of a Youth Centre, or of one of the Junior Service Organisations such as the Air Training Corps or Cadets. Many young folk are also serving in Civil Defence. The purpose in view is to encourage those who have not so far linked up in this way, but who are not fully occupied to come along and share with their fellows in a common endeavour.

There will be a considerable number of young people registered who are not members of any Youth Organisation and interviews will be arranged for these young people with the object of bringing to their attention ways in which they can serve the country at this time, and of encouraging them to join some appropriate body for this purpose. The interviews will be of an informal and friendly nature and every endeavour will be made to command the confidence of those being interviewed. It is well to remember that there are many young people now working under considerable strain in industry and whose position the authorities would consider it unreasonable to urge further calls on their energies.

Those boys who register and state they are attached to a particular Club, or Scouts, or Cadets, must clearly understand that information so given will be checked and if the member is a very slack one, pressure will be brought to the member to mend his ways and become a regular attender.

The boy of 17, if unattached, will in all probability be advised to attach himself to one of the Service units, i.e., Home Guard; those of 16 to the A.T.C., whilst others, according to preference of the individual, will be introduced to the Sea Cadets if such a group exists locally.

While in present circumstances particular attention is drawn to the facilities that are available to secure pre-service training, it does not imply any under-rating of the value of the training given and the services rendered by the various voluntary organisations for boys of a civil character.

The Government has decided not to register girls until the complete registration of boys has taken place. At the time of writing these notes the Government is not registering below the age of 16, but the authorities are alive to the need of extending the service to those boys and girls between the age of 14-16 and local authorities are urged to make as much provision for this age group as they possibly can.

CENTRE ○ POINTS

By STROLLER

● **THE W.A. YOUTH COMMITTEE** are arranging a Brains Trust meeting on Friday, February 13th. You may be a prospective young member. Even if you are not, you are welcome to pay a visit on this occasion. We can promise you plenty of fun and interest.

● **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH**—This is the important date on which the Youth Club are having a film evening. One of the many activities of this bright section of the Association. Other activities include indoor games, talks, gramophone recitals, socials, etc. All young people are invited to join the Youth Club. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.

● **ARE YOU INTERESTED in India?** If not, you ought to be. This wonderful country is a vital part of the British Empire, and what happens there affects us here. On Friday, February 13th, the Watling Neighbours are having an open meeting on India, with Talks. All are welcome. Make a date in your diary; you will learn much.

● **IF YOU ARE an Adult School member** you have no doubt admired the splendid photographic views on the front cover of "One and All," the Adult School magazine. These pictures bring home to us the fact that Britain is truly beautiful.

● **MANY PEOPLE** have enquired as to where the hill-climbing picture on the front cover of the December *Resident* was taken. It was taken in that lovely part of England, the Lake District. Look out for more interesting pictures.

● **FOR THE ORDINARY** housewife shopping was always a problem, even in peace time. How many of us realise what a problem it is now? When the war workers arrive home and find a hot meal ready for them, let them give a thought to the womenfolk who stand in queues and win battles every day to provide for the family.

● **A NIGHT OUT.**—The Gay Girls have a saving scheme whereby they are able to periodically book seats at a West End theatre. Recently they did a show—at the Palladium, dining on a fish supper afterwards. What we want to know is who looks after the baby and when is it going to be father's turn?

● **THE DRAMA SECTION** of the Townswomen's Guild are busy rehearsing for the Drama Festival which is being held at John Keble Church on February 24th.

● **"MERRIE ENGLAND."**—The Watling Association Musical Society are working hard on the concert version of this splendid work, but they still find time to get around. On Sunday, February 15th, they are giving a short recital at the Mill Hill Methodist Church at 6.30.

● **WE ALL HOPE** for a better world after the war. But it will not come if we just sit down and do nothing. We have all a part to play, and we must not slacken. As a Community Association stands and works for a better world, so you can further its efforts by giving your service at the Centre, or by spreading the news of the work of the Association. One way in which you can do this is by helping to circulate the *Watling Resident*. This little effort requires an hour or so once a month, and it is a job which would be truly appreciated by the Association.

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TAKING STOCK

IT is well that at least once a year the Association is called upon to take "Stock" of itself and issue an Annual Report. Next month the report will be printed in the "Resident" for the study of all who care to read it. At the time of writing these notes we do not know what the report will contain, but we think it a fairly safe guess that it reports 12 months of progress.

No doubt there are some sections that will stand out in the front, whilst others will not be so prominent, but this does not mean necessarily that greater work has been done by one section against the other. Those who give so much of their time and energies in the service of the Association and the Community will, we know, agree that the results and achievements must be considered as a whole. The work of a Community Association is made up of many parts, all of which are necessary to fulfill the fundamental aim of the Association—and to sum it up in a few words, it is "We Serve."

We cannot read a report of this kind without offering a word of gratitude to those workers who are such devotees to the cause, to the various Hon. Secretaries of Committees and to the members who attend so regularly. We feel also that appreciation must be given to those who work behind the scenes. Those ladies who give so much time to the cares of the "inner man." Canteen work is a valuable contribution to the amenities of the "Centre" and we are grateful to the ladies who nightly take a Busman's Holiday and go behind the scenes.

Also there are those friends of the Association who visit us from time to time. We thank them for their continued interest in the Association. Finally, may we say thank you to our Secretary for his valuable and difficult task of welding the various groups together as a whole—an unenviable task. And last but not least in all to Mr. and Mrs. Lodge for their labours on our behalf—we thank you all.



"LET YOU TELL US"

The Watling Association invite members to attend an open meeting on Sunday, February 15th, at 8.0 p.m. We want your opinions on the work we are doing. For example: Are you, as a member, satisfied with the management? Are there too many of one type of activity? Should there be more variety? Should people have to pay a membership fee to the Association because they attend a particular section?

These and many more questions may be in your mind. We want your criticisms, also your ideas. Don't miss this meeting. Come along and tell us. It's your Association. Let us know what you think about it.

Only Once a Year!

NOTICE is given on another page of the Annual Meeting of the Watling Association on Thursday, March 5th. Now that we don't have our Quarterly or Half-yearly meetings, there can hardly be any excuse that we haven't time to attend business meetings. Isn't it obvious that unless you attend you can't wonder the same "clique" may get appointed to this or that job. The more assistance we can get and the greater the variety there is, the better the result. We do hope that you will take advantage of your privilege and attend the A.G.M. and help wherever you can—let's aim at a record attendance and if you stop away you may be the one that prevents the record being broken.



AN EXPLANATION

Pressure on space necessitates in places that the size of type of reports has to be reduced. This is so that the reader shall have as many items as possible, stories as well as reports, and that the Youth Section that has taken on so well shall not have to be "cut."

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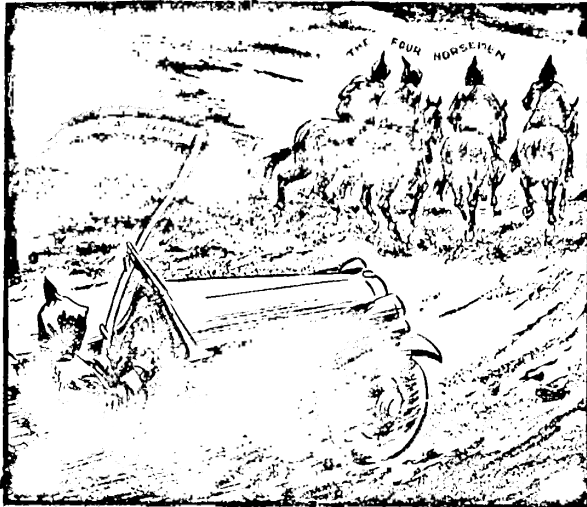
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WAR-TIME ROAD ACCIDENTS

(By T. C. FOLEY, Secretary, Pedestrians' Assoc.)

dangers arising from the black-out, because very few children have used the roads after dark since the war.

Now let us turn to the figures for the second twelve months of war. There are startling differences. The number of children killed has jumped from 846 to 1,258. There has been a slight reduction in the number of adult pedestrians killed—indeed, they are the only section of road-users showing a decrease—while all other classified road-users, including motor drivers and motor cyclists, show very large increases, and the total number of killed reached the appalling figure of 10,073.

A very unsatisfactory aspect is that while accidents in the black-out have decreased, those in daylight have substantially increased, so that the majority of fatalities in the second year of war have occurred, not in the black-out but in daylight, although naturally blackout fatalities are most numerous in the winter months and daylight fatalities in the summer months. What accounts for this change?

The Committee set up by the Ministry of War Transport states that this increase is largely due to the war-time mentality of "living dangerously." This is a rather surprising speculation in human psychology in view of the much more glaring cause patent to all, namely, the greatly increased speed of vehicles, the less consideration shown by motor drivers towards other road-users, and the greater impunity with which the law is broken.

It is quite true, as the Committee points out, that persons may be preoccupied owing to war strain and by an act of thoughtlessness or carelessness may place themselves in danger. But the main point is, that when such a lapse occurs, is the motorist able to pull up in time? There are, of course, fatal accidents of which it may be said that the most careful motorist could not have avoided them; but how much greater is the number of those that could have been avoided had the motorist been travelling with his vehicle well under control and allowing a good margin of safety in his driving.

The view of the Pedestrians Association, in short, is that the responsibility for avoiding accidents is not one that can be *equally* shared between pedestrian and motorist, but that the motorist, being in charge of a machine that is lethal when out of control, has a *special* responsibility when he drives on a public highway which is used, and necessarily used by others, including elderly people and children who comprise most of the pedestrian victims.

This approach to the problem is not shared by the Government Road Safety Committee. Unfortunately it is a body on which only the motorists' interests have a representation, so that it is not surprising that the propaganda carried on under Government auspices conveys an impression that pedestrians are mainly responsible for their own deaths, while little importance is attached to excessive speed as the cause.

A reduced alertness among all road-users, the transfer of large sections of the population to unfamiliar sur-

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BEFORE the war the number of persons killed or injured in road accidents had steadily mounted until in the years immediately preceding it the figures had become "stabilised" at about 6,500 killed and 200,000 injured per annum.

The scale of these figures made a solution of the problem of road safety one of the most urgent social questions then before the nation.

Although since the war there has been a progressive decline in the number of motor vehicles on the roads, particularly private cars, road fatalities have greatly increased; but there are fewer injured.

In other words, accidents, when they do occur, are more severe in their results, a change that is probably accounted for, first—by what is a matter of common observation—the great increase in motor speeds, and secondly, the greater proportion of heavy vehicles.

The following table issued by the Ministry of War Transport is instructive as showing how the war has affected the incidence of fatal road accidents.

Incidence of Fatalities among the various classes of road users
September—August (Inclusive) 1938-39, 1939-40 and 1940-41
(Issued by the Ministry of War Transport).

Classification of persons.	A Sept., 1938- Aug., 1939 No. killed.	B Sept., 1939- Aug., 1940 No. killed.	C Sept., 1940- Aug., 1941 No. killed.
Pedestrians under 15 ...	826	846	1,258
Pedestrians 15 and over	2,253	4,094	4,054
Drivers of motor vehicles (other than motor cycles)	378	327	412
Motor cyclists ...	950	971	1,423
Pillion Passengers ...	171	108	157
Postal cyclists under 15	177	204	236
Postal cyclists 15 and over	1,177	1,053	1,295
Other persons ...	719	753	1,238
Total ...	6,651	8,358	10,073

"Other persons" include drivers of horse-driven vehicles, passengers other than pillion passengers, conductors, attendants, and riders of horses.

It will be seen that in the first twelve months of war the number of child pedestrians killed showed only a very slight increase, whereas the number of fatal accidents to pedestrians over 15 years of age almost doubled, and, indeed, the increase in adult pedestrian deaths was greater than the increase in fatalities to all road-users for the first twelve months of war. The explanation, of course, is to be found in the greater

THE WATLING RESIDENT

WOMEN'S PAGE

CALLING ALL WOMEN

I AM glad that January is over. I always feel that it is a month of bills, after Christmas feeling, and very cold weather. However, we can now look forward to brighter and lighter days, and I hope that you will remember my words to you last month, and join one of the women's groups which meet weekly at the Centre. You may feel strange at first, but remember that it is a great help to old members to see new faces, and hear new names on committees. We have a lot to learn from our counterparts in Russia about community spirit. I was very interested to read the other day the Russian Woman's view of nursery schools and creches. They are so used to having a say in the affairs of their district that it never occurs to them to wait until the local authority presents them with a perfect creche. They band themselves into groups, and those having to work outside the home leave their bairns with the women who are home workers. It all seemed so simple, and I wondered why we have never practised this plan on a large scale. We have a lot to learn from each other, whatever our race, colour or creed, and maybe, if we are true to the ideals of community, we shall see our children dealing with the problems of society in a much more logical fashion, taking the long view of life.

Changes will not come easily, or without much patience. We all know, and have appreciated the use of a Zip fastener. We think of it as a very recent invention, but did you know that the first Zip was made by W. Judson, of Chicago, in 1893. He had the idea, and it was not until 1913 that the method of manufacture was perfect enough to start production on economic lines. After that it took quite a time to get the idea popular to the ordinary man and woman, who after all are the only buyers for large scale production. Many men have had ideas, but until it reaches, touches, and moves the ordinary person, their thoughts are of little consequence.

Come to the Centre and find out what other folk are thinking and doing, share your experiences with them, learn from them, and experience together the greatest joy of community association, the joy of meeting others who do not necessarily think the same as you, but are tolerant enough to live, and let live. Either the Editor or Secretary will gladly let you know details of any group meeting at the Centre, so come along and help us, will you? We need you, and, we hope that you need us.

PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.

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In days gone by . . .

In 1770 a Bill was introduced in Parliament forbidding any woman "to impose upon, seduce, or betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects by means of scent, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes, or bolstered hips." Any marriage so contrived was null and void. The men of that day were taking no chances, were they?

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DON'T—PLEASE!

When I quit this mortal shore, and nose around the earth no more, don't weep, don't sigh, don't sob; I may have struck a better job.

Don't go and buy a large bouquet for which you'll find it hard to pay; don't mope around and feel all blue—I may be better off than you.

Don't tell the folks I was a saint, or any old thing that I ain't; if you have jam like that to spread, please hand it out before I'm dead.

If you have roses, bless your soul, just pin one in my buttonhole while I'm alive and well—to-day. Don't wait until I've gone away.

Do you know why we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? Butter and eggs were forbidden throughout Lent, and the housewives used up all they had left before the holy season began. In former times Shrove Tuesday was a general holiday—a bell was rung at the beginning of the holiday, and another at its close. The first bell was still rung in a few places prior to this war, and was known as the "Pancake Bell," and at Olney it was a signal to housewives to race to church with their frying pans, tossing pancakes as they ran. The bellringer had the pancakes which survived the perilous journey.

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From an old book of "magic." A wife can cure her husband of drunkenness by putting a live eel in his drink! I should think the shock of seeing a live eel in his mug was enough to make the man mend his ways.

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Sunday, Feb. 8th, at Wesley Hall, at 5.15 p.m.

GREAT UNITED RALLY

of all the Youth Organisations
functioning on the Watling Estate.

Speaker: Rev. H. J. BLACKMORE
(Chairman Watling Youth Committee)

Subject: "Youth—In Quest and Crusade."

Please give this the widest possible publicity and urge
all your members to attend.

WELL DONE!

SUCCESS OF YOUTH RALLY

FIRST let me say how much we owe to the Watling Youth Committee for having courage to stage the Youth Rally and Social at St. Alphage Hall on Friday, January 16. Their labours were amply rewarded, for the enthusiasm of the 200 young people present was catching. One could not help but be arrested immediately with the very social and happy atmosphere of the gathering.

The evening's programme was ably M.C.'d by the Rev. L. W. Hibbs, assisted by the Rev. F. R. Haw. The variety of games and novelties introduced was endless and most original in their planning. The dancing, too, was very much appreciated, and one noticed that there were very few who did not dance, perhaps because the sexes were very evenly balanced.

Following an interval for refreshments, the Rev. H. J. Blackmore addressed the gathering briefly, referring to the Watling Youth Committee and inviting those present at the Social to attend other functions arranged by the Committee, details of which appear on the Youth Pages this month.

The young people will be well advised to follow the activities of the Watling Youth Committee and give them the support they so richly deserve, judging by the result of their first public appearance.

THE EDITOR.

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Youth Directory

A very comprehensive list of Youth Organisations on the Watling Estate, compiled by the Hon. Secretary of the Watling Youth Committee, is available free of charge on application to the "Centre," Orange Hill Road, or to any club leaders.

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WATLING YOUTH COMMITTEE

Success of Youth

200 CLUB MEMBERS

Read Article on Youth

EDGWARE MODEL AERO CLUB

The members of the Edgware Model Aero Club have built, during the last few weeks many new models. Various scale-models are among these, the types covering all the ranges of full-size flying. Mr. E. Rock has put all his efforts into a large flying model of a Handley Page Hampden Bomber, whilst Messrs. I. Wallis, R. Wallis and P. Hibberd have concentrated on well known fighter types. Mr. I. Wallis has built a small, neat Hurricane, Mr. R. Wallis an inch to the foot Airacobra and Mr. Hibberd an Me 109. Other models include a Miles Magister Trainer, and a last war Sopwith Camel.

Construction of the "Valkyrie," duration model continues, in the clubroom at the Watling Centre, on Monday evenings at 8 p.m. It is hoped that a strong team of these models will be available for inter-club competitions in the Summer.—Hon. Secretary, A. J. PIZER, 81, Beverley Drive, Edgware.

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YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION (Hendon Group)

Since the last number went to Press the most successful activities of the group have been the Christmas and New Year festivities at hostels. A few members spent the actual Christmas holiday at Hemel Hempstead hostel and on subsequent week-ends the cyclists held their party at Stony Stratford, while the walkers—who numbered over 50—visited Boulton's Lock. The most notable feature of these outings was the way in which healthy outdoor exercise blended with the traditional festivities, thus making them both the more enjoyable. Thanks are due to the wardens of the hostels and the girls of the group who, between them, made such a success of the catering arrangements.

During January another varied programme was arranged of both indoor and outdoor activities. Different Thursday evenings have seen members dressed as "hobos" for the "Tramps' Social"; listening to music from both Beethoven and Bing Crosby; enjoying films and hearing about "The Evolution of Man." At week-ends members have rediscovered the exhilaration of winter-walking and cycling during the keen weather as well as spending some of their time on re-decorating Noake Mill Hostels, Hemel Hempstead, which is the groups special responsibility.

Walks and cycle runs have been arranged for each week-end in February and the future social programme will be found in the diary, but one item deserves special mention. On February 26th and 27th, three one-act plays are being presented at the Centre—one by the Watling Boys' Club, and two by the Y.H.A. These will provide a good evening's entertainment and it is hoped these youthful performers will be well supported. February programme, see diary.

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Burnt Oak YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

We feel that the registration of youth opens up great potentiality for a Youth Service Corps.

We are very concerned about Youth Service, as most clubs cater for the entertainment of Youth, but very few do anything to help the war effort. We have our socials, dances and rambles, but we think it our duty to spend a little time each week in doing a Youth Service, Red Cross, collecting salvage or First Aid classes. Although this sounds like work, we also get a lot of fun out of it. Won't you come along and help—All enquiries, 42, Littlefield Road, Burnt Oak.

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WATLING BOYS' CLUB

The Club, which has many members interested in cross-country running, entered a team in the Middlesex Cross-Country Championship for boys under 18. The team was successful and finished third. The best runner of the club team was A. Croft, who and the rest of the team were congratulated by Mr. Wilkinson.

The Dramatic Section are producing a modern one-act play at the end of February. The members of this section are very keen and they are given a great amount of attention and are ably backed up by their producer, Mrs. Priestley.

Mr. Stanley Jones and Mr. Harold Lee organised for the benefit of club members two outings in January. On the 10th a party of boys went to see "Gangway" at the Palladium. The boys enjoyed the show immensely, especially the comical antics of Madame Trinder. Then on the 17th another party of boys went to watch the international football match at Wembley. The boys who went to either of these outings must be grateful to Mr. Harold Lee, who collected the money from boys every week for the tickets and booked seats at the Palladium, and who took the party of boys to Wembley.

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ALL ROUND GIRLS' CLUB

The club, which is ably led by Mrs. Lord, meets on Mondays for sewing and companionship at 7.30, at 23, Colchester Road, and on Wednesdays for a "Keep-Fit" class at 7.30, at Barnfield School.

New members are very welcome and should apply to Mrs. Lord for particulars.

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BURNT OAK METHODIST MISSION

1941 has been a most successful year for our Young People's Club. Although the fees are exceptionally low we have been able to purchase a considerable amount of equipment, contribute five guineas to Church funds and have ended the year with a balance in hand of over seven pounds. In spite of the inevitable losses through the claims of National Service, the weekly attendance has kept up remarkably well. At Christmas, letters and postal orders were sent to over thirty fellows and girls now in the Forces.

On Sunday, December 21st, a number of club members took part in a most impressive Nativity play, which was much appreciated by a large congregation. The lighting effects on this occasion were in the very capable hands of members of the "1939 Club," and once again we are eager to express our gratitude for their valuable co-operation.

During the week before Christmas several of our members went carol singing nearly every night and collected over thirteen pounds for the National Children's Home.

The "Sunday Night at 8" discussion group continues to flourish, subjects recently debated including "When is one grown up?" and "Youth and education."

Our Club Anniversary Celebration will be held at the beginning of March and we shall be delighted to welcome members of other Clubs to our concert on Saturday, February 28th, at 7.30 p.m., which will be given entirely by our members, and also at the special services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on March 1st.

We are anxious to get into touch with young people between 16-18 who wish to join the club in connection with the Government scheme. Enquiries may be addressed to the Rev. H. J. Blackmore at Wesley Hall.

To All Club Members

Why Not send a Question to the

BRAINS TRUST

and then

Come and Hear the Answers?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th at 8 p.m.
at the Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road

Questions should be sent to the Question Master
Mr. A. W. Beaumont, 28, Holmstall Avenue,
Edgware, before February 10th.

WATLING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CLUB

The Club has made a good start for the year 1942 with several new members. We feel sure that there are many more young people on Watling estate for whom the Club would have many attractions. We invite all young people to take part in our Club activities which are held every Tuesday and Thursday 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. at the Watling Centre. We are now endeavouring to add to our list of attractions a Dramatic Group from which we hope to find our local Judy Garlands and Mickey Roneys. So come along and help to swell our numbers.

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ST. ALPHAGE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

The past month has included Christmas, and therefore carol-singing and parties. We ended the season with a grand evening when our hall was packed by members of other organisations and ourselves, for the rally and social.

Now, once more, we settle down to a more normal existence with scouts and guides, the badminton club and the discussion groups and the rest of the clubs hard at work and play.

We are very glad to welcome new members to our badminton club which has two sections, one from 14-17 and one for the over seventeens. Particulars and terms of membership can be obtained from Fr. Haw, the chairman.

If any clubs desire to play us at badminton or table-tennis we should be glad to provide some opposition, and we have a young football team of scouts who would be glad to know of any junior teams who want a match.

We unite in wishing all our fellow-clubs and organisations on the Watling Estate a very successful New Year.

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THE "1939" CLUB

We have met regularly during January and here publish our programme for February, to which we invite any prospective new members: February 4.—Informal Discussion on Scientific Subjects; February 5.—Dramatic Rehearsal; February 11.—Film Show. On February 7th there will be a Social and Dance for members and friends. Other activities include table-tennis and dancing.

E. PEARMAN, Hon. Secretary.

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THE GOLDBERRY CLUB

This Club for boys and girls meets at Eversfield Church Hall, Mondays at 8 p.m. Its Leader and President is Mr. Wilkins, with Mr. Bass as Hon. Secretary. Mr. O'Mara is the leader for boys 14-16 years. Over 100 members are on the register and occupation includes, billiards, model aeroplanes, physical training and table-tennis.

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Co-opted Member

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. L. V. Hibbs has been co-opted on to the "Resident" Committee. He is acting as Editor of the Youth Section and we much value his help.

It Happened at the "Centre"—Were You There?

Watling Association Anniversary SUPPER DANCE AND SOCIAL

About 105 members and visitors attended the anniversary celebrations held at the "Centre" on Sunday, January 18th. It was with great regret that we learned that our President, Mr. A. I. Jones, was unable to be present owing to indisposition. However, Mrs. A. I. Jones ably deputised for him and read the speech which our President had prepared. This speech took many members and friends back to the very early days of the Association.

Those who remembered the opening of the Centre our president recalled, would remember the feeling of some of those present then that the Association was taking on a venture that would not be successful. These folk have their answer in the fact that after 9 years we are still in existence and going strong.

Major Sandford Carter of the National Council of Social Service replied to the speech. He considered that Community "Centres" had come to stay—maybe we were slow as a nation to realise the importance of such "Centres"; but nevertheless when once established they were built on firm soil. Major Carter went on to say how much he was interested in the Watling Association and so much so that he was a member of its Council but confessed that he was seldom able to attend.

After the M.C. Mr. A. R. Croker, had voiced the appreciation of all present for the really excellent repast provided and the thanks to all those who had prepared it, the members adjourned to the Hall for the Dance and Social. The evening was divided into dancing and novelty competitions and games. The audience thoroughly entered into the spirit and much laughter was caused by the antics of those volunteers who came forward to help to amuse.

A Revival of the burlesque of the "Brains Trust" was staged also the staging of a thriller by members of the audience, the Caste being chosen by popular accord after a reading test, was enjoyed.

Two prizes were given by the manageress of the "Savoy Cinema" to aspirants in a spot dance. We wish to thank her for this kind gesture.

Music was supplied by Cole's Rhythmic Band. Our thanks go to all those who helped to make the evening such a success, particularly to those ladies and gentlemen who gave so much of their time Sunday afternoon to the preparation of supper. They are too numerous to name individually but our thanks are just as sincere.

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VETERANS' CLUB REPORT

The Veterans had two very interesting talks during January. One on experiences in the crypt of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, during the blitz, given by the Rev. Motley, of John Keble Church, and the other, "The Jew and his Neighbour," by Mrs. A. Petric, of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

A New Year's Party was held on Wednesday, January 21st at the Centre. A fine entertainment was given by the "Gay Girls Concert Party" followed with a tea. Mrs. Cox, a veteran, raised a further 10/- by selling hand-made Golly Wogs, making a total of £1 10s. 0d. for their fund, and a prize was given by Mrs. Fox for a competition and won by Mrs. Seymour resulted a further 3/4d. being collected for the fund.

E. E. COLE.

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KENTISH TOWN POULTRY CLUB

The eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the Watling Centre, Burnt Oak, on Sunday, January 11th. A representative gathering of members of the Club's three branches attended. Mr. L. F. Outram, Vice-President and Instructor to the Club, took the Chair.

In his opening remarks the Chairman expressed pleasure at seeing so many members present, saying that it spoke well for the Club's progressive growth and that though it might not be the strongest club in London, yet it was now one of the strongest and might well take the leading position in the near future. Mr. Outram commented on the fact that at one time people seemed to think lightly of Poultry Keeping—saying that it was just a hobby—but to day all small Poultry-keepers were engaged on the serious task of food production which should, properly encouraged, make many homes after the war more than a little self-supporting in the matter of food supply.

Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and passed without comment and apologies were announced from the President, Mr. W. Powell-Owen, and the Chairman, Mr. W. Kattrins.

The Treasurer's (Mr. Booth) report was read showing that the Club had a small balance in hand—which was satisfactory, seeing that it is the Club's policy not to make profits.

The Secretary, Mr. Arthur Clark, addressed the meeting at some length and gave the history of the Club's growth and of his founding of the Burnt Oak branch, a really great achievement in view of the fact that attempts had been made previously by others to form a club in the Centre but had failed. The Chairman then presented the Cups won by members during the year, 1941.

The election of Officers then took place, which was as follows:—President, Mr. W. Powell Owen; Vice-President, Mr. L. F. Outram; Chairman, Mr. Killick; Deputy Chairman, Mr. Wood; Secretary, Mr. Arthur Clark; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Dobson; Treasurer, Mr. Booth; Press Steward, Mr. Edgeworth; Committee (9), Messrs. News, Ling, North, Hunt, Sharp, Totman, Bates, Bonwick and Edwards.

The Chairman proposed to the meeting that consideration should be given to the presentation of an honorarium to the Secretary. After some discussion as to ways and means Mr. Edgeworth proposed that a presentation be made to the Secretary by the members of the Club, because, owing to the Club's principle of not making profits, funds did not allow, it was, therefore, left to the Committee to organise a suitable presentation.

The Secretary raised the point of insufficient support to the Monthly Egg Shows, saying that he had tried many ways to make these shows pay for themselves but so far, through lack of sufficient entries there had always been a loss. Considerable discussion arose but it was decided to give the Egg Shows a further trial with the help of more publicity.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vice-President for presiding at the meeting and to Mr. Killick for his past services.

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RABBIT CLUB COMPETITION

An instructive competition was held at the "Centre" on Tuesday, January 13th. Members themselves took part in judging rabbits for Utility and Fur. Points were given for those whose judgment was nearest to being correct in the opinion of Mr. F. Maynard.

In the judging Mr. Patrick came first and Mr. Bray second, and for the rabbits in the fur class Mr. Dobedoe 1st; Mr. Weatherby 2nd; Mr. Buzie 3rd. Utility: Mr. Jamison 1st; Mr. Field 2nd and Mr. Horne 3rd. Programme of the Club for February and March is as follows:—Feb. 3rd: "Green Foods" Feb. 17th: Diet for exhibition purposes. March 3rd: "Diseases in Rabbits" and March 17th: "Points for a Cup" show; three classes, Fur, Fancy, Utility; one Rabbit in each class.

The Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. New members are welcome.

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AN EXPERIMENT AT LLEDR HALL

By WALTER NISSEN

At Lledr Hall, the Co-operative Holidays Association centre in North Wales, where a refugee colony was established last winter, an experiment in sharing between refugees and holidaymakers has been made during the summer months.—Reprinted by kind permission of the Editor of the WAYFARER.

YOUNG England and Old Germany are living under one roof here as a result of a remarkable experiment which has succeeded beyond the most fervent hopes of its promoters.

For some months past, holidaymakers—typists, clerks, engineers, students, shop assistants, and many others—have spent a week or two in summer in the beautiful black-and-white Lledr Hall, which stands by a rushing salmon river amidst the loveliest scenery in North Wales. During last winter and spring, however, the house was employed as a refugee colony which gave shelter to Germans, Austrian and Czechs, mostly elderly people, who had escaped from the Nazi tyranny.

When the holiday season came round again, a problem arose. Were the refugees to be forced to seek new shelter, or should the young folk from the Midlands—tired with war-work—be deprived of their holiday home? The matter was debated between the two organizations concerned and the solution was propounded: Why shouldn't the holidaymakers and the refugees share the house during the summer months?

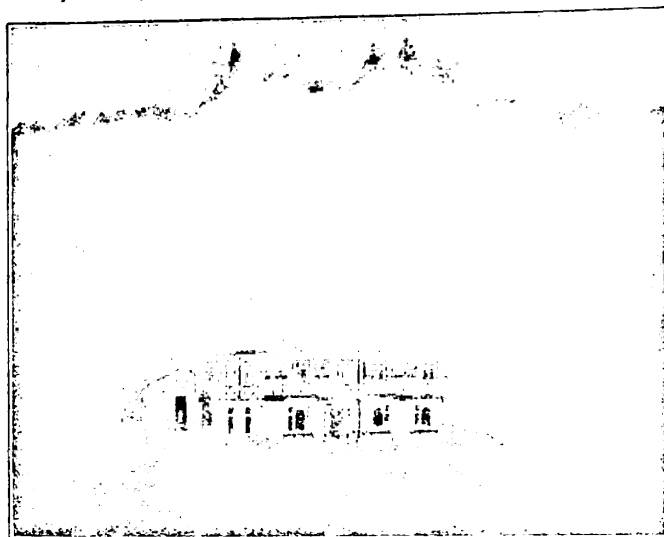
And thus, despite the forecasts of the difficulties that might arise from so drastic a mingling of ages, nations and social classes, it was arranged.

From the day on which the first batch of young English folk arrived at Lledr Hall, the arrangement has worked with the utmost smoothness. Who precisely are the hosts and who are the guests has never been decided—but from the start the refugees made it quite plain that they were going to do all the cooking and housework, and no one is more energetic in ensuring that everything is spick and span than a German Baroness, whose name is to be found in the pages of mediaeval history, and a seventy-year-old Hungarian landowner, a great hand with the brush and dustpan, whose large properties in his native land have been confiscated on the excuse that one of his grandmothers was of Jewish blood.

At meal times some fifty places are laid in the spacious dining-room. The refugees sit at one long table; the holidaymakers at another—but when the meals have been cleared away, the two groups mingle, the fresh young English faces contrasting sharply with those of the refugees, which bear furrows left, not only by age, but also by privation and anxiety.

Yet these people who have escaped from the horrors of Central Europe have also learned to smile. The gaiety of the young English folk is infectious; and men and women who had begun to feel that there was no hope, not only for themselves but for the world, have taken heart again.

Often of an evening there is a sing-song and dancing. The young English listen to the tunes of the



LLEDR HALL.

Germany that Hitler killed; the refugees to folk-songs of England—or the latest from Hollywood. Plenty of the refugees are agile enough to show how the Viennese waltz really should be danced—and polite enough to express interest in the Lambeth Walk.

But it is above all the spirit of comradeship and friendliness that the young English display among themselves that has amazed the refugees. Used to more ceremonious and rigid codes of behaviour, they have been first puzzled and then enchanted by this happy-go-lucky, convivial atmosphere. If any of these young people have grandmothers who still shake disapproving heads and wonder what the young people are coming to, these gloomy forebodings would find no support among the exiles. They are for Young England to a man and woman.

Nor have the benefits from the experiment been by any means all on one side. The refugees have come to know every inch of the hills and wooded valleys around their home, and have done much to put the English, very literally, on the right track when they are exploring the neighbourhood.

But they have done much more. They have told them, of their own bitter knowledge, just what Hitlerism means; they have given them glimpses of a European culture that will outlive Hitler and all his works; and—though they themselves would insist that it was impossible that anyone could teach these young Midlanders anything about courage—many a visitor to Lledr Hall has taken back with him to his or her office or factory a memory of outstanding examples of fortitude, and a new insight into the dignity that the human spirit can attain in adversity.

W.A. COUNCIL MEETING

The draft Annual Report, which, as approved will appear in the next issue of the "Resident," was read at the January Council meeting, and even regular attenders, who have dealt with many of the matters concerned during the year, were impressed with the number and variety of things which the Association has attempted and achieved during the year.

Mr. Gordon reported on the conference on India which he had attended on behalf of the Association and was cordially thanked, both for going and for his report. It was agreed to take steps to call a conference of women to consider the needs of women who go out to work and what more could be done to meet these needs. The application of the Young Communist League to become a constituent body was acceded to, mention was made of two Anglo-Soviet friendship meetings and the suggestion of the Executive was adopted that an open meeting be held to give an opportunity for discussing any complaints, queries and difficulties about the running of the Association and the Centre.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

It seemed fitting that at the close of the year we should take stock of ourselves, and much satisfaction was felt while Mrs. Fairbairn, our President, read extracts from the Minutes since the inauguration of the School in 1933, bringing back memories of our early struggles and especially of those old friends who helped to build up the flourishing group we are to-day, in spite of the distressing times through which we are passing.

Miss Ellie Ryle visited us during December and gave a very cheery address, and Mrs. Croker provided food for deep thought by reading to us "A Black Girl in search of God," by G. B. Shaw.

We are fully aware of the many difficulties the future holds and are resolved to tackle them with determination and courage. All who would like to share in this effort will be welcomed on Monday afternoon at 2.30. A syllabus of wide interest has been planned for the future and meetings are enlivened with the "cup that cheers" in a happy atmosphere of good comradeship.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15:—

Feb. 1.—Mr. W. SMITH.

Feb. 8.—Dr. ERNEST WHITE.

Feb. 15.—Mr. A. GINNINGS, of Spain.

Feb. 22.—Mr. A. GINNINGS, of Spain.

FEBRUARY, 1942

Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sunday—
Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
Society of Friends Meeting for
Worship and Children's
Class, 11 a.m.
Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Monday—
Women's Adult School, 2.30
p.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau 2.30
p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Making Plans, B.B.C. Group,
7.30 p.m.
W.E.A. Literature Class, 2.45
p.m.
Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
Watling Association Musical
Society, 8 p.m.
Boxing Club, 8 p.m.
Edgware Model Aero Club, 8
p.m.

Tuesday—
Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
a.m.
Dress-making Class, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth
Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8
p.m.

Wednesday—
Women's Neighbourhood Guild,
2.30 p.m.
4 Social.
11 Speaker: National Chil-
dren's Home.
18 Brain Trust.
25 Palestine: Rev. I. L.
Swift.
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club, 4.15 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Cyclists' Touring Club, 8 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Thursday—
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
a.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association, 7
p.m.
5 Country Dancing, Scot-
tish Reels Exhibition.

12 St. Valentine's Dance,
Entrance Fee: Sal-
vage.
14 Talk on Trade Unions,
20-27 Three One-Act Plays,
Watling Association Youth
Club, 7.30 p.m.
5 General Knowledge
Quiz.

12 Talkies,
19 In-house.
25 Gramophone Evening.

Friday—
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30
p.m.
Hospital Saving Association,
2.30 p.m.
The Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday—
Poor Man's Lawyer, 2.30 p.m.
Old-Time Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Sun. 1 Fellowship Meeting,
5.00 p.m.
Tues. 3 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.
Thurs. 5 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poultry
Club, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 7 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 8 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Thurs. 12 Townswomen's Guild,
2.30 p.m.
Fri. 13 Special Open Meeting
of the Neighbours
with Talks on India
8 p.m.
The Brains Trust for
Youth, 8 p.m.
Tues. 17 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.
Thurs. 19 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poultry
Club, 7.30 p.m.
Watling Association
Council, 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 20 Adult School Social,
7.30 p.m.
Sat. 21 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 22 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Thurs. 26 Townswomen's Guild,
2.30 p.m.
Fri. 27 Youth Hostels Asso-
ciation Dramatic Se-
Thurs. 26 tion Production, 7.30
p.m.

DO YOU KNOW?

The Editor would be glad to have answers in writing, and according to his decision the best reply to each question will be printed in the next issue

- How long one must have been married before one can take divorce proceedings.
- In what ways are the "bombed out" people helped?
- What is the purpose of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Association, who benefits by it, and how should one apply?
- How long does a Service Disability Pension run?
- What two purposes does the Income Tax on smaller incomes serve?
- How much would you have to pay if you were not insured under the National Health Insurance, to secure 10/- weekly pension for wife should you die?
- Why are there no extra clothing coupons for mourning?
- What steps must you take before visiting relatives in a prohibited area?
- If two families are sharing a house, can they both get war damage compensation should their furniture be damaged through enemy action?
- What new free service has been started since the war, and in what way is it useful?

Diary

otherwise stated

Dance, Sal.

Trade Unions, P.C.

Association, Youth

Knowledge

Evening

Bureau, 2.30

Association, 7.30 p.m.

Ver, 2.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.

EVENTS.

Meeting, 8 p.m.

Club, 8 p.m. 2.30 p.m.

Town Poultry 30 p.m.

Club, 2.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.

Women's Guild, 10 a.m.

Open Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

Club, 8 p.m. 2.30 p.m.

Town Poultry 30 p.m.

Association, 7.30 p.m.

School Social, 7.30 p.m.

Club, 2.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.

Women's Guild, 10 a.m.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

It Might Have Bean

Twelve beans set out in the earth to grow,
In the way that only beans can know;
And there they were in a row below,
But the heart of one was full of woe.

"Who put me here can sow and hoe,
But he can't plant beans, as I can vow;
There's too much earth on me, for lo!
I'm buried, not sown, down here below."

Another bean said:—"There's grit 'neath my toe,
Where I want my roots to grow;
I want to be tall and big, but oh!
I shall be smallest! Why is it so?"

Twelve little shoots in their baby green,
Made their way through the earth unseen,
Every one grew to a fairy queen,
Each from a tiny little bean.

But the one whose heart was full of woe,
Grumbled and grumbled:—"Why do we grow?"
And the one who had had the grit 'neath his toe,
But not at his heart, said:—"I do not know!"

Mac Colander came from the kitchen and lo!
Beans from each plant into him did go;
How much they were boiled we do not know,
Each plate had a helping and that was enou'.

And nobody knew which was Peter or Paul,
Or which grew nearest the garden wall,
As they ate them up in the dining hall,
Or that beans had any troubles at all.

But ten fine plants that were happy and free,
Lived long in their service for you and for me;
But the grumblers died, for they'd lost the key,
Of how to live long and merrily.

WALTER COVENTON.

★ YOUR LIBRARY

While I am writing the snow is thick upon the ground and the sky holds promise of more to come. There should be lots of snowballing, building of snowmen and skating on the ponds. Do you skate? If you want to learn you must read "Ice and Roller Skating," by Hedges. You will find it at either library.

Maybe you would rather stay by the fire in your spare time. Everyone knits and sews these days, but you will want to do something different. There is a new little book called "You Can Make It," telling you how to make jolly and useful things from next to nothing.

These books will be found helpful, too; ask for them next time you change your book:—

Busy Fingers (Hochs).

The Playtime Omnibus (Phillips).

Leisure Things for Lively Youngsters (Rowland).

Make Your Own Soft Toys (Evans).

Doll Making at Home (Fraser).

The Toymaker (Angus).

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A LETTER TO THE NEARLY 14's

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

What a cold month January has been! I expect most of you have enjoyed snowballing, and tobogganing on home-made toboggans. Make the most of it, because now that February is here, we shall begin to say good-bye to the very cold weather. Spring pays us very very short visits during this month, just to cheer us and whisper that soon the sun will shine warmly. Do you know that in the north of England, in a small wood, I saw on Christmas Day small snowdrops blooming happily in the shelter of a wooded glade?

Now a word to the older boys and girls reading this letter. Have you noticed that the Editor now has two pages in the middle of the "Resident" especially for young people? Those of you who are nearing your fourteenth birthday, read these pages, and either write or visit the group which attracts you most. The secretaries will only be too glad to have new members, and the Youth Groups are arranging some very attractive programmes for the future. If you have any questions to ask, I am sure that the Editor will be happy to help you.

Cheerio for now,

SNOW-WHITE.

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WHAT TO DO IN FEBRUARY

Many garden books give a calendar or diary of what should be done during each month of the year. One I have come across even gives gardening work for each day of the year! You cannot, of course, follow these instructions exactly, but they are very useful as a guide to about when various operations should be carried out.

Here is a calendar of "Reminders for the Garden" for February taken from a "Gardening Year Book and Garden Oracle." As will be seen, it covers a wide field of operations, including the growth of vegetables, fruit and flowers, both in the open and under glass. To carry out some of the work a hot-bed and a greenhouse are almost essential, but many of the simpler things can be done without these special aids, and no one can be expected to do everything.

The "reminders" are as follows:—

Agapanthus requiring more root spaces to be shifted into larger pots.

Chrysanthemum propagation to be proceeded with.

Cut out dead wood from shrubs.

Dig vacant ground in readiness for cropping next month.

Finish pruning gooseberry, currant and fruit trees, generally.

Give violets in frames abundance of air on fine days.

Hardy ferns to have top dressing of rich soil.

Nail and train creepers to walls, trellises and fences.

Plant early potatoes on borders.

Plant Jerusalem artichokes a foot apart in rows three feet asunder.

Plant pansies, violas, anemones and ranunculus.

Plant sea-kale and raspberries.

Peonies to be planted in rich soil.

Primroses, polyanthus and daisies may be planted.

Prepare fruit trees for grafting by cutting back the main branches.

Prune filberts and cobnuts.

Re-pot ferns in warm houses.

Re-pot or top-dress *Adiantum* crispum.

Sow seeds of Early Horn carrot and Wood's Long Frame radish on a hotbed.

Sow sweet peas outdoors.

Sow broad beans three inches deep and three feet apart.

Syringe vines morning and afternoon that are commencing to grow.

Top dress cattleyas, making new roots, with fresh sphagnum moss.

Virginian creepers and climbers generally may be planted.

Vines growing against open walls to be pruned.

WAR-TIME ROAD ACCIDENTS

—continued from Page 4

roundings, the growing number of obstructions obscuring visibility, the limited vision of the motorist at night, and the difficulty of the pedestrian in judging the speed and distance away of an approaching vehicle at night are all reasons for insisting that motorists should not drive faster, as they may be tempted to do on the emptier roads of to-day, but that they should travel more cautiously, always allowing a handsome margin of safety should the unexpected happen.

Nothing in the foregoing lessens the need for old and young, in their own interests, to exercise the greatest caution when crossing a road, particularly at a blind point, and to avoid crossing in front of a near-approaching vehicle.

But, as has already been emphasised, the Association believes that the most important thing is to increase the standard of care among drivers by proper enforcement of the law by police and magistrates. This has been strikingly demonstrated by recent experience. In the autumn of 1940 there was an intensive road safety propaganda campaign and the fatalities reached a record figure. Last autumn, in which again there was intensive road safety propaganda, the number of fatalities, although still lamentably high, was substantially reduced, because, whereas in 1940, during the raids, the police were unable to enforce road traffic laws as they were occupied with other duties, in 1941 the propaganda was backed by greater police activity.

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The Members of the "Resident" Committee invite you to another

COMMUNITY SOCIAL

to be held at the "Centre"

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th

at 7.30 p.m. (sharp)

This time we will introduce you to some of the very talented junior members who will assist in the programme

MUSIC AND NOVELTY ITEMS

Admittance by showing this "Resident"

WHAT IS A

Community Association?

A COMMUNITY Association is an organisation of neighbours based on the idea that the personalities of men and women can develop to the best only as men and women serve a community which in turn serves them and their development. It is a democratic fellowship of individuals and organisations bound together by one common purpose—the common good. It includes people of all ages and both sexes, and embraces all interests which contribute to the well-being of the individual or the community.

One of the most important objects of such an Association is to develop or intensify the spirit of local patriotism, that is of neighbourliness, the sense of belonging to a community, the desire to make the neighbourhood the best possible place in which to live and to bring up children. Individuals or organisations may join an Association in the hope of getting something out of it. They ought not to be disappointed of that hope; but in the end they will find it frustrated, unless they learn that they must also put something into the Association—not only money—but, more important, interest, enthusiasm, and effort.

A Community Association tries to bring together all organisations which work in the local community—religious, political, industrial, cultural, educational, sports clubs, youth organisations, etc.—so that they promote co-operation and avoid overlapping in the things they have in common. By bringing them together in this way the Association may help them to understand and appreciate each other better and enable them to express more forcibly to local or other authorities the needs which they share.

This is one direction in which the Association should provide a voice for the community, but besides this there will often be other matters—affecting people not as members of organised groups, but as individual residents—on which representations ought also to be made. By expressing the desires and opinions of the people in the district which it serves, and by providing opportunities for the local discussion of public matters, the Association does not in any way conflict with the ordinary machinery of local government, but rather affords a valuable means of supplementing it.

In some districts the bringing together of particular groups and societies may be sufficient to reveal the local gaps in social organisation; in others it may be necessary for the Community Association to start a survey in order to discover such gaps. In whichever way they are brought to light it is an important function of the Association to see that they are filled.

RANDOM JOTTINGS

Our Scrapbook

Press Cutting Albums have been kept in the Watling Association Office since the early days of the Association. The individual who attends to this work at present remarks on the "good press" given to us. He calculated that in a recent issue 1/15th of the reading matter of the paper was devoted to news concerning the "Centre."

R.A.F. Hospitality

At a recent 21st birthday celebration, held at the "Centre" in honour of their son, Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Busez invited a few of Ken's friends from the R.A.F. station at Hendon. Mr. and Mrs. Busez are anxious that it is known how appreciative these "lads" are of a friendly couple of hours and how exemplary is their behaviour, in order that others shall extend a welcome when an opportunity occurs.

Annual General Meeting

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the "Centre" on Thursday, March 5th, at 7.30 p.m. Please make every endeavour to be there: it will be very interesting.

You Have Been Warned!

The Council are requesting the police to patrol Watling Park and notices are to be publicly displayed offering a reward that will lead to a conviction of anyone wilfully damaging the Council's property in the park.

Your Pork is Safe

The Hendon Borough Council has now 63 pigs. Owing to the threatened outbreak of swine fever, a number have been inoculated at a cost of £5 5s.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

I want you all to notice the change in the library hours. The lighter evenings are here and the library will consequently be open longer.

At the Watling Centre:—

From March 2nd.—4.30 p.m.—7.0 p.m.

At the Orchard:—

From March 2nd.—2.30 p.m.—7.0 p.m.

At both libraries remember that the hours for Saturdays and school holidays are:—

10.0 a.m.—1.0 p.m. 2.15 p.m. 5.0 p.m.

Here is a list of some of the new books we have recently.

For older children:

The Bridge of water (story of the Panama Canal) ... *Nicolay.*
 The Seasons and the woodman ... *Chapman.*
 The Secret of the shuttered lodge ... *Hogg.*
 Men without fear (about those people who encounter danger every day of their lives) ... *Floherly.*
 We couldn't leave Dinah (story of four children and their horses on one of the Channel Islands during the German Occupation) ... *Treadgold.*
 The Squirrel called Rufus ... *Church.*

For the younger ones:

Moidi, the refugee cow (Adolphus—you remember him—meets a refugee cow from Switzerland) ... *Castellain.*
 The Adventures of Alfie (Alfie is an old rag doll who comes to life and has some wonderful adventures) ... *Toser.*
 Horton hatches the egg (all about an elephant who generously offered to keep the Maysie bird's egg warm for her!) ... *Seuss.*

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WOMEN'S COLUMN

NURSERIES & WAR WORKERS

Prudence Pennywise is glad this month to give over the usual column on Women's affairs to publish this report of a very important Conference of Local Women

A meeting of Delegates from local Women's Organisations was held at the "Centre" on Thursday, February 4th to discuss with other problems the care of children of women war workers, and, women who would go out to work if proper provision could be made for their children during working hours. After some discussion the following plans were recommended:—

That a questionnaire be circulated to every household on the Estate enquiring if where children are concerned the mothers would take up work outside providing their children are cared for, etc.

That provision should be made for children to have hot milk at school instead of cold during the winter months.

That play centres should be organised at the schools and the question of Day Nurseries should be pursued. It was also suggested that women from local groups might co-operate by offering their services voluntary in distributing the questionnaire and assisting at play centres.

A further meeting was arranged for February 27th to enable the delegates to report back the opinions of their own organisations.

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WENLOCK ROAD FIRE WATCHERS.

On Saturday afternoon, 31st January, the Wenlock Road Fire Watchers held a party for all the children in their patrol area.

We never knew there was so much talent or so many children in the area until all the children were gathered in the Watling Centre—and what lung power they have when community singing! A film show was arranged by one of the fire watchers. The women on the Committee did their work well in providing an almost pre-war tea-table.

Money for the party was raised by a series of small whist drives and raffles and donations from Messrs. Boosey & Hawkes' Accounts Office, the Wardens of D19 post and other interested people.

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COMMUNITY SOCIALS

In case you have missed the displayed announcement on Page 1, the "Resident" Committee are holding another Community Social on Friday, March 27, when it is hoped to provide an evening acceptable to all. The children have a few minutes at this social to show their capabilities.

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TWO CUPS OF COFFEE

The Chairman and Hon. Editor were recently out on business for the Association. Having met each other at a pre-arranged point it was thought necessary to retire for a cup of coffee so as to discuss matters before the business appointment.

Being enveloped in discussion little notice was taken of the time, when much to their surprise they realised that they would be late for their appointment if they stayed longer over coffee, rising immediately from their chairs they hurried out of the restaurant—without paying the bill—this was soon rectified, however by the excited calls in the street of the waitress. Whereupon one of the said gentlemen profusely apologised and returned to the cashier's desk to adjust and rectify the unfortunate happening.

(14-18) living on the Estate (not counting 82 members in the Forces), 70 honorary members from the Veterans Club and 62 associate members not living on the Estate.

The local branch of the National Builders' Labourers and Constructional Workers' Union became a constituent body in March.

The London Society of Compositors Hendon Advisory Committee, Burnt Oak Young Peoples Adult School, Watling Orchestra, and local branches of the Clarion Cycling Club and Plasterers Union having ceased to function were removed from the list of constituent bodies, leaving the schedule at the end of the year as shown at the beginning of this report.

3. FINANCE

In spite of catering difficulties and the increase in all expenses, the financial position is satisfactory. It has at last become possible to start an extension fund to provide for additions to the building and equipment when these become possible. £200 has been set aside for this.

Watling Week produced £126 7s. profit, nearly as much as last year, but it was not possible to hold the usual anniversary celebrations in January.

The Association extends its grateful thanks to the Hendon Youth Organisations Committee for grants of £5 each for carpentry tools and Youth Club equipment and to the Middlesex Education Committee for its assistance in continuing to provide three-quarters of the Secretary's salary.

4. ADULT EDUCATION

The Men's and Women's Adult Schools, Dressmaking Class, Folk Dancing Group, Guild of Players, Women's Neighbourhood Guild, Fellowship Meeting and Discussion Group, have met regularly during the year. The Mixed Choir has also met regularly and has increased its membership. In the summer it changed its name to the Watling Association Musical Society with the idea of including instrumental as well as vocal music. It has given several performances both at the Centre and elsewhere. The Guild of Players has produced three times at the Centre and once outside in aid of the Russian Red Cross. The W.E.A. Class in Sociology did not continue after Easter, but in September a flourishing class in Literature (N) was recruited from members of the local branch of the Youth Hostels Association which meets at the Centre.

In the Autumn months a small group followed the B.B.C. series on planning (N). A branch of the Kentish Town Poultry Club (N) was formed in January, since when it has met regularly once a fortnight. In October a Rabbit Club (N) was started, which had 28 members by the end of the year. Two series of Cookery Demonstrations were given by the Gas Light & Coke Co., in May and September, the former culminating in a cake-making competition during Watling Week.

Two public meetings were held on "What we are Fighting For," the first addressed by a representative from the Ministry of Information, the [The bold letter (N) denotes a new activity started.]

THE WATLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT, 1941

1. GENERAL

The year has been marked by two salient characteristics, increased attention to the needs of young people, and better provision for assistance to those who need advice on personal problems. Each of these matters receives notice in the appropriate section of this report.

In August the Council accepted with great regret the resignation of Mr. C. J. Roblou from the posts of chairman and trustee. In September Mr. E. E. Cole was elected chairman and Mr. A. T. Lord trustee.

In January it was agreed to extend to 10.30 p.m. the time to which groups might carry on activities even if an air raid was in progress. Most organisations availed themselves of this opportunity.

Affiliation with the London Federation of Community Associations and the National Council of Social Service has been continued, representatives were sent to the national conferences of the movement at Leicester and Birmingham, and £5 has been given to the Community Associations National Central Fund.

The secretary has served on the committee to administer the Leverhulme Trust grant for research into the architectural problems of Community Centres, on the N.C.S.S. Community Associations Planning Group and as chairman of the Standing Committee of the Consultative Council of Community Associations.

PUBLIC MATTERS. The Centre has been kept in continual readiness for use as a Borough Council Emergency Rest and Feeding Centre for local people homeless through bombing, but happily this has not had to be used during the year.

Affiliation has been continued with the National Council of Civil Liberties and the Pedestrians Association and a representative attended two conferences called by the India League.

Free accommodation has been provided for flag day depots for the British Sailors Society and Mission to Seamen, the Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade, and for Poppy Day; a representative has been sent to the Red Cross and St. John Penny a week Committee; support has been given to a local War Weapons Week demonstration, and the Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund.

A room has been provided free of charge for a local W.V.S. group, collections have been taken for comforts for members in the Forces and for the Borough of Hendon Welfare and Comforts Organisation in aid of which a dance was also run.

The secretary has served on the local Ministry of Information Committee and Ministry of Labour Welfare panel.

2. MEMBERSHIP

There has been a steady influx of new members throughout the year so that in spite of the difficulties which older people feel in coming out after dark and the departure of many younger members to the Forces, there were, at the end of the year, 450 members and junior members

second by an employee, a housewife and a psychologist. The Neighbours held an open meeting for a show of Ministry of Information Films which was well attended. A public meeting on "Schools of the Future" was held in co-operation with the Adult Schools. In the Autumn a good optical lantern was purchased at the request of the Education Committee.

5. YOUTH WORK

The Association's Youth Club has met regularly. The Girls' Club met regularly up to July and in the Autumn decided to become an independent organisation. The Edgware Model Aero Club has rented weekly accommodation for nearly the whole year.

In July a public meeting for young people was addressed by representatives of local youth organisations on "What Youth is Fighting For," and this was followed by monthly meetings (N) on various subjects. Arising out of this meeting, also, a short study group on "Local Government" (N) was started for young people. At the end of the series one or two miscellaneous subjects were discussed and the group then took up the study outline "Foundations of Peace."

A small Dressmaking Class for girls (N) has been held in a private house. In September a meeting of representatives of local youth organisations was called to consider "How to meet the needs of Young People on the Watling Estate." It was then decided to set up a Watling Youth Committee (N) and the secretary of the Association was asked to serve as its secretary. At the end of the year the care of public meetings for young people was handed over to this committee.

In August, Mr. Grist, of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, met the Executive to discuss Boys' Club work and it was agreed that if it were possible to find leaders this side of the work ought to be extended.

The local branch of the Youth Hostels Association has met regularly at the Centre throughout the year.

The Secretary of the Association has served on the Executive of the Borough Youth Organisations Committee.

6. JUVENILE WORK

The children's groups for Tap Dancing, Variety Party, Sewing, Knitting, Folk Dancing, Boys' P.T., Carpentry and Games, have been well supported, particularly in the Autumn, when the influx of boys became almost more than the leaders could cope with.

In the Autumn a children's Harvest Festival (N) was held, the proceeds being sent to John Groom's Crippleage. Children attending groups after dark have been asked to bring letters from their parents accepting responsibility for this.

The help of members of the Sixth Form Society of University College School with two boys' groups has been very much appreciated. In July the Council accepted with great regret the resignation of Mrs. Durant from the post of Juvenile Organiser. Mrs. Guy was appointed to the office in August.

A branch of the Borough Council Children's Library (N) was opened at the Centre in January and has been very well patronised.

7. GAMES AND SPORTS

The Bowls Club had a very good season, but it, and the Association as a whole, suffered a great loss in December when its enthusiastic secretary, Mr. O. A. J. Torrance, passed away.

The Weight Lifters have met spasmodically, having suffered greatly through the calling up of members.

In the Autumn a team was entered for the Y.O.C. Net Ball League.

8. SOCIAL

Social activities revived during the year and have latterly been almost, though not always so well attended, as before the air raids. Whist Drives have been held on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons, Dances on Wednesday evenings, Socials on Saturdays, and members' dances on Sundays.

In April the Amateur Variety Party became an independent body.

9. TENANTS' WELFARE AND PERSONAL SERVICE

The appropriate authorities have been approached in connection with improvements to bus routes, danger arising from piles of building materials left in the streets for the erection of air raid shelters and consequent waste, increase of road accidents, need for examining the electrical installations in Estate houses, play centres for children whose mothers are at work, inclusion of the Estate in the area where soldiers' wives receive the London extra 6d. a day. Representations have been made on the need for a communal kitchen on the Estate and a part time use of the Centre has been offered for the purpose. As the authorities did not think that this would be satisfactory, pressure to provide other accommodation for the kitchen has been continued.

In March "The Neighbours" (N), a group of women members of the Association meeting once a week, was started to provide occasional assistance for neighbours who need visiting or such things as help with a child, or shopping. The meetings have been partly social, partly business, partly working for comforts or other material needs.

In the same month it was decided to enlarge the scope of the Tenants Welfare Officer to include the needs of the residents as such, and not only their problems as tenants.

A local visitor has been found for the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, the Hospital Savings Association group has grown, the Veterans' Club has maintained its numbers.

The Poor Man's Lawyer service has continued throughout the year. During the summer the Citizens' Advice Bureau work was re-organised and at the end of the year four sessions were being held each week with voluntary workers found by the Central Committee for the Borough. Early in the year assistance was given in the formation of the Watling Estate Fire Watchers Association (N) which was formed to represent the interests of the voluntary fire watchers on the Estate.

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Council accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Roblou from the post of representative on this committee. In September Mr. A. R. Lodge was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Distress Fund has continued to do useful work. The usual Christmas collection for it was more successful than for some years and resulted in a contribution of £12 4s.

Pupils of Cophall County School again gave generous Christmas presents for the Association to distribute to Watling children.

10. MAGAZINE AND PUBLICITY

"The Watling Resident" has again had a good year, both financially and editorially. In spite of difficulties the size has not been reduced, the price not increased, and more illustrations have been included than for some years. The circulation has gone up by about three hundred during the twelve months. New residents have received a letter of welcome to the Estate and a complimentary copy of the magazine, and in the Spring all those who had come to the Estate in the last four months were canvassed. The usual 2,000 copies of the winter programme were reprinted and distributed in September. In October the following note was printed for distribution to each person joining the Association in future.

"We are glad to welcome you as a member of the Watling Association and hope that you will take an active part in it. We believe you will get most out of it for yourself if you also put something into it, share the responsibility for its work and organisation. The secretary can tell you what jobs are waiting to be done. There is a wide variety of activities going on at the Centre and we hope that you will take part in them. May we draw your attention to the Discussion Groups, Adult Schools, Dramatic and Musical Societies. The Association, in addition to running activities tries to get improvements in local services and amenities, to help members who find themselves in difficulties and to promote a spirit of neighbourliness. We should be glad of your ideas on these matters.

"The Association is governed by a Council which normally meets on the third Thursday of each month, and its meetings are held in public. You are welcome to attend to hear what is being done about the things in which you are interested.

11. THANKS

The thanks of the Council are extended to all who have helped in the kitchen, in selling the "Resident," in collecting subscriptions, stewarding and organising activities; to contributors to and the Editor of the "Resident"; to the many visitors who have come to help with classes, clubs, lectures, entertainments and other efforts. To the solicitor who has served as Poor Man's Lawyer, to the staff of the Citizens' Advice Bureau, and to the Hon. Auditors and Solicitors; to the tradesmen and others who have helped with gifts; to the Association's Fire Watchers and the Deans Lane Fire Watchers for their help in looking after the Centre; to the "Times and Guardian" for reports of activities and to Mr. and Mrs. Price for cultivating the rose garden.

"THE WATLING RESIDENT"

Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1941

TRADING ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Printing	138	10	6	By Sales:—			
.. Gross Profit	53	18	9	Members and Voucher Copies ...	34	9	6
				Cash Sales	47	2	11
							81 12 5
				Advertisements			110 16 10
	£192	9	3				£192 9 3

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Administration	21	14	3	By Gross Profit	53	18	9
.. Bad Debts written off	0	10	0	.. Miscellaneous Income	0	11	9
.. Net Profit	33	12	3	.. Discounts	1	6	0
	£55	16	6		£55	16	6

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1941

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
Profit and Loss Account—				Cash at Bank	65	4	10
Profit as at 31st December, 1940 ...	185	4	11	Typewriter	0	10	0
Add Profit for year 1941	33	12	3	On Deposit with Watling Association ...	125	0	0
			218 17 2	Watling Association for members and voucher copies	17	14	0
				Sundry Advertisers	10	8	4
			£218 17 2				£218 17 2

The foregoing account is in accordance with the records kept by the Secretary and all items of income and expenditure have been checked and vouched. The balance in hand is as stated in the account. The bank book has been produced and inspected.

February 13th, 1942.

K. A. N. SIMKINS, Hon. Treasurer.

G. RICHARDSON, Hon. Auditor.

During the year the Council accepted with great regret the resignation of Mrs. Guy from the post of juvenile Organiser. Mrs. Guy was appointed to the office in August.

A branch of the Borough Council Children's Library (N) was opened at the Centre in January and has been very well patronised.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

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Building Fund—	\$	s.	d.	\$	s.	d.			\$	s.	d.	\$	s.	d.
Grant from the Pilgrim Trust ...	2300	0	0											
Donations and Special Receipts:														
Balance as at 31st December, 1940 ...	877	0	11											
Additions to Fund during year:														
Donations and Profit on Rummage Sale	22	2	7											
	899	3	6											
Appropriations from Income—														
Balance as at 31st December, 1940 ...	900	0	0											
	4099	3	6											
Extensions Fund—														
Amount transferred from Income and Expenditure Account ...				200	0	0								
Loan from the Pilgrim Trust ...				400	0	0								
Amount Due to Creditors—														
Deposit by the "Watling Resident"	125	0	0											
Veterans' Club and other deposits	36	13	1											
Other Creditors and Expenses	81	3	8											
Provision for contributions under War Damage Act, 1941	48	0	0											
				290	16	9								
Repairs, Renewals and Re-decorations Fund—														
Balance as at 31st December, 1940	297	19	6											
Amount appropriated from Income and Expenditure Account during year ...	150	0	0											
				447	19	6								
Income and Expenditure Account—														
Balance as at 31st December, 1940	141	8	6											
Add: Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1941, per attached account ...	190	17	3											
	332	5	9											
Deduct: Amount transferred to Extensions Fund ...	200	0	0											
				132	5	9								
				£5570	5	d								

WATLING ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

On February 19th it was decided to remove the names of the Painters and Decorators Union and the Mohican Scouts from the schedule of Constituent Bodies of the Association as they showed no interest in its work. Renewed efforts are to be made to speed up the authorities who should be providing a communal kitchen on the Estate, and efforts are being made to find out the demand for improved facilities for children of women at work, e.g., school breakfasts and teas, play centres.

It was agreed that members under 16 should attend some youth organisation as a condition of being admitted to dances at the Centre. A resolution that the Chairman of the Council shall be elected annually and shall not remain in office for more than three consecutive years was carried by a large majority.

BURNT OAK MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

In spite of the severe weather of January and early February, the Men's Adult School has continued to meet regularly every Sunday morning at 9.30.

Discussion has ranged over a number of subjects, chief of which is the School's outline of fundamental reforms necessary for the establishment of an improved "New Order" for the world.

The inspiration for reconstruction was brought out in a talk "Life goes on," and the background of our life was challenged in another talk entitled "Living or Partly Living."

How many believe that we all live for a purpose and the Gospel of Christ can show the way to true happiness.

The Annual Meeting produced a few changes in officers. (See February "Resident").—We are always pleased to welcome visitors.—J.W.P.

RABBIT CLUB REPORT.

A Committee Meeting was held at the Watling Centre on Wednesday, January 14th.

Present: Messrs. Jebbs, Dobodoe, Weatherley, Abbott and Cole (in Chair).

Two meetings have been arranged for this month, March 3rd and 17th:—

March 3rd.—Points for Cup Show Classes, Fur, Fancy, Utility.

1 Rabbit only to be entered in each class by a member.

The 3 cups not to cost more than 36/-.

March 17th.—Club Meeting.

The Treasurer reported that we now have 23 fully paid members, 8 juniors.

It was agreed that honorary membership should be 50% of membership fees.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th at 8 p.m.

In future, meetings will be arranged for the first Tuesday of each month.

Mr. Abbott has been appointed Chairman in the place of Mr. Cole who, we regret, is leaving the district.

At our Meeting held on the 17th February, Mr. Maynard gave some very interesting points on diseases and cures.

We shall be pleased to see some new faces at our next meeting on March 3rd.

MARCH, 1942

Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sundays—
Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
1. The Power of Faith.
Mrs. E. Currie Martin.
8 A Way of Life. Mr. Wright.
15 Grenfell of Labrador.
Miss K. Spalding.
22 The Christian Challenge.
Mr. Vines.
29 Members' Meeting.
Society of Friends Meeting for
Worship and Children's
Classes, 11 a.m.
Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Monday—
Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
W.E.A. Literature Class, 2.45 p.m.
Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
Watling Association Musical Society, 8 p.m.
Edgware Model Aero Club, 8 p.m.

Tuesday—
Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30 a.m.
Dress-making Class, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8 p.m.

Wednesday—
Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
4 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Harris.
11 Spain. Senora Campa.
18 Watling Resident. Mr. A. R. Croker.
25 Annual Business Meeting.
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club, 4.15 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Cyclists' Touring Club, 8 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8 p.m.
4 The Race Problem. Mr. E. Sewell Harris.
11 Music. Mr. A. I. Jones.
18 The Case Against Pacifism.
25 Money. Mr. E. Sewell Harris, B.Sc.(Econ.).

Thursday—
(Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30 a.m.)
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association, 7 p.m.
5 Hosteller's Hot-Pot.
12 Beetle Drive and Dancing.
19 Discussion on Post-War Town Planning.
26 "In Town To-night." Radio Skit.
Watling Association Youth Club, 7.30 p.m.
5 Play Reading.
12 Social.
19 General Knowledge Test.
26 Films.

Friday—
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30 p.m.
Hospital Saving Association, 6.30 p.m.
The Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.
1st Hendon Scouts, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday—
Poor Man's Lawyer, 2.30 p.m.
Old-Time Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Sun. 1 Fellowship Meeting, 3.30 p.m.
Tues. 3 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.
Thurs. 5 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Annual Meeting, 7.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poultry Club, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 7 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 8 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Thurs. 12 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Mon. 16 "Living in Cities" Exhibition opens 2.30 p.m.
Tues. 17 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.
Thurs. 19 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poultry Club, 7.30 p.m.
Watling Association Council, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 21 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 22 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Community Singing, 8 p.m.
Thurs. 26 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Fri. 27 "Re-ident" Social.
Mon. 30 "Living in Cities" Exhibition closes.
Tues. 31 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

The first meeting of this year opened with an absorbing discourse on the work of famous artists by Miss Scowsby. Many interesting reproductions by great painters were on view, which lent added interest to an informative lecture.

The all-important subject of "Family Allowances" with all its usual intricacies, and full of family interest, was the theme chosen for the second discussion of this year.

The third meeting of January was devoted to a programme of light entertainment by Mr. Brown with his never-ending stock of witty chatter and humorous stories.

Gardening hints by Miss Taylor and "how to raise crops" was the subject of January's last meeting. This proved to be extremely helpful for those interested in gardening.

February opened with an afternoon of social discourse followed by some dancing. Mrs. Williams, at the piano, helped to make a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.—M. GURR.

YOUTH

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ST. ALPHAGE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

With the rapid disappearance of Christmas into the realms of memory, the pulse of life amongst our organisations has resumed a more regular beat. In other words we are going ahead steadily, and looking forward to the united meeting to be addressed by Mr. Croker in Wesley Hall on March 6th and to the second combined social in Woodcroft School Hall on March 13th.

The Discussion Group has been striving to understand the workings and aims, first of the League of Nations and then of Federal Union. While recently we have been occupied with the question of the establishment of the Church of England and its position in natural history and life.

The Badminton Club welcomed to its ranks some new members recently and sent a team to play St. John's, Harrow.

Lastly, but something which claims our full attention from now till just before Easter, must come mention of the rehearsals and production of the Passion Play which our people are presenting in the Hall in Holy Week. We hope to give fuller details about it next month.

EDGWARE MODEL AERO CLUB

Many members are now taking the opportunity of testing their "Round the Pole models" at club meetings.

These models are being prepared for an inter-club contest at the Kodak Recreation Hall on March 1st. Amongst the clubs the Edgware M.A.C. will compete against are Northern Heights M.F.C., Harrow M.F.C., Watford M.A.C., Kodak M.A.C., and the Sudbury Heights M.F.C.

The success of the "Valkyrie" Club model is now beginning to be realised. Many thanks are due to Mr. H. Walker, the designer, and Mr. B. J. Sainsbury, for his excellent drawings, without which the success of this venture could not have been attained.

Outdoor flying in Edgwarebury Park is due to begin again on a large scale sometime during March.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15:—

- Mar. 1.—Mr. ROBERT LAIDLAW.
- Mar. 8.—Mr. D. SAYER.
- Mar. 15.—Mr. R. COLBERT.
- Mar. 22.—Mr. R. W. McADAM.
- Mar. 29.—Mr. H. J. BREAREY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th at 7.30 p.m.
WOODCROFT SCHOOL, GOLDBEATERS GROVE
BURNT OAK

YOUTH SOCIAL

Tickets obtainable from Club Leaders 6d. each

"BRAINS TRUST"

The Brains Trust (local variety) met at the Centre on the 13th February. The resident "Brains" consisted of Mr. Harris, Rev. H. J. Blackmore, Mr. H. Lee, and two lady visitors, Miss Laurence and Miss Hindmarsh. It must be stated that there were only two questions which the Trust were unable to answer and they had a great variety of problems to tackle. Mr. A. W. Beaumont made an excellent Question-Master. The audience had their attention held, and on one occasion a member of the audience helped to solve a problem.

May I offer a little criticism, helpfully I hope. The meeting was advertised to start at 8 o'clock, it was late in starting, and consequently small groups of people were standing around waiting. I wonder if the Youth Committee could consider having representatives of all the groups to act as "Hosts" at any future joint affair? Their job would be to welcome folk, show them to their seats, and generally help. And do try to start punctually, won't you?

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UNITED SUNDAY SERVICE

The Youth Service and Rally held at the Methodist Central Hall on February 8th was not so well supported as had been hoped. Representatives of the various Youth organisations present were few in number, the main support being from the Methodist Young People themselves.

The Rev. H. J. Blackmore gave a very inspiring address and it is hoped that the Watling Youth Committee will not lose heart in this their first Church Rally; but will have another in the summer, when perhaps more may be encouraged to take part and possibly more representatives be encouraged on to the platform. Possibly a procession could be organised with, say, several lay members encouraged to take part in the service.—Carry on, W.Y.C.!

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WATLING BOYS' CLUB

Many members of the club are interested in the Y.H.A., and it is hoped that if enough boys join the club will be able to organise outings in future months. The secretary and chairman of the club, who are keen hostellers, have experimented in this direction by taking two parties of boys to Boulton's Look in 1941. Then in January Mr. Harold Dudney, in an interesting talk, gave club members an idea of the activities of the Y.H.A.

The boxing section of the club has many members and it is hoped that there will be a big entry of boys in the London Federation of Boys' Clubs Boxing Championships.

Every Wednesday night the secretary has arranged for a speaker to come to the club to give a talk. The subjects include football, physical training, boxing, dramatics, cross-country running and the Y.H.A.

All club members are looking forward to the next Youth Organisations Social on March 13th, at which we are acting as joint hosts.

The club held a very successful dance at St. Alphage Hall, Saturday, February 14th, in aid of the funds of the club. The financial result was very satisfactory.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th at 8 p.m.

Wesley Hall, Burnt Oak.

"OUR NEWSPAPERS"

Speaker: Mr. A. ROBERT CROKER

(Engagements permitting)

BURNT OAK METHODIST MISSION

Attendances during recent weeks have been excellent and we have been delighted to welcome a number of new members, and also a few visitors from other clubs. The "Sunday Night at 8" Discussion Group is as popular as ever, the attendance rarely being less than 40. During January, subjects included "Are women equal to men?" and "What is happiness?"

Our members greatly enjoyed the successful social at St. Alphage Hall on January 16th, except perhaps for the few minutes during which our minister was defeated at "hocky" by one of the St. Alphage clergy! It was a privilege to have the first United Rally in our Hall on February 8th, and we were glad to welcome representatives of so many organisations.

At the moment we are busy preparing for our Club Anniversary. On Saturday, February 28th, at 7.30 p.m., we present "The Mirthquake of 1942" (admission 1/- and 6d., payable at the doors). The following day there will be special services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. conducted by Club members. We shall be specially delighted to welcome members of other Watling Youth Organisations. On Tuesday, March 17th, at 7.30 p.m., a grand concert will be given by the De Havilland Orchestral Society (admission 1/- and 6d., payable at the doors, all proceeds being for our club funds).

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THE "1939" CLUB

Last month's programme has been very successful, especially as was the American supper and the film show. The Dramatic Section are working very hard. Several members went to the New Theatre to see the Sadlers Wells Ballet, and others went to the Orpheum Theatre at Golders Green to hear the London Philharmonic Orchestra. A social and dance was held at Burnt Oak School on Saturday, February 7th, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended. Mr. Frank Thomas, Mr. Jack Needham and Mr. John Drummond gave a floor show which provided much amusement. We are looking forward to the brighter weather, when we shall be able to arrange more rambles and outings.

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YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION

(Hendon Group)

The chief social events of the month have been the entertainments presented by members. The group were very pleased to welcome members of other organisations to the first of these—a variety concert. At the time of writing, rehearsals are in full swing for the plays the group are presenting together with the Watling Boys' Club. There have also been the usual varied Thursday evening meetings during the month.

This time of the year is ideal for out-of-door activity and it is encouraging that the week-end outings are still well supported. The walk organised on February 8th will go down as one of the most enjoyable ever. The same week-end representatives of the group attended a London Region Council meeting; it was decided to open the new hostel at Witwell, near Welwyn, for Easter. This will be of great convenience for Hendon members and in March a few of the keenest are going on a working party to help prepare the hostel for opening.

Next month's outings have been arranged to cover most areas of London's countryside and the group invite anyone to join with them either on a day walk or week-end at a hostel. Provision is made whereby a night may be spent at a hostel as an experiment before joining the Association, and full particulars of this and any other activities will be given gladly by the Secretary, c/o Watling Centre. The March social programme appears in the diary elsewhere in this issue.

YOUTH**PAGE****SCOUTS AT THE "CENTRE"**

The 14th Hendon Boy Scout Troop which has been functioning successfully in this district for a number of years, has now taken up its headquarters at the Watling Centre, and there are great hopes that the troop will make further progress. The troop was welcomed to the Centre on behalf of the Watling Association by Mr. A. I. Jones, President of the Association, and Mr. F. H. Lake was congratulated on his appointment as Scoutmaster. Mr. Spreadbury, Group Scoutmaster, expressed his thanks for the co-operation of the Watling Association for providing accommodation for the troop, and appreciated the interest shown by all concerned. He looked forward to many happy days of Scoutcraft.

There are a few vacancies in the troop for keen boys. All those interested are cordially invited to attend at the Annexe, Watling Centre, on Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

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A BUSY MONTH

March is a busy month for the gardener. The sowing of seeds of various kinds can be taken in hand. Shrubberies and borders are all the better for a top dressing, and turf edgings may be relaid. Deciduous trees should all be pruned before the end of the month and hedges should be trimmed. The hedges are best kept to a pointed shape in order that light and air may have free access to the lower boughs, otherwise the hedge is liable to become thin at the bottom and then cats and dogs can easily get through.

FLOWER GARDEN. Sow Patches of hardy annuals in the open border, and transplant the autumn-sown annuals, biennials and herbaceous plants into their flowering quarters. Such plants as carnations, pinks and pansies should also be planted out. Gladiolus and anemone roots may be planted.

Plants in frames should have more water now that they are growing and should have plenty of fresh air in the daytime.

FRUIT GARDEN. Peach and nectarine trees should now be pruned. Cut out old wood where possible, without reducing the size of the tree but leave as many of last year's shoots as can remain without over-crowding each other, for it is upon these that the fruit is borne.

The grafting of hardy fruit trees should now be begun.

Gooseberries should be pruned if this has not already been done. In the case of old bushes thinning the shoots is preferable to spurting. Leave only those branches that point outwards and remove all shoots likely to rest on the ground. In the case of black, red and white currants, cut or prune hard back young trees in order to form enough shoots to provide a good base.

VEGETABLE GARDEN. It is in this section that there is much to be done.

Broad beans, shallots and early peas should have been sown by the end of February but if this has not been done early in March will be time enough.

Sow the main crops of peas, cabbages, carrots, parsnips and onions.

Plant the main crop of potatoes and cabbages towards the end of the month.

Young cauliflowers and lettuces should be planted out under hand glasses.

Celery, tomato and cucumber seeds should be sown in boxes placed on heat.

Rhubarb can be mildly forced by covering the young shoots (of plants at least two years old) in the early spring with sea-kade pots or drain-pipes or even an old box, surrounding these with a heap of fermenting manure. A large dressing of well-rotted manure should be dug in about the roots as soon as you have finished pulling the leaves. Rhubarb roots should be lifted and divided every three or four years.

Spinach is a deservedly popular vegetable. The seed may be sown from now up to the end of May at three-weekly intervals so as to provide a good succession. A deeply dug rather moist soil suits it best. When ready for gathering do not pick all the leaves from any one plant.

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ANSWERS TO "DO YOU KNOW?"

The questions appeared in February's "Resident," and here is a set of answers given by one reader.

- 1.—Three years.
- 2.—So many, that it is impossible to give a full list, but here are a few:—

First Aid; accommodation at Rest Centres; Government Compensation for goods, chattels and clothing lost or damaged (with extra coupons); grants for immediate needs, removal expenses, tools necessary for trade or profession, and the Lord Mayor's Fund which covers abnormal circumstances.

- 4.—Until re-assessed, and then, if continued, for life, but is not transferred to widows or orphans.
- 3.—The S.S.A.F.A. exists to help the families of members (men and women) of the three Services. They have special knowledge of the problems of pay and allowances of members of the Forces and give financial assistance in case of need. Local representative of S.S.A.F.A. at 130, Station Road, Hendon, any week day up till 4.30, except lunch hour, or Saturdays up till 12.30, or first discuss trouble at nearest Citizens' Advice Bureau.
- 5.—To provide money for prosecution of War and to create a nest-egg by stopping unnecessary buying now.
- 6.—Very approximately—£500—as compared with the total contribution under National Health and Pension Insurance Scheme from 16 years to 65 years, of approximately £113.
- 7.—Because it would enable certain individuals to buy more clothes than others. "Mourning" is much less used of recent years.
- 8.—For short visit have evidence in writing of purpose, which must be important. For longer visit get Police Permit in advance.
- 9.—Yes, provided they both possess a certain amount of furniture in that house.
- 10.—The Citizens' Advice Bureaux. To provide for all a centre of advice and information on all kinds of problems; to explain legislation and see that no one misses, through ignorance, the provisions made for them; to put people in touch with the best means of obtaining help of all kinds; and to bring to the notice of enquirers the opportunities and responsibilities of civic service.

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THE WATLING RESIDENT

RANDOM JOTTINGS

Our New Chairman

Councillor A. Durant was appointed Chairman of the Watling Association at the Meeting of the Council on Thursday, March 19th. We welcome Councillor Durant as our new chairman and wish him every success.

"Advertised Goods Bear the Name of the Maker"

We deplore the actions of the members of the Young Communist League in defacing walls and pavements to advertise a recent meeting held under their auspices at the "Centre." Not only because of the nuisance such advertising causes, do we object, but because to the general public the impression is given that the particular meeting is sponsored by the Association. This is taking an advantage of the privilege the Young Communist League have obtained in renting the necessary accommodation for its meetings.

Learners' Dances and Novices

Talking with the Watling Association Youth Club members recently, I discovered they have a grievance, namely, that at the "Learners" Dance on a Wednesday evening there is no opportunity to "learn." The suggestion was made that members attending other dances might come to the "learners" dance, with the express purpose of teaching (that is, to take as partners) the novices.

Poor Man's Lawyer

The Poor Man's Lawyer who has given such valuable service at the "Centre" on Saturday afternoons has found it necessary to alter his day of visiting to Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. and this alteration takes effect from Wednesday, April 1st.

Drama at the "Centre"

The Watling Guild of Players have commenced rehearsal of a Drama entitled "The Two Mrs. Carrolls" by Martin Vale. This is a play of three Acts and the Guild hopes soon to announce when they are giving their first public performance of this captivating Drama.

More Records Broken

The highest attendance for a number of years was the case at the Annual Meeting of the Association held on March 5th.—See report elsewhere in this issue.

Correspondence

Attention is drawn this month to "Letters to the Editor" column, it is a healthy state of affairs when readers write to their own magazine, and particularly when the letter is fully signed and addressed.

An Announcement

This issue has been printed by a firm of printers new to the Association and we are pleased to announce to the reader that they are 100 per cent. Trade Union. A contract has been placed with them and we are assured of their best service.

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(see note below)

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"Free and Easy"

As a result of requests the Executive have agreed to recommence the popular "Free and Easy" on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the months. It is their desire to maintain the original title so that we might readily appreciate the whole attitude of the gathering as that of a "free style and easy manner." Nevertheless a charge of 2d. is to be made and, of course, the evening is for **Members Only**.

His Worship the Mayor

The Borough Council was well represented at the Youth Rally held at Woodcroft School recently by the presence of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman R. A. B. Teare, M.B.E., J.P., accompanied by the Mayoress, also Councillor A. Durant, representative on the Council for the Burnt Oak Ward. See report of rally on Youth pages 6-7.

Recreation in a Machine Age

The executive have asked Mrs. King and Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg to represent the association at a conference convened by the Fabian Society on the subject of "Recreation in a Machine Age." These delegates hope to give a report which should be very interesting to members at a future date.

Ladies! Are You Snobs?

If not why not? Every lady should mend her own shoes. One well-known community centre has a class to teach this useful art to the ladies. Would you like to learn? If so, give in your name at Watling Centre.

Where are You going Sir!—take your chance!

From April 12 queues must be formed for trams and buses all over the country. This is an order made by the Minister of War Transport and it applies whether there is a queue sign or not.

This revives in my mind the ridiculous bus queue arrangements outside Burnt Oak Station, where three bus services pick up passengers. I have seen regulators and inspectors stand helplessly by while there is a mad rush for the bus in spite of an orderly queue waiting patiently beforehand. What is needed is three different queues.

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MY WIFE'S BIRTHDAY

By J. H. AVEY

MY wife's birthday coincided with the date of the first concert in England by the greatest of all present day lyrical tenor singers—Gigli. As a special treat I promised to take her to the Albert Hall—but of course she was to be prepared for a disappointment, for I had not obtained the tickets in advance.

We had not got so far as the main entrance when a kindly soul asked apologetically, "Did you want tickets for the concert to-night?" "Yes," said I. "Well I have two you may have, and, they are quite complimentary if you would be so good as to accept them." *If I would be so good.* I was nearly so good as to save him the trouble of taking them from his pocket. This man's wife was unable to come along and he had come to give his tickets away. And what tickets. Seats in a box on the grand tier.

Gigli was on the platform very promptly to time and was to immediately learn what it was to have a chilly reception. My wife and I seemed to clap our hand louder than everybody else put together. Just one here and there felt any enthusiasm for this already world famous man. The mood however was soon to change. I for one had never been inspired by our National Anthem. This he sang first of all. Even massed bands and choirs combined could not equal the thrill. The first three lines were sung as if he was truly right away from this world before a throne of supplication and in such a small pleading voice. Then suddenly back to earth with a terrifying burst of volume "Send him victorious." The packed audience was alert.

Here was not only a great singer but the complete artist. Whether it was an ordinary ballad or a great operatic aria, each was rendered to perfection itself. Perhaps some saucy little song would get the audience laughing, but he would immediately follow with a great and difficult aria and bring to bear all the drama and atmosphere of the operatic stage setting.

Five items were on the first part of the programme but to this had been added at least 10 encores, then he commanded in a very frivolous manner—silence—made the announcement "A little interval," and ran.

Here I took a walk along the corridors and listened to conversations. "Never heard anyone like him," was the most expressed thought. One Colonel Bogey type though, said he'd heard plenty better. "Who," demanded a voice. "Hrump. Well, Caruso." "Name the man to-day," no answer forthcoming.

The second part of the concert, plus again numerous extra items, went by and altogether we heard two hours of this heaven-sent gift of a voice. Then the piano was closed and locked and we knew we should hear no more.

By now few seats were occupied on the floor of the hall, everybody had crowded towards the stage to get a close-up view, perhaps a handclasp? But no, the accompanist, a towering form of a man compared with Gigli, ushered the people away with an expression of "don't touch the goods, they're sacred." But now the chilly atmosphere of just more than two hours before had turned to a heat wave. The great artist with the perfect tenor voice had conquered. The audience was at his feet and a stream of tears of emotion ran from his eyes.

This was more than a birthday outing for me and come to think of it, the main reason for going (the wife's birthday) soon went into oblivion.

HENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Safety-First. Examinations and Milk

By "OBSERVER"

A PLEASING INTERLUDE.—In connection with the National Winter Competition organised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, it is interesting to note that Hendon Schools secured 3 out of 6 First Prizes and 6 out of 29 Consolation Prizes. A fine performance. Orange Hill Central School was well to the fore, Eric Dutton and Hazel Turner secured First Prizes in their respective groups, and Joan Ward and Betty Collins Consolation Prizes. The prize-winners and their parents attended a recent meeting of the Borough of Hendon Education Committee and received public congratulations on the successes.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS.—It was reported that 16 girls of the Orange Hill School sat for the Oxford School Certificate Examination in December last and 14 were successful. Two girls from St. James' R.C. School sat for the Cambridge School Certificate and both were successful. The teaching staffs and scholars were congratulated on the results achieved.

MILK DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.—Much publicity has recently been given to certain criticisms on the subject of the distribution of milk to children during the last Holiday period. Owing to the non-attendance of children either for free milk (*i.e.*, paid for by the Committee) or for milk on payment (*i.e.*, paid for by the children), 40 per cent. of the free milk and 13 per cent. of the milk on payment was issued to children other than those for whom it was supplied. It is very desirable and necessary that the issue of milk to the school children should be maintained during holiday periods, and parents should co-operate with the authorities and help to eliminate all ground for criticism and ensure success of the arrangements. Children must attend regularly and punctually every day, and it is hoped that during future holiday periods a 100 per cent. issue will be recorded.



DID YOU VISIT THE "LIVING IN CITIES" EXHIBITION?

This exhibition was well worth a visit. It was well planned, and gave a pictorial lecture which made you think. All aspects of life were dealt with, home, health, children, recreation, industry, and distribution to mention a few. It was interesting to note how the form and life of a city are the result of the social outlook and technical knowledge of the builders. The excellent photographs reached a high artistic standard, and showed the delights of a planned town with country surrounding and confining the growth of that city. May our children be spared the sight of universal suburbia. The message of the exhibition to me was planned demolition, taking away all that which is harmful and ugly in our city life, and putting in its place life as it is meant to be lived.—M. C.



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What is Education ?

"VERY interesting" was the reply of a friend of mine to a question I put to him on what did he think of the Annual General Meeting held at the "Centre" on March 5th. He went on to say that he was particularly pleased the subject of "Education" was raised, and that the splendid display of tolerance by the officials conducting the meeting and the members attending was to him an education in democracy.

It is one thing to voice your own opinions regardless of the other person's point of view; it is quite another thing to present your "concern" or "case" in such a way that you inspire confidence and create a natural desire on the part of your audience to co-operate and learn together.

Practice over a long period in peace and in war has shown how difficult and discouraging the results often are when well-known lecturers have been secured to speak to only a handful of people; yet it cannot be said that the association has abandoned the more educational and cultural side of its activities, study for yourself the diary of events over a few months;

What the writer of these notes feels most is that we lose so much opportunity for good by turning every occasion into a debating society.

One very sound method of winning converts is to be able to state one's case, concisely and calmly without aggravating those whom you wish to influence. Why not first of all attend a speech training class and equip yourself in the art of propaganda?

Of course speech training alone will not equip you, actions speak louder than words, there are many clubs in need of practical assistance in the educational and cultural sphere on this estate of ours. The chief desire of those who voiced their concern for more educational activities was in the service of "Youth." Now, it is no good whatever to inform "Youth" they need educating; a more human and subtle approach must be given to the subject.

"Go to it" by assisting in the welfare of youth by developing their opportunities of recreation—the first and most fundamental principal is the "boy and girl"—not what "you" consider must be drummed into their ears. Personality and the development of it should be the first consideration.

The most ardent advocate of education of Youth must realize that coercion never succeeds in an adolescent or adult on matters governing their "free time." The greatest need of youth is occupation of mind and hands.

As a practical contribution towards answering the question of what youth is thinking and discussing, a correspondent describes in a recent issue of *The Times Educational Supplement* his experiences of listening to the

young people's discussions in public-houses. He says he has lately spent a hundred nights in a hundred different public-houses in the hope of finding out what really does interest and attract the young to-day.

His list of the subjects discussed, and the number of times each subject came up, is extraordinarily interesting. Easily first comes food rationing (including tobacco and sweets), and then, a good second, comes religion, including ethical problems, how to lead a good life, and general aspirations. Films, the war, sport, sex, dress, weather, employment, holidays, appear further down the list. In the 100 discussions listed, religion appears no fewer than 84 times, a somewhat unexpected phenomenon!

Now we would like the same correspondent to visit Youth Clubs and listen in, for we feel that visiting public-houses is not the only avenue where information can be sought on this vital subject.

A WELCOME !

We are pleased to introduce to our readers our new Hon. Secretary to the "Resident" Committee Mr. A. F. Bouchard. He has taken on a very big task and we wish him every success. You can help him tremendously by volunteering to be a seller (if you are not one already) and distribute this magazine monthly in your neighbourhood.

WATLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The highest attendance at the Annual General Meeting for over three years was the case on March 5. Encouraging was the attendance as well as the general "theme" of discussion. This was the outcome of the consideration of the accounts when it was queried why a reserve fund for extension of premises was standing at £200, it being thought by some that this money should be better used in the "Educating of Youth." The secretary and others pointed out that the educational side of the Association's work was not neglected, but little support had been forthcoming from the many meetings and lectures held in the past. The extension of premises after the war would make it possible for more thorough training and educational work to be proceeded with.

Mr. A. I. Jones was re-elected President of the Association. Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg Hon. Treasurer to the Association; Mr. A. F. Bouchard was appointed Hon. Secretary to the "Resident" Committee.

The new Council comprises the following ladies and gentlemen: Mesdames Guy, Judd, King, Lake, Lewington, Torrance; Messrs. Chester, Guy, Judd, Lake, Lord, Stokes.

The meeting appointed a deputation to wait on the Communal Feeding official on the question of communal feeding.

Among the many suggestions made by members was one that the popular "Free and Easys" on a Sunday night should be restarted. This is dealt with on Page One.

WOMEN'S PAGE

YOUR FOOD AND LORD WOOLTON

*Interesting News by
Prudence Pennywise*

HAVE you ever wondered how the Ministry of Food knows what kinds of food to ration, or price control? There is a direct point of contact between the average household and Lord Woolton. For some time past the Ministry of Food has been working on a Diet Survey, and on this they get a clear idea of the kind of food you buy and eat. This is how the survey works.

The Ministry knows that the working class are the largest buyers and consumers of food, so they go to these civic minded people for information. Women investigators call upon housewives who have previously been written to by the Ministry of Food. If the housewife does not want to help, she need not, all information must be obtained freely. The housewife is given a "Log Book" in which she puts all the items of food purchased for the household during the week of investigation. Quantities and prices are put on one side of the book, meals and recipes, facts about school milk, and cheap milk for under fives on the other side. On the back there is space for the housewife to make any comments about her problems, to grouse, or praise, just as she feels. When the Log is filled in and returned to the Ministry, it is given a number, and the name and address of the housewife is blacked out. 20,000 of these logs pass through the Ministry in 12 months, and no list

Food Hints on Points for April

How are you using your points? I have decided to buy dry fruits instead of tinned fruit in future. I recently bought a tin of plums, 10 points for a 1 - tin which contained 8 plums! Prunes at 6 points a pound are far better value, and sultanas and raisins can be eaten raw, or put in sandwiches. Try putting these fruits through the mincer, it makes a splendid "spread" and takes the place of jam, as it is a sweet spread.

of names and addresses is kept, only a number, so no one knows anything intimate about the household.

You may think, well, this is a waste of time and paper. Why make all this work, have we nothing better to do with our time and labour? We do this kind of thing because we are a Democracy, one of the few left, and it is the English way. Recently I was helping with this survey, and one of the things that thrilled me was the personal touch with each record. Marriages, parties, and home-comings were all recorded in terms of food, presents of food from grandmothers, mothers, all told of the very precious tie of family. Some of the things recorded were very funny. Early in January a soldier husband was expected home, and as breakfast was the first meal at which the whole family met, they celebrated with Christmas pudding and cocoa! Nothing else was eaten or drunk. All items of food have to be accounted for, and it frequently happens that the housewife writes on the back of the log, sultanas eaten by boy of 10, taken from cupboard. This suggests a boyish prank, doesn't it? Another case stated that a child of two had eaten at one sitting a month's supply of Black-currant Purée. I wonder if it had tummyache very long? If ever I want to make a sure fortune, I shall open a cake shop in Scotland. I never knew that so much bought cake could be eaten in a day.

Some of our old people are tough. I came across an old age pensioner who lived alone, and always baked his own bread, because shop bread had no taste, it was mass produced. Another pensioner, a widow in this case, had a very poor diet, poor because it lacked food which gives energy, but the investigator remarked, a spotless home, does her own washing, and scrubs her garden path every day. What will-power!

Tragedy also shows in this survey. Mothers of growing boys and girls often go short of food. I came across quite a few who made the remark, I have lost so many pounds in weight since the rationing came in. My boy aged 17 needs more meat and butter. One household interested me, the "housewife" was a girl of 16 years, and she looked after the welfare of her two sisters, aged 13 and 10 years. I wonder if they are "Blitz" orphans? The "little woman" of 16 years worked in a factory, and the girl of 13 had every Monday off from school to do the washing. I must say that their diet was good and sound, very little fried fish and chips, a good hot meal every evening with plenty of green vegetables and carrots.

All these glimpses of our national life are very precious, they indicate where there is an urgent need for special help, whether it is necessary to control more food prices, for although it is sometimes hard to realise, the Ministry of Food has your health in mind, and it knows that unless the people are receiving sufficient food of the right kind, it is impossible to maintain the energy of the nation.

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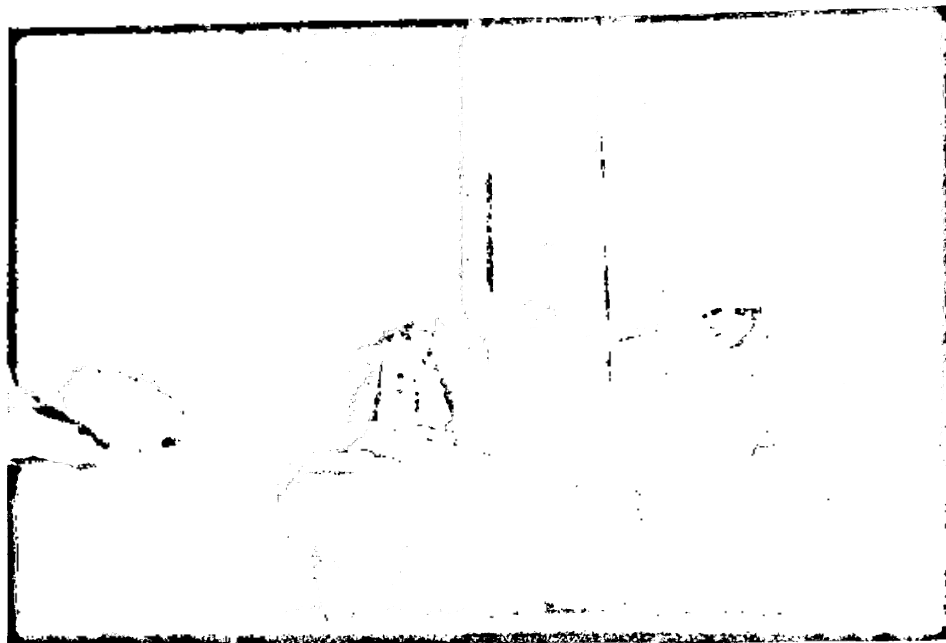
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CHECKS TAKEN AS CASH

The Russian Theatre

Scene from Play
presented at the
"Youth Theatre"
Moscow



Picture kindly loaned by the Society for Cultural Relations with the U.S.S.R.

THE picture of a scene from a play presented at the "Youth Theatre" in Moscow printed above may appear to the casual observer as bad taste when we know what is happening in that vast and courageous country. But in the U.S.S.R. wherever there is a public there will be a theatre whatever happens, so in August of last year, two months after Germany's invasion of Russia, and undaunted by the threat of bombs Moscow opened a new theatre season. In some ways the new theatre, with foundations more firmly set in the community than its predecessors, had anticipated the spirit of resistance of invasion through its continual, realistic and comprehensive comments on the great events of the peoples' past.

Shakespeare is a very strong favourite in amateur and professional productions. At Irkutsk (in Eastern Siberia) where *Romeo and Juliet* was planned for the end of 1941, lectures for the local company on Shakespeare's work and period began more than twelve months before. In many places "first nights" are followed by public discussions at which the poets and intelligentsia of the nation give a lead to the rest of the audience.

Soviet audiences do not suffer from shyness or inarticulateness. Their comments and questions need answering, so directors undertake Shakespearean productions with due care for what is ahead of them.

Two years ago there were 95,600 theatrical clubs in the Union, of which about two-thirds gave actual performances, some 56,000 clubs being away from the big cities.

Of producers in the U.S.S.R., Alexei Popov, of Moscow, is perhaps the most noteworthy.

Before 1938 Popov had produced *Romeo and Juliet* at the Moscow Theatre of Revolution. In that year he did *The Taming of the Shrew* at the Central Theatre of the Red Army in Moscow, of which he is now director. The theatre has an enormous new building in the shape of a five-pointed star, the Soviet emblem. It has a magnificent stage, with equipment the Soviet Union had hitherto lacked.

The original purpose of the Red Army Theatre, to give plays for and about the Red Army, has developed steadily since its foundation in 1919. Many are the famous premières there, mainly of historical plays about great events in Russian history, military and otherwise. The most notable recently was *Field-Marshal Suvorov*, in which a small army was manoeuvred very dramatically.

But Popov is by no means limited to historical dramas, nor is he a spectacularist; nor is his realism above the use of stage conventions. In 1940 Popov presented the Red Army with a play that might surprise any who thought this theatre to be attended only by soldiers, or the Red Army to be other than it is: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It was a lavish show costing 300,000 rubles. This is no guarantee of quality, as we know in Britain. Costly electrics and whole ballet-schools of fairies will not make this play live, though they may disguise the weakness of the producer. In Popov's production the elves are functional, part of the fairy scenery by N. Shifrin, which has stage life of its own. Before a word is spoken Nature parades to the audience. A thick wood with a silver lake, a girl and boy in love appear out of darkness, while the stars gather to announce the title of the play. Then through the wood a light grows, wiping it and the lake and the lovers away; and a Sunlit Athens, the first scene, opens for the play to begin.

The production continues on these lines. It is "an anthem to men and to love." Man is the unnatural son of nature, a maker of miracles; and in love he is at his best. The fairies themselves are part of him; they make human mistakes and have human feelings.

And so Shakespeare the greatest perhaps of English playwrights is presented to the people of the U.S.S.R., with a keenness and imaginative treatment that is rare to find in this home of Shakespeare.

* These notes have been compiled from an article "Shakespeare in the new Soviet Theatre" by Joseph Macleod, published in the "Anglo Soviet Journal," January 1942.

YOUTH PAGE

FRIDAY THE 13th

On Friday, 13th March, defying superstition, the Youth Committee held another combined social at Woodcroft School and over 150 members of organisations on the estate were present.

On this occasion the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon were able to honour those present with their company, and in a short speech the Mayor expressed his appreciation of the work being done in this part of the borough for youth, and said how pleased he was to be present.

The programme was arranged by a joint committee from the Youth Hostels Association Group and the Watling Boys' Club, and consisted of many interesting and amusing games and dancing for which the music was supplied by Coles Rhythmic Band. The M.C.'s were Philip Kirby and Harold Dewdney. Two displays of P.T. were given by the girls and boys of the Watling and Mill House Club under the direction of Miss Cross and Mr. E. Shaw and clubs were able to see the type of class which can be run in any hall with very little equipment.

A very friendly feeling existed throughout the evening and there is no doubt that these combined occasions are helping very much to break down any barriers or misunderstandings that hitherto have existed between clubs, and individuals are beginning to know and appreciate the efforts being made by organisations other than their own.

The success of the evening can best be judged by the number of enquiries that were made for the date of the next social, and the committee will no doubt have to respond to this unanimous clamour at its next meeting.

S. F. J.



"OUR NEWSPAPERS"

On Friday, March 6, at Wesley Hall, Burnt Oak, Mr. William Lee, of *The Evening News* opened a discussion on "Our Newspapers" to a very keen and attentive audience of young people. Many and varied were the questions asked following the excellent talk that Mr. Lee gave. We are very grateful to Mr. Lee for having accepted the task at such short notice owing to the original speaker being unable to fulfil the engagement, and hope that we may renew the acquaintance very soon.



WATLING YOUTH DRAMATIC FESTIVAL

We congratulate the members of the Hendon Local Group Youth Hostels and the Watling Boys' Club for their very successful presentation of the three plays they presented at the Watling "Centre" in February. A high standard of efficiency was reached by all the artistes in the plays "Sunday Costs Five Pesos" and "The Man Who Would Not Go To Heaven," and they thoroughly deserved the enthusiastic applause accorded to them by the appreciative audience. The high spot, however, was provided by the Boys' Club in the play "Birds of a Feather" in which the brilliant acting of Stanley Hoy was ably backed by other talented members of the cast. The plays were extremely well produced and reflected great credit on Mildred Rowe, the producer, Anne Priestley, the stage manager, and all others behind the scenes who contributed towards the really fine performance resulting from the combined effort of the two groups. Members of the public who were present enjoyed the fare provided, and, like *Oliver Twist*, they immediately asked for more. We shall look forward to further efforts with great interest and pleasant anticipation.—A.D.

The 14th Hendon Troop are now settling in their new quarters at the Watling "Centre" and getting down to some useful work. Friday, March 6th, a social was held, and parents of the boys were able to see the troop at work. The Social opened with Mr. Spreadbury ("Skip") welcoming the visitors. Then some film shorts, were shown by Mr. A. I. Jones, Group Scoutmaster. Then came refreshments. Mrs. Lake obliged with a song (Jovey Lake at the piano). Scout activities followed causing amusement and interest to the visitors. Then some community singing by the Troop. The monthly Shield competition was won by the Bulldog Patrol, who totalled 93 points as against the "Swifts" 63 points. The Shield was presented by the Scoutmaster, Mr. F. H. Lake. Owing to the coupon problem the Scouts are short of uniforms. If any old Scouts have uniforms they no longer require will they please leave them at the Watling "Centre" or let us know and we will call.

Watling Association Youth Club.—Attendances during recent weeks have been excellent, and we have been delighted to welcome a number of new members.

On Thursday, April 9th, at 8 o'clock, Mr. Sutters, a Fighter-Pilot of the last World War, will be giving a talk on what it is like to fly; what it is like to be in a "Dog Fight" and what it is like to be shot down. Mr. Sutters has a most interesting story which has proved very successful wherever he has been.

We shall be pleased to welcome members of other Watling Youth Organisations.

Young Communist League (Hendon Group).—The last two months have seen the group settling down at the "Centre" again now we are affiliated.

We have had Socials. Discussions and a Classic versus Swing evening, also a member from the International Brigade to tell us of his experiences in street fighting. Some of our members have started a Dramatic Section.

From March 12th to May 1st we have a nation-wide campaign, and hundreds of Y.C.L.'ers have pledged themselves to work, serve and train in order to achieve unity of Youth Service for Victory in 1942.

If you would like to pull with us we meet every Wednesday at the "Centre", 8 o'clock.

Youth Hostel Association (Hendon Group).—Easter heralds the commencement of the more popular holiday season, and the group (in common with others in the region) are laying plans so that hostel facilities will be available for all who wish to use them.

Foremost in these plans is the opening of Tun House, Whitwell, near Welwyn, as a hostel, and as this will benefit Hendon members considerably, assistance has been rendered, in several ways, so that this new hostel may be well equipped. Thanks are due to all those who contributed towards the success of the "Three One-Act Plays" presented with the help of the Watling Boys' Club, which resulted not only in providing a pleasant hour or two for both cast and audience; but also in the sum of £5 15s. being raised towards equipping Whitwell Hostel. Equally valuable were the decorations which the working party from the group carried out during the week-end of March 14th and 15th.

The first official visit will be made there on Easter Sunday by the walkers who are spending the two previous nights at Chesham and Hemel Hempstead. The cyclists have chosen the South for their Easter break and propose visiting Boulter's Lock, Ewhurst and Kemsing. Similar outings have been arranged for week-ends throughout the month, together with a varied social programme for Thursday evenings, which can be found in the Association diary elsewhere in this issue.

Watling Boys' Club. The Dramatic Section in February achieved a great success in the production of their first play, "Birds of a Feather." Stanley Jones who proved to be a capable producer, helped the section out of a difficult situation at the last moment by taking the part of a member who was unfortunately ill. The clever portrayal of a difficult character proved Stanley Hoy to be a talented actor, and credit must be also given to the acting of Bernard Burgess and Albert Leach. The section is now rehearsing a new play.

A P.T. class is now held every Monday evening and it is proving a great success with members who have left school and who previously did not have a chance of any physical training.

The football team has fared rather badly in the last few weeks owing to the shortage of players, and there are vacancies in the team.

Boys over 14 who are interested in football, table tennis, darts, indoor games, cross country running, physical training and handicraft can join the club any Monday or Wednesday evening at Woodcroft School, Goldbeaters Grove, from 7 to 9.30.

WATLING YOUTH COMMITTEE

announce the following events

Friday, April 17th 8 p.m.

DEBATE: "That Young People of 14-18 should be compelled to join a Youth Organisation?"
Congregational Hall, Eversfield Gardens

Friday, April 24th 7.30 p.m.

TABLE-TENNIS
INTER-CLUB COMPETITION
arranged by Mr. A. W. BEAUMONT
at Wesley Hall, Burnt Oak

PRELIMINARY NOTICE:

Sunday, May 10th 8 p.m.

SERVICE FOR YOUTH
at St. Alphege Church, Burnt Oak

Don't Touch it may be Dangerous

Young people are warned not to touch scrap metal that they may discover on dumps, as serious accidents have recently occurred through thoughtless handling of articles discovered later to be detonators, etc., on scrap metal dumps. One such youth recently had the misfortune to lose his fingers as a result of picking up "a piece of metal."

St. Alphege Church Organisations. We cordially invite any members of organisations on the Watling estate to the performance of a Passion Play in the Church hall on Tuesday, March 31st, and on Good Friday, April 3rd, at 8 p.m. The play is called "Simon, called Peter" and is by Irene Caudwell. Admission is free, but there will be a collection to help pay for the expenses of production.

The rehearsals for the play are taking up most of our time just now, but we are not by any means confined to play rehearsing.

Thus our cubs and their leaders are presenting a social evening on Friday, March 20th, in aid of cub funds, and on the 13th of March a party of us went to Woodcroft School to the social for Watling Youth Organisations.

Our discussion group has a well earned rest until after Easter, and all our organisations will of course be closed during Holy Week. But not for long, because on Easter Monday we shall meet all together for a ramble in the country, and some of us hope for a game of football on April 11th against Watling Boys' Club.

Burnt Oak Methodist Mission. Our Club Anniversary, celebrated on February 28th and March 1st, was an unqualified success in every way. A large audience greatly enjoyed "The Miri-hquake of 1942," which proved well worthy of its ambitious title. A burlesque "Brains' Trust" was outstanding by reason of the wit and wisdom of Professor Job, Dr. Mucksley, Commander Dumbell, and none other than Enoch of "The Happidrome"! The Sunday services were well attended and the club members taking part in the evening service all deserve our congratulations and thanks. Club funds have benefited by over £10 as a result of the Anniversary celebration.

Recent attendances at the ordinary club meetings and also at the "Sunday Night at 8" discussion group have been bigger than ever, but we are still able and anxious to welcome new members. And it will always be a pleasure to have visitors from other clubs, both on Tuesdays and Sundays.

On March 4th our Company of the Girls' Life Brigade gave a most excellent display revealing the very varied interests and usefulness of their regular activities. In order to co-operate more fully with the Government's Service of Youth Scheme, both the Girls' and the Boys' Brigade are now permitted to have members up to the age of 18. It may be that some old members reading this note would like to re-join. They, together with new members, will be very gladly welcomed. The Girls' Brigade meets on Wednesdays and the Boys' Brigade on Thursdays.

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Editor,—May I express through the medium of your journal our sincere thanks and appreciation of the good wishes bestowed upon us in your Editorial last month. May I add this: Whatever the values that might be placed on the services given by Mrs. Cole or me to the Watling Association we have been repaid a hundredfold. The traditions and ideals of our Association have been built up over a number of years. Many have contributed in no small measure to its success. I have always felt that one of the best ideals of our movement has been that of *Co-operative Leadership*. The development of individual leadership working along democratic lines for the common good. Thus establishing true democracy and good citizenship. The Social Centre to be established shortly at Witney is primarily to meet the social and recreational needs of transferred war workers. Local Witney people will also be invited to join in, thus bringing together a community of people in common friendship. Working along the lines of your Association we hope to see expressed in the Witney Social Centre the same communal spirit that Watling has enjoyed for many years. We wish the Watling Association every success, and in the better days to come a completed Centre.

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST E. COLE.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Dear Editor,

After attending many jolly and amusing social evenings at the Watling Centre, I wish to express my thanks and that of many others to the people who make them so, Mrs. Nyberg and the social committee. As after listening to the report on them read at the Annual Meeting, no thanks was given to them for the good work they achieved, through such hard and trying times as the blitz of 1941.

Yours faithfully,

A. E. GREEN.

50 Deans Lane, Edgware.

[At the A.G.M. held March 9, 1941, a minute was passed expressing appreciation to the Social Committee for their services during the blitz period of 1940-41. The last air raid was May 10, 1941. However in 1942 we are still grateful to those who labour to provide our pleasures.—ED.]

Why am I a Member?

Members are invited to write to the Editor on this subject, stating why they are members and what is the reason they visit the "Centre." The best will be published, one each month.

This is open to group members as well and letters should be left at the office addressed to the Editor not later than the 13th of April for inclusion next month. It is hoped to have sufficient to supply a reply for some issues to come.

Mr. FRED ALLEN

Dear Editor,—

My mother and I greatly appreciated the messages of condolence we received from many of my brother's "Centre" friends, who were acquainted with the fact that he had been reported missing in Libya, through reading about it in the "Resident."

I am very pleased to be able to write and tell you that we have now received official notification from the War Office that my brother is a prisoner of war in Italy, and we would be very pleased if you could insert something that would enable his friends to know, in the "Resident."

Hoping you will be able to manage this for us.

Yours faithfully,

A. R. ALLEN,

30 Wolsey Grove, Edgware.

27th February, 1942.

MILL HILL END OF THE ESTATE

Dear Editor,

The Congregational Church in Eversfield Gardens is hoping to enlarge its activities and become an active centre for all kinds of service to the neighbourhood.

May I ask you to allow us from time to time to publish a short account of any outstanding events? . . . You would be doing us a great service and we should be very grateful.

Yours faithfully,

HILDA M. NICHOLS (MRS.)

(For Eversfield Congregational Church).

[See report on another page. The Congregational Church is an affiliated body of the Association and we are glad to be of service.—EDITOR.]

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MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Fourteen years ago most of the area north-west of Hendon was still farm land, but the Watling Estate and its neighbours were beginning to grow and with this new development an Adult School for men and women opened in 1929.

Immediately the Watling Centre opened its doors a Women's School and Young People's School was started.

Two years later the Men's Adult School was started and has continued meeting regularly ever since including every Sunday morning during the memorable winter of 1940-41.

I feel that this is a great achievement, because in most Movements, Men's Groups have failed to survive the difficulties of the last twenty years.

Adult Schools are not bothered over much about members, but those people who join in the fellowship, find a quality of understanding and friendship with a growing sense of power through knowledge that is difficult to define.

The members of the Men's School welcome you any Sunday morning at 9.30. Your experience of life will enrich the meeting.

J. W. P.

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Stout Fellows

A member of the Association recently had a letter from her son serving in the Army, stating that when his gang were handed out new pants, they found that they had been given garments with a 60-inch waist! Did they get hold of Teddy Brown's laundry, or is Lord Woolton going to increase the food allowance for the army?

The St. John Ambulance Brigade

Call to Nursing Service

CADET NURSING DIVISION

for Girls 11 to 17 years of age

A Cadet Nursing Division has been formed at Edgware attached to the No. 101 (Edgware and Mill Hill) Nursing Division.

Meetings held at Edgware Schools, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m.; Saturday afternoons 2.30 to 4 p.m.

Girls between 11 and 17 years may join, and should apply to Lady Div./Supt. Mrs. E. McCabe at Edgware School on Wednesdays or Saturdays, or by letter to 206 Camrose Avenue, Edgware.

What can a Nursing Cadet Do?

She can learn how to save life by giving efficient First Aid. She can learn to tend the sick and suffering. She can care for babies and small children. She can learn hygiene; housecraft and cookery; the principles of diet and nutrition; handicraft; gardening; swimming; fire control; take clerical training; and, in comradeships with other cadets at weekly or fortnightly meetings, learn under experts, and practise many other subjects and hobbies useful to herself and to the community.

As an older Cadet she can volunteer for important work; duties in hospitals, as a storekeeper in charge of First Aid equipment, as a messenger in First Aid Posts or A.R.P. Centres.

She will gain responsibility and experience by taking charge of others. Thus in wartime the Nursing Cadet can serve her country and train herself to fulfil her important part in the peace that will follow.

What are her Opportunities for War Work?

In peacetime the Cadet's work is wholly voluntary. In wartime there are paid jobs open to Cadets over school-leaving age who are able to give full-time service. These include posts in day nurseries and residential nurseries where older members may work as nursery assistants and younger members may receive training and practice in domestic subjects, knowledge of anatomy and physiology. Girls may volunteer for posts near their homes or residential posts away.

General Hospital training may not be undertaken under 17 or 18 years, but Cadets who have left school are greatly needed to undertake hospital housecraft duties that are essential to the hospitals' efficiency. These duties too will be paid.

Who may become a Nursing Cadet?

Any British born girl between 11 and 17 years may, with her parents' consent, join as a Cadet. She will be a Probationer Cadet until she obtains the First Aid Certificate (Preliminary Certificate for those under 16 and the Adult Certificate for those of 16 and over). She then becomes a full Cadet and will be required to take the Home Nursing Certificate and may take the proficiency badges in other subjects in which she is interested. At 16 she may be attached as a Student Nursing Member to an Adult Division and at 17 she may attain full membership of The St. John Ambulance Brigade.

APRIL, 1942

Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
5 No Meeting.
12 Refugees. Mr. E. Durs-
kin.
19 Gentell of Labrador.
Miss K. Spalding.
26 Members' Meeting.
Society of Friends Meeting for
Worship and Children's
Classes, 11 a.m.
Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30
p.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Folk Dancing, 7.30 p.m.
W.E.A. Literature Class, 7.45
p.m.
Watling Association Musical
Society, 8 p.m.
Edgware Model Aero Club, 8
p.m.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
a.m.
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Youth
Club Games Night, 7.30
p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8
p.m.

Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood
Guild, 2.40 p.m.
1 Easter Social.
8 The Real Germany.
Miss W. E. Deep.
15 Colour. Miss Nancy
Scobey.
22 Sweden. Mr. G. S.
Fawell.
29 Dutch East Indies. Mrs.
Meynen.
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Veteran's Club, 4.15 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7 p.m.
Dance, 7.30 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30 p.m.
Cyclists' Touring Club, 8 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8 p.m.
Young Communist League,
8 p.m.

Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30
a.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association, 7
p.m.

2 "Show Your Snaps,"
cinematographic Even-
ing.

9 Debate. "This Group
considers their war
effort insufficient."

16 Social.

23 "Know Your Hostels,"
Information Evening.

30 Skit. "Ministry Mock-
ery." Complaints and
Suggestions.

Watling Association Youth
Club, 7.30 p.m.

2 Films Show.

9 A Fighter Pilot. Mr.
Souttens.

16 Gramophone Records.

23 Social.

30 General Knowledge
Test.

Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30
p.m.
Hospital Saving Association,
6.30 p.m.
The Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS.

Thurs. 2 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poul-
try Club, 7.30
p.m.

Fri. 3 Centre Closed.
Sat. 4 Blind Club, 2.30
p.m.

Sun. 5 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m.
Fellowship Meeting,
3.30 p.m.

Thurs. 9 Townswomen's
Guild, 2.30 p.m.

Tues. 14 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.

Thurs. 16 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association
Council, 7.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poul-
try Club, 7.30 p.m.

Fri. 17 "Gay Girlies" Con-
cert.

Sat. 18 Blind Club, 2.30
p.m.

Sun. 19 Odd Fellows, 10
a.m.

Thurs. 23 Townswomen's
Guild, 2.30 p.m.

Tues. 28 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.

Thurs. 30 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.
Kentish Town Poul-
try Club, 7.30
p.m.

Uniform

A grey uniform dress with white Peter Pan collar and rucked lawn cuffs over rolled up sleeves when working, and a starched white lawn handkerchief cap. As a wartime economy Cadets may wear the Cadet armband with their plain clothes instead of full uniform.

How can one Join?

Apply to the Lady Divisional Superintendent, Mrs. E. McCabe, 206 Camrose Avenue, Edgware.

SECTION REPORTS

Secretaries are asked to forward reports not later than the 13th of each month.

OUR NEIGHBOURS GROUP

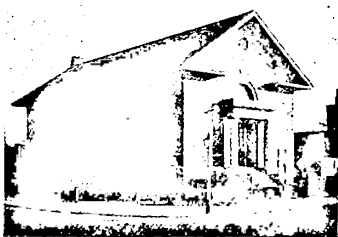
The above Group meet at the "Centre" every Friday evening at 7.30 p.m., when a very enjoyable and sociable time is spent, during which refreshments are served. The idea of the Group is to meet our neighbours and get to know them. Therefore we should welcome any of those who would like to come along and join us (don't be shy, we had all to make a start) and become members of this happy Group.

Ensuring you of a hearty welcome always.—Mrs. Keen.

WHAT ABOUT A GAME OF BOWLS?

The W.A. Bowls Club is about to open their season in Watling Park and here is a chance to enjoy a mild recreation and the open air after our severe winter. The Bowls Club invite all members of the Association to join. Last season very enjoyable games were experienced and the friendly spirit and sportsmanship were very high. The Annual Subscription for Gents is 10/- and Ladies 5/-, which can be paid by instalments. It does not matter if you don't know how to play the game, we will be only too pleased to help you. And believe me, there is more in the game than meets the eye. So bowl up. Further particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, G. Richardson, 139 Banstock Road, Deans Lane, or the Secretary, Watling Association.—G. Richardson.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15:—

April 5.—Mr. W. J. BULL.

April 12.—Mr. H. T. CURTIS.

April 19.—Mr. J. W. LAING.

April 26.—Mr. SYDNEY PORTEOUS

BURNT OAK WOMAN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We are grateful to Mr. Sewell Harris who introduces the School Handbook to us each year, and surveys briefly but clearly the lessons so carefully prepared for us. Mr. Harris urges us, by his dignified and able exposition, to study very closely each lesson, thus adding to our knowledge and fitting ourselves more fully to take our places in the community, to share the responsibilities and justify our existence therein by contributing towards making life generally a little more pleasant for our fellows.

A member of the Women's Voluntary Service gave an interesting talk on her experiences in China, having spent several years there.

One afternoon a story was read by members and a very delightful Social has been held. These Socials are intended to bring members of different Schools together and encourage a spirit of happy fellowship.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly social held at the "Centre" on March 12 was a most enjoyable event with dancing, singing and an amusing burlesque broadcast in which some members of the social committee performed behind a screen whilst the audience had to guess the identity of the "broadcaster."

The refreshments were provided by old members of the "Guild" and were thoroughly appreciated.

The next social will be held on April 10, admission 9d., to which all are invited, especially women war workers.

VETERANS CLUB

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Plester who passed away on Friday, February 27th. He joined the Veterans Club about 18 months ago and always enjoyed a game of Dominos or Cards with fellow members. Also of Mrs. Cook who passed away on Thursday, March 6th, in Red Hill Hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Cook and her husband joined the Veterans Club when it was first formed 7 years ago. She was greatly liked by all of us.

Both members will be sadly missed by the club, who sent floral tributes to mark their respect.

We offer our condolences to the relatives of Mr. Plester and Mrs. Cook.

E. COLE.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Sister Joan Miranis paid us a visit and gave us a most interesting afternoon by telling us about the National Children's Homes and Orphanage and the good work that is being done by looking after these children of the future. On another afternoon we had a "Brains' Trust" which proved humorous as well as interesting. Everyone enjoyed the talk on Palestine by Mr. Swift. At our last meeting Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Harris gave us their periodical talk on current events which we always look forward to.—M. Gurr.

"The little Citizen of a Big Country"

This small well-written book has been brought to the notice of *The Resident*. It deals with the rights of a new born infant, and tells how Soviet Russia is solving the problems that confront the mother and child. Nursery schools, kindergartens, crèches and maternity homes are all supplied by the state, and the latter are absolutely free of charge to the parents. The book is well illustrated, the author is M. Ilin. I am unable to let you know the price as there is no price on my copy.—Collett's Bookshop of Charing Cross Road, W.C.1., I think, have a few copies for sale.



Report of Council Meeting, March 19

There was a large attendance at the Council Meeting held at the "Centre" on Thursday, March 19. The agenda was a very full one. Under the matter of Correspondence, the Secretary reported that a letter had been received from the Communal Feeding Committee of the Hendon Borough Council, explaining the reason for the delay in the establishment of Feeding Centres in the locality. The deputation appointed at the Annual Meeting is to wait upon this committee shortly, the members concerned are to meet first to decide on what constructive proposals they can present to the authorities.

Also under the heading of correspondence a letter was read from the Ambassador of U.S.S.R. in Great Britain, Mr. I. Maisky, thanking the Association for the copy of the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting, expressing appreciation for the courageous stand and the splendid morale of the Russian people in this fight against the Nazi menace.

Mr. Austin Bayes was appointed to represent the Association at the Annual Meeting of the Council for Civil Liabilities. It was announced that the Rabbit Club was now an official section.

The Council then settled down to the task of electing the new Chairman and the various Standing Committees. There were three nominations for the position of Chairman: Mrs. King, Mr. Lake and Councillor A. Durant. After two votes had been taken Councillor A. Durant was finally elected Chairman; the result was greeted with applause.

Mrs. F. Guy was re-elected as Advertising Manager to the "Watling Resident".

Mrs. E. Coleman was elected Juvenile Organiser on the resignation of Mrs. F. Guy.

Residents' and Tenants' Welfare Officer, Mr. F. Lake; *Executive Committee*, Mrs. King, Messrs. Lake, Price, Stokes, Judd and Rev. W. R. Haw; *Mill Hill Social Service Representatives*, Mrs. King and Mr. Lake; *London Federation of Community Association*, Delegates, Messrs. Nyberg, Lodge and Durant; *Watling Week Committee*, Mr. R. Lodge, Hon. Organiser; Mesdames Nyberg, Judd, King, Messrs. Chester, Lake. *Education Committee*, Messrs. Durant, Lee, Stokes, Rev. W. R. Haw, Mesdames Lewington and King; *Social Committee*, Mesdames Judd, Nyberg and Miss Nyberg, Messrs. Judd, Wein, Lee and Chester; *Personal Service Committee*, Mrs. Grey-Skinner Mrs. King and Rev. W. R. Haw; *Distress Fund Committee*, Mrs. King, Rev. W. R. Haw and Mr. A. I. Jones.

A matter that engaged the attention of the Council for some time was brought forward by Mrs. Lewington, apparently the Women's Organisations meeting at the "Centre" have had before them a questionnaire on the need for more facilities for women to relieve themselves of home duties

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CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Spring is here at last and I hope it is going to be a bright warm one. The winter has been very cold and we shall enjoy the sunshine again; so will the trees, the flowers, the birds, and the animals. Now is the time to read all about life in the woods, fields and ponds. These books will help you:

Nature Study.

Wood Magic (Jelleries).
The Blue Feather Club (Alldridge).
Round the Year: Spring Book (Blyton).
Watching Wild Life (Bond).

Trees, Flowers and Plants.

Botany for Fun (Browning).
Flowers of the Field and Hedgerow (Moore).
Magic in the Woods (Browning).

Insects.

Insect Oddities (Daglish).
Bombus the Bumble Bee (Palmer).
Rufa the Wood Ant (Palmer).
The Pond (Ewald).

Birds.

The Junior Bird Watcher (Daglish).
Bird Land (Duncan).
Birds' Eggs and Nests (Hall).
The Pocket Book of British Birds (Hall).

Childrens' Groups at the "Centre"

There is room for a few more children in the following groups at the Centre. Come along and bring $\frac{1}{2}$ d. with you and you will be made welcome.

Carpentry for Boys, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.; Boxing for Boys over 10, Wednesdays, 6.15 p.m.; Folk Dancing, Thursdays, 5.30 p.m.; Physical Training for Boys, Thursdays, 5.30 p.m.

Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church

On Sunday, March 8th, after the evening service at Eversfield Congregational Church, an enjoyable social gathering was held, when congregation and friends met to welcome Mrs. Wharhirst as social worker and general organiser of church activities.

After a cup of tea and biscuits, the free discussion and friendly atmosphere encouraged many suggestions as to ways in which the church might be of real service to the neighbourhood. Discussion circles, boys and girls clubs, recreational evenings, benevolent clubs, were among the schemes it is hoped to realize.

Mrs. Wharhirst has an office in one of the vestries and will be in attendance from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Anyone in difficulty or trouble is invited to visit her. Appointments for other times may be arranged by messages left in the church letterbox.

Anyone who will help will be welcomed, for it is believed that with real backing the church could be made a centre of fellowship, goodwill, and help in the district.

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REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING—cont.

that they might take up war work in the neighbourhood; this could be made possible by the establishment of more Day Nurseries and Feeding Centres, etc. The proposal was that the Council should now officially take over the distribution of this questionnaire and be responsible for its distribution over the Estate (at least a cross section of it).

It was agreed eventually that this course should be adopted, and Mrs. Lewington and Messrs. Lake and Stokes shall be the Committee responsible.

Finally, the Council passed a minute recording its appreciation of the splendid service to the Association that Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole have so devotedly given. This was agreed upon unanimously.

The Tellers for the elections were Mrs. A. R. Croker and Mr. Gwynne-Jones, Honorary Solicitor to the Association.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS—cont.

"Our Pigs"—continued from last month

Last month we were able to disclose that some of the Council's pigs had been inoculated against swine fever. It now has been found necessary to treat the remainder in the same manner at the cost of £10.

Also the total amount of pig swill collected in the borough weekly amounts to 10-12 tons. Not all of this is given to the Council's pigs, however, as arrangements are made under contract to supply some "local farmers" with pig swill. This arrangement is to terminate shortly.

"Watling Week" 1942

Mr. R. Lodge, the Hon. Organiser for this year's Watling Week has informed the Editor that he hopes to be able to announce the entire programme in the next issue of the "Resident."

Executive Please Note!

We hope the new Committee will see to it that the office is presented with a NEW Typewriter; the one the organising Secretary is now using and has been doing for many years has long passed the stage which it might be called in "good working order." Some of us will soon be blind through trying to read letters and notices produced on this museum model of a typewriter.



April Busier than Ever!

March was described as "a busy month for the gardener" but April is even busier. It is well to have as much preliminary work as possible done in advance. The changeable character of the weather is a big factor in the month of April. We may have heavy showers and cold easterly winds which will be disagreeable to most people. Or we may have genial sunny weather to cheer us in these sad days.

The various details of the work will follow each other with such extreme rapidity as to require the closest application to ensure their attention at the proper time.

We are constantly being urged to grow more food, but even though we turn the lawn into a cabbage patch we are surely justified in growing some flowers to cheer us on our way with their beauty in an ugly world.

Flower Garden. When planting annuals tall-growing varieties should be placed at the back whilst those of a dwarf character ought to be given a front place.

Hardy annuals such as mignonette, godetia, nemophila, calceolarias, convolvulus minor and canary creeper may now be sown generally in an open border. Penstemons, antirrhinums, stocks and calceolarias may be planted out towards the end of the month, also all hardy Alpine and herbaceous plants.

Vegetable Garden. Seeds of numerous vegetables should be sown now, such as beet, peas, beans, asparagus, seakale, turnips, spinach and celery; also, for succession, the seeds of cabbages, savoys, broccoli and Brussels sprouts.

Kidney beans should be sown in an open border towards the end of the month.

The seedlings from sowings made in the open earlier in the year should now be thinned out. Herbs should be propagated by division of the roots.

See that young peas and other seedlings are protected from the attacks of birds by covering them with netting, by black cotton, or wire protectors sold for this purpose. Maintain the supply of peas by liberal sowing of the later varieties.

The main crop of carrots may be sown this month. Where the soil is shallow and not suitable for cultivating deeply, especially in chalk, rock or gravel districts, use the stump-rooted kind. Soot is a first rate fertiliser for carrots.

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